



The Corporation of the County of Wellington Social Services Committee Minutes

September 10, 2014
County Administration Centre
Guthrie Room

Present: Warden Chris White
Councillor Gordon Tosh (Chair)
Councillor Jean Innes
Councillor Bruce Whale
Councillor Lynda White

Staff: Eddie Alton, Social Services Administrator
Luisa Artuso, Director of Child Care Services
Susan Aram, Manager of Financial Services
Stuart Beumer, Director of Ontario Works
Harry Blinkhorn, Acting Director of Housing
Donna Bryce, County Clerk
Shauna Calder, Senior Financial Analyst
Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Kevin Mulholland, Property and Construction Manager
Ryan Pettipiere, Special Services Manager
Scott Wilson, CAO

Also Present: Shawn Armstrong, General Manager of EMS, City of Guelph
Stephen Dewar, EMS Chief, City of Guelph
Karen Kawakami, Social Services Liaison, City of Guelph

1. Call to Order

At 1:00 pm the Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Delegations:

3.1. Mr. Norman Sharpe, Owner/Operator White House Lodge, Harriston

Mr. Norman Sharpe, Owner and Operator of White House Lodge, gave an overview of services and requested support under the County's Domiciliary Housing Programme.

Staff was requested to review and report back to the Committee.

3.2. Mr. Shawn Armstrong, General Manager of EMS, City of Guelph provided the committee with an update on the meetings with the County's member municipalities regarding emergency services in an effort to improve communication and strengthen relations.

4. Willowdale Childcare and Learning Centre Project Update

1/5/14

Moved by: Councillor Innes

Seconded by: Warden White

That the new Willowdale Child Care Project Status Report #2 be received for information.

Carried

5. Social Services Financial Statements as of August 31, 2014

2/5/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That the Social Services Financial Statements as of August 31, 2014 be approved.

Carried

6. Child Care

6.1. Inclusive Early Childhood Services System Research Project

3/5/14

Moved by: Councillor L. White

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That the Inclusive Early Childhood Service System Research Project report be received for information.

Carried

6.2. Willowdale Childcare and Learning Centre User Fees

4/5/14

Moved by: Councillor L. White

Seconded by: Warden White

That the user fees for Willowdale Child Care and Learning Centre be approved as of October 1, 2014 for 2014-15 as set out in report CC-14-11; and

That staff be directed to prepare the necessary by-law.

Carried

6.3. Purchase of Service Agreements - Mapleton Preschool

5/5/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That the Purchase of Service Agreements for Fee and Wage Subsidy with Drayton Peel Maryborough Co-operative Nursery School Inc. be terminated effective December 31, 2014.

Carried

6.4. Purchase of Service Agreement - First Steps Daycare

6/5/14

Moved by: Councillor L. White

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That the County Clerk be authorized to amend Schedule B on the Purchase of Service Agreements for Fee and Wage Subsidies with First Steps Daycare (Guelph) Inc. to include a third site located at 520 Speedvale Avenue East in Guelph, subject to the programme meeting the priorities for consideration and all other requirements of the County of Wellington for Purchase of Service Agreements.

Carried

7. Housing

7.1. Arthur Affordable Housing Update Report

7/5/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Councillor L. White

That the report titled Purchase of 182 George St., Arthur, Affordable Housing Property, be received for information.

Carried

7.2. Michael House Update

8/5/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Bruce Whale

That the update by Harry Blinkhorn, Acting Director of Housing, regarding the Michael House mediator agreement be received for information.

Carried

7.3. Investment in Affordable Housing Funding Update Report

9/5/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) (2014 Extension) Report be received for information.

Carried

7.4. Social Housing Statistics

10/5/14

Moved by: Councillor L. White

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That the County of Wellington Housing Services Status and Activity Report be received for information.

Carried

8. Ontario Works

8.1. 2014 Ontario Works Client Profile

11/5/14

That the 2014 Ontario Works Caseload Profile report be accepted for information.

Carried

8.2. Provincial Budget Changes to Ontario Works

12/5/14

Moved by: Councillor L. White

Seconded by: Councillor Whale

That report OW-14-10 2014 Provincial Budget- Implications for Ontario Works be received for information.

Carried

8.3. Ontario Works Statistics

13/5/14

Moved by: Councillor Innes

Seconded by: Councillor Whale

That the July and August 2014 Ontario Works Statistics be received for information.

Carried

9. Rural Transportation Study Update Report

14/5/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That report AD-14-09 Towards Coordinated Rural Transportation: Wellington County Study Region Assessment, be received for information.

Carried

10. Wyndham Hill Funding Request Report

15/5/14

Moved by: Councillor Whale

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That subject to the County obtaining consents of the Ministry and/or prior mortgagees as may be required by the Lease and applicable legislation, the County has approved funding of up to \$400,000 for the contracting costs relating to the remediation of the mould in the units at the project under the following conditions:

That the tender issued for Phase 2 not be awarded without the Social Services Administrator approval;

That the funding be considered a loan to be secured by a collateral mortgage secondary to existing mortgages and fully repayable if Wyndham Hill sells the project or no longer provides affordable housing;

That interest charges on the loan and repayment begins when the Service Manager determines that the housing provider has the financial capacity to pay or upon the end of the mortgage/operating agreement within such period at the discretion of the CMSM. During the repayment period agreed to by the CMSM, Wyndham Hill will be required to continue to provide affordable housing;

That interest rates and repayment terms will be determined in consultation with the Social Services Administrator and County Treasurer;

That Wyndham Hill will be required to sign such security agreements as may be determined necessary by the County Solicitor;

That the Service Manager will provide the payment of \$400,000 using projected operational savings in 2014 and funding from the Housing Emergency Capital Reserve (if necessary) and will reconcile the amounts based on actual expenditures and invoices as required to be submitted by Wyndham Hill Co-operative Homes, Inc.

Carried

11. Closed Meeting

16/5/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That the Social Services Committee move into a closed meeting for the purposes of considering litigation or potential litigation.

Carried

12. Rise and Report

17/5/14

Moved by: Warden White

Seconded by: Councillor Innes

That the Social Services Committee rise and report from the closed meeting.

Carried

13. Adjournment

At 2:30 pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting until October 8, 2014 or at the call of the Chair.

Gordon Tosh
Chair
Social Services Committee