

MINUTES
COMMITTEE P.M.
(Long-Term Care/Corporate Services/Financial Services/Social Services)
September 15, 2010

A meeting was held at the County Building at 1:00 p.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair C. Jamieson. Members: J. McCharles, L. Napper, P. Gilliland, G. Perry, D. Boushy, J. Foubister and D. McGugan. Also Ms. A. Gillis, Deputy Warden. Various staff were present including the following General Managers: Mr. C. Doyle, General Manager, Long-Term Care; Mr. J. Innes, General Manager, Financial Services; Ms. M. Roushorne, General Manager, Social Services; and Mr. R. G. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

Warden Jim Burns.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Information Reports

- 36-39 #1: McGugan/Boushy: That the information report, dated September 15, 2010, regarding Residents First - Ontario Health Quality Council (OHQC) Leadership Initiative be received and filed.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

CS 10-5-10 A letter from the Township of Brooke-Alvinston dated August 6, 2010 requesting support of its resolution to ask that the Minister of Natural Resources, in conjunction with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, respond to the coyote problems being experienced in rural areas with a solution to predation and losses caused by the abundance of coyotes.

- 40-41 #2: Perry/Gillis: That the County of Lambton supports the resolution from the Township of Brooke-Alvinston, concerning coyotes, as amended, so that it refers to the problem as being in "**Southern Ontario**" and not just "**rural areas**".

Carried.

Information Reports

- 42-43 **#3:** Foubister/Napper: That the information report dated September 15, 2010 regarding the OMERS Pension Contribution Rate increases be received and filed.
Carried.

FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

- 44-46 **#4:** Gillis/McCharles: That the information report dated September 15, 2010 regarding the PSAB Update be received and filed.
Carried.
- 47-49 **#5:** Gillis/McCharles: That the information report dated September 15, 2010 regarding the 2011 Budget Processes and Preparation Schedule be received and filed.
Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding the Request for Funding from Water for People - Canada

- 50-54 **#6:** Foubister/Gillis: That the funding request from Water for People - Canada be referred to the 2011 Budget Deliberations so that staff may request additional information in support of the charity's application for a grant.
Carried.

Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding The Proposed Multi-Year Funding Agreement for the Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership

- 55-64 **#7:** Perry/Foubister:
- a) That the Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership be asked to determine the amount of funding it is seeking under this Agreement for the period April 1, 2011-March 31, 2012, and to provide that amount to Council prior to it commencing its 2011 Budget Deliberations.
 - b) That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement to supply the Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership with "base-level" funding for the four year period April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2015 inclusive now, with no "2011 Grant Amount" indicated in Appendix "B".

- c) That the "2011 Grant Amount" required in Appendix "B" shall be the amount approved by Council in the course of its 2011 Budget Deliberations, and shall be the amount then entered into Appendix "B" of the funding agreement now being signed.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

HS 10-2-10 A letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated August 9, 2010 advising that the County of Lambton has received conditional approval of \$541,786 under the Renewable Energy Initiative (REI) for two projects. The REI supports the development and implementation of renewable energy technologies in social and affordable housing.

OW 10-3-10 A letter from the Ministry of Community and Social Services dated August 20, 2010, advising that the Social Services Solution's Modernization (SSSM) project is seeking Ontario Works pilot sites to participate in the early implementation of the online application for social assistance beginning January 2011. SSSM project staff will work closely with the pilot sites providing training and hands on support for users. Lambton has forwarded its interest in being a pilot site.

OW 10-4-10 A letter from the Ministry of Community and Social Services dated August 9, 2010, advising that new legislation enables "clustering" of adjudicative tribunals that deal with related subjects and/or communities. Clustering will improve services through cross-agency co-ordination in operations and administration. In Phase Two the Social Benefits Tribunal (SB) and The Social Assistance Review Board (SARB) will be included in the new Social Justice Tribunals Cluster. Following a transition period, the reporting relationship of the SBT and SARB will be transferred from the Ministry of Community and Social Services to the Ministry of the Attorney General.

- 65-66 #8: Perry/Boushy: That correspondence HS 10-2-10, OW 10-3-10 and OW 10-4-10 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

- 70-82 #9: Gillis/Napper: That the following information reports for the Social Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding 993 Maxwell Building Committee Minutes.

- b) Information Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding Circles Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- c) Information Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding Housing Analysis Affordable Housing Strategy.
- d) Information Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding Learning, Earning and Parenting (LEAP).
- e) Information Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding Social Assistance Improvements.
- f) Information Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding System Re-engineering for Children's Services.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding Circles - OSAP Loan Barrier

83-86 **#10:** Perry/Gillis:

- a) That the Warden, on behalf of Lambton County Council, correspond with the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities recommending changes to the Ontario Student Loan program such that there is a debt clearance afforded to individuals in default consistent with the federal student loan program to empower low-income Ontarians to break out of the cycle of poverty.
- b) That the Warden, on behalf of Lambton County Council, correspond with the Minister of Community and Social Services recommending changes to Ontario Works rules to extend eligibility to persons disqualified from the Ontario Student Assistance Program to empower low-income Ontarians to break out of the cycle of poverty.
- c) That the correspondence noted above, be forwarded to Municipal Clerks requesting endorsement of the recommendations, and that such endorsements be forwarded to the respective Ministers.
- d) That the Warden be requested to arrange a meeting with area Members of Provincial Parliament to secure their assistance in the pursuit of the necessary regulatory changes.

Carried.

Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding the North Lambton Social Services Centre

87-89 #11: Gillis/Foubister:

- a) That staff be directed to enter into the necessary agreement with the North Lambton Social Services Centre (NLSSC) for the purpose of issuing one-time funding in the amount of \$10,500.
- b) That such funding be provided from the Homelessness/Poverty budget.

Carried.

Report dated September 15, 2010 Regarding Uncollectable Revenue and Write off Policy

90-93 #12: Perry/Napper: That the proposed Housing Services Uncollectable Revenue and Write Off Policy, Index 2.008, be approved and that staff take the necessary steps to remove accounts deemed uncollectable from accounts receivable listings for accounting purposes only.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#13: Foubister/McGugan: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned.

Carried.

Time: 1:50 p.m.

Carolyn Jamieson
Chair

Ronald G. Van Horne
Secretary