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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, September 5, 2024 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Roy, Chair
Councillor Dies, Vice-Chair
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner*
Councillor Carter*
Councillor Foster
Councillor Jubb*
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also
Present: Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Woo
Councillor Wotten*
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Staff

Present: L. Barber*, Program Manager, Housing Programs, Housing Services, Social Services
A. Burgess, Director, Communications & Engagement
J. Dixon, Director, Business Affairs and Finance Management, Social Services
L. Fleury, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
J. Gaskin, Director, Children's Services, Social Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
R. Jagannathan, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
M. Laschuk, Director, Family Services, Social Services
L. MacDermaid, Director, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors, Social Services
M. MacDonald, Manager, Affordable Housing Development & Renewal
L. McIntosh, Director, Income & Employment Support, Social Services
P. McTavish, Associate Medical Officer of Health
G. Muller, Director, Affordable Housing Development & Renewal

A. Skan*, Manager, Housing Services, Social Services
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Taylor, Manager, Budgets & Finance, Social Services
T. Tyner Cavanagh, Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
*** denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(27) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee
meeting held on Thursday, June 6, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

There were no Health reports to consider.

8. Social Services

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

A) Accelerating Detailed Design Services for Christine Crescent, Oshawa and 1635 Dundas Street Phase 2, Whitby (2024-SS-7)

Report #2024-SS-7 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Staff responded to a question with regards to if this application would prevent any of the community consultation to be affected. G. Muller advised it would not preclude any additional communication work that staff may decide to do.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(28) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That to maximize opportunities for CMHC grant funding, an unbudgeted capital project for the detailed design of the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) Christine Crescent redevelopment in the upset amount of \$2,500,000, before applicable taxes, be approved and be funded from the Social Housing Reserve Fund and the Housing Services Development Charges Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance;
- B) That to maximize opportunities for CMHC grant funding, a sole source agreement with LGA Architectural Partners be approved to accelerate the detailed design for Phase 2 of 1635 Dundas Street West, Whitby at an upset limit of \$2,500,000, before applicable taxes, as an unbudgeted capital project to be funded from the Social Housing Reserve Fund or other sources at the discretion of the Commissioner of Finance; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any necessary related agreements.

CARRIED

B) Naming of the New 200-bed Long-Term Care Home Located in Seaton (2024-SS-8)

Report #2024-SS-8 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(29) That we recommend to Council:

That approval be given to name the new 200-bed Long Term Care Home located in Seaton, "Seaton Village".

CARRIED

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

10. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. Other Business

11.1 Support from Federal Government regarding Housing and Homelessness in Durham Region

Discussion ensued with regards to the need for a meeting with Federal staff from the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities to address housing and homelessness in Durham Region. Discussion also ensued with respect to a formal joint letter from Chair Henry, the local area Mayors, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) being sent to the Minister outlining the concerns.

At the direction of the Committee, A. Burgess advised that they would work with Social Services staff to create a resolution to bring forward at the September 25, 2024 Regional Council meeting; and that the resolution would be provided in advance of the Council meeting to the lower tier municipalities.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(30) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM

Respectfully submitted,

E. Roy, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk