

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE P.M.**

(Long-Term Care/Corporate Services/Finance, Facilities and Court Services/Social Services)

October 20, 2021

A meeting was held via electronic meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair B. White, Warden K. Marriott. Members: S. Arnold, D. Boushy, A. Broad, D. Cook, D. Ferguson, B. Loosley and M. Stark. Also present was Deputy Warden B. Hand. Various staff were also present including the following General Managers: Ms. J. Joris, General Manager, Long-Term Care, Mr. L. Palarchio, General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Court Services, Ms. V. Colasanti, General Manager, Social Services, Mr. S. Thiffeault, General Manager, Corporate Services and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

None.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Board of Health (Lambton Public Health) Update on COVID-19

Dr. Ranade, Medical Officer of Health, provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic in Lambton County and responded to questions from County Councillors with respect to same. The [video stream](#) of the meeting can be watched on the Lambton County website.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Information Reports

#1: Stark/Ferguson: That the following Information Reports from Long-Term Care Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated October 20, 2021 regarding COVID-19 Update.
- b) Information Report dated October 20, 2021 regarding Occupancy 3rd Quarter 2021.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report

Information Report dated October 20, 2021 Regarding January 2022 - Return to In Person Meeting Protocols

#2: Cook/Marriott: That Information Report dated October 20, 2021 regarding January 2022 - Return to In Person Meeting Protocols be received and filed.

Carried.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#3: Broad/Ferguson: That the following Information Reports from Finance, Facilities and Court Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated October 20, 2021 regarding Bayside Centre Activity Report Update.
- b) Information Report dated October 20, 2021 regarding the Annual Donations Report.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 20, 2021 Regarding 2022 New Capital Grant Requests

#4: Broad/Cook: That County Council authorize staff to continue the moratorium on any new capital grants for the 2022 County Budget as a response to controlling and containing costs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carried.

#5: Loosley/Stark: That motion #4 of this day's minutes be amended to exclude the Bluewater Health grant requests from 2021 from the moratorium and be referred to the 2022 budget so that the motion now reads:

- a) That County Council authorize staff to continue the moratorium on any new capital grants for the 2022 County Budget as a response to controlling and containing costs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b) That the Bluewater Health grant requests from 2021 be excluded from the moratorium and that they be referred to the 2022 Budget.

Defeated.

Report dated October 20, 2021 Regarding Implementing the Optional Small Business Property Tax Sub-class - A Preliminary 2022 Tax Policy Discussion

#6: Arnold/Broad:

- a) That Council defer further consideration of implementing a Small Business Property Sub-class until its review of Lambton County's Tax Policy for the 2023 taxation year.
- b) That staff be directed to continue to monitor the extent to which other jurisdictions exercise the Tax Policy option to create a Small Business Property Sub-class and update Council should other jurisdictions in Southwestern Ontario choose to create this Sub-class.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report

Information Report dated October 20, 2021 Regarding Affordable Housing Target

#7: Broad/Cook: That Information Report dated October 20, 2021 regarding Affordable Housing Target be received and filed.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated October 20, 2021 Regarding 2022-23 Funding Allocations for Provincially Delivered Housing Programs

#8: Arnold/Broad:

- a) That staff be authorized to submit the proposed Investment Plan for Year 4 of the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as follows:

COCHI	COCHI Planned Financial Commitment Year 4
Capital Component Repairs	\$396,129
Rent Supplement	\$35,000
Transitional Operating	
Administration	\$22,691
Allocation	\$453,820
OPHI	OPHI Planned Financial Commitment
Rental Housing	
Homeownership	\$50,000
Ontario Renovates	\$368,865

Rental Assistance	\$300,000
Housing Supports	
Administration	\$37,835
Allocation	\$756,700

- b) That County Council approve moving the current part-time Project Coordinator position in Housing Services to a full-time position to assist in the delivery of these expanded programs, provided 100% of any additional costs are 100% funded by provincial funding.
- c) That staff be authorized to re-allocate program funds between the program components in response to local needs and the updated Housing and Homelessness 5-Year Plan, so as to ensure full utilization of annual allocations.
- Carried.

IN-CAMERA

No In-Camera Items.

ADJOURNMENT

#9: Broad/Ferguson: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 11:50 a.m.

Brian White
Chair

Stéphane Thiffeault
Clerk