



THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Guelph Room,
County Administration Centre,
Monday, September 12, 2005,
9:00 a.m.

Present: Warden Brad Whitcombe
County Councillors Mike Broomhead, Clint Martin, Gord Tosh
City Councillors Lise Burcher, Rocco Furfaro, Maggie Laidlaw

Staff: Shawn Armstrong, Fire Chief, Mark Bolzon, Purchasing and Risk Manager, Craig Dyer, Treasurer, Jennifer Jacobi, Clerk's Assistant, Diane Luke, Manager of Financial Services, Valerie Sauer, Assistant Social Services Administrator, Joan Strachan, Social Housing Manager, Kim Warner, Social Services Administrator, Scott Wilson, C.A.O.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

AMBULANCE

2. STATISTICS

The Fire Chief, Mr. Shawn Armstrong, distributed Land Ambulance Statistics to the Committee. Mr. Armstrong reviewed the Call Volumes and the Response Time statistics.

1/7/05 **Moved by Warden Whitcombe**
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

That the Land Ambulance Statistics be received for information.

Carried

3. UPDATE ON TENDER FOR LAND AMBULANCE SERVICES

Mr. Armstrong updated the Committee on the tender for land ambulance services. At the next meeting of Guelph City Council staff will be forwarding a recommendation that Royal City Ambulance be awarded the contract for land ambulance service.

2/7/05 **Moved by Councillor Furfaro**
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the City of Guelph recommendation to contract Royal City Ambulance to provide Land Ambulance Service be approved.

Carried

4. ROYAL CITY AMBULANCE SERVICE LTD. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

3/7/05 **Moved by Councillor Laidlaw**
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

That the Royal City Ambulance Service Ltd. Statement of Operations be received for information.

Carried

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5. COUNTY OF LANARK RESOLUTION

4/7/05 **Moved by Councillor Laidlaw**
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the attached resolution from the County of Lanark regarding Ontario Disability Support Program be supported.

Carried

6. COIN OPERATED LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT

5/7/05 **Moved by Councillor Furfaro**
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

That Staff be authorized to issue a Request for Proposal for the provision of third party laundry services and to report back to the Committee and Council with a final recommendation.

Carried

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6/7/05 Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Warden Whitcombe

That the Social Services Financial Statements as of August 31, 2005 be received for information.

Carried

8. PROVISION OF WATER HEATERS AT COUNTY-OWNED HOUSING UNITS

7/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Tosh

That the County Treasurer's report Provision of Water Heaters at County-owned Housing Units be received for information.

Carried

9. BEST START INITIATIVE

The Social Services Administrator, Mr. Kim Warner, updated the Committee on the Best Start Initiative Programme.

8/7/05 Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

That the Best Start Initiative report be received for information.

Carried

10. BEST START STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

9/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Warden Whitcombe

That the Social Services Committee support the hiring of a Manager of Community Services, effective November 1, 2005 and a Intake/Case Aide to be effective January 1, 2006 and that this recommendation be forwarded to the Administration, Finance and Personnel Committee for their approval.

Carried

11. MUNICIPAL CHILD CARE CENTRE FEES

10/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Warden Whitcombe

That the proposed 2006 Municipal Child Care Centre Fees, to be effective January 1, 2006, be approved.

Carried

12. NATIONAL CHILD BENEFIT SAVINGS REINVESTMENT PLAN

11/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Martin

That the recommendations in the attached report National Child Benefit Savings of 2005 to be Spent in 2006 be approved.

Carried

13. BENCHMARKING FUNDING MODEL UPDATE

12/7/05 Moved by Councillor Martin
Seconded by Warden Whitcombe

That the Benchmarking Funding Model Update report be received for information.

Carried

14. MUNICIPAL CHILD CARE CENTRES NAME CHANGES

13/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Tosh

That Willowdale Daycare Centre's name be changed to Willowdale Child Care and Learning Centre to coincide with the Centre's 30th Anniversary in 2005.

Carried

15. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME ANNOUNCEMENT

The Acting Housing Director, Mrs. Joan Strachan made a presentation to the Committee regarding the Province's Affordable Housing Programme Announcement. A motion will be brought forward at the next Committee meeting to commit to using the funds.

**14/7/05 Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Tosh**

That the presentation on the Affordable Housing Programme Announcement be received for information.

Carried

16. ABSENCE FROM THE UNIT POLICY

**15/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Martin**

That the Absence from the Unit Policy be approved.

Carried

17. REGION OF NIAGARA RESOLUTION

**16/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Warden Whitcombe**

That the resolution from the Region of Niagara regarding Social Housing Funding be received for information.

Carried

18. REINSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FULL FUNDING

**17/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Tosh**

That the Warden write a letter to the Minister of Community and Social Services requesting that the original Ontario Works Employment funding envelope be restored to the County of Wellington and that this motion be forwarded to the Administration, Finance and Personnel Committee for their approval.

Carried

19. ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH LIFE SKILLS WORKER

Mr. Warner informed the Committee the funding for this position is no longer available from the Ministry but that there is still a need for this position.

The Assistant Administrator, Mrs. Valerie Sauer, informed the Committee that the Ministry has recently requested that Wellington County submit a business plan to consider reallocating the Funding in 2005/2006.

**18/7/05 Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Martin**

That the Social Services Committee approve the hiring of an Addictions and Mental Health Life Skills Worker effective October 1, 2005 and that this motion be forwarded to the Administration, Finance and Personnel Committee.

Carried

20. DISCRETIONARY BENEFITS IN NURSING HOMES

**19/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Warden Whitcombe**

That the Social Services Committee approve that Ontario Disability Support Programme recipients be eligible to receive approved discretionary benefits while residents of a nursing home.

Carried

21. CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

**20/7/05 Moved by Councillor Furfaro
Seconded by Councillor Martin**

That the inclusion of Chiropractic Services under the Ontario Works Discretionary Benefits Programme not be approved.

Carried

22. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be held on **Monday, October 3, 2005 at 11:00 a.m., in the Guelph Room, County Administration Centre.**

23. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

LISE BURCHER

Chairperson
Social Services Committee