

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE P.M.**

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

April 21, 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, Ms. K. Hall, Manager, Housing Services, Mr. S. Thiffeault, General Manager, Corporate Services, and Mr. R. Van Horne, Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. John Innes, Senior Consultant, Municipal Tax Advisory Group was also present.

Absent

None.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Medical Officer of Health Update on COVID-19

Dr. Sudit Ranade 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 at the following link:

<https://lambton.civicweb.net/document/99021?splitscreen=true&media=true>

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Information Reports

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

- a) Information Report dated April 21, 2021 regarding COVID-19 Update.
 - b) Information Report dated April 21, 2021 regarding Occupancy 1st Quarter 2021.
- Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

No reports were submitted.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

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

- a) Information Report dated April 21, 2021 regarding Bayside Centre Activity Report Update.
- b) Information Report dated April 21, 2021 regarding Council Remuneration and Related Expenses - 2020.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 21, 2021 Regarding 2020 - 4th Quarter Monitoring Report

#3: Arnold/Marriott: That Council authorize the General Manager, Finance, Facilities and Court Services/ County Treasurer to contribute the preliminary 2020 year end surplus of \$607,000 to the "County Emergency/Stabilization Reserve" to help mitigate against costs and revenue losses associated with the COVID pandemic in 2021 and future budget cycles.

Carried.

Report dated April 21, 2021 Regarding 2021 Tax Policy

#4: Broad/Boushy:

- a) That for all property classes except the Landfill class, there be no change to the broad property class ratios for these classes from those set by Council for the 2020 Taxation year, and that these ratios continue to apply in the 2021 Taxation year.
- b) That the Tax Class Ratio for the Landfill Property Class be set at the maximum value as permitted in Subsection 10.2(3) as described in O.Reg. 385/98 as amended, being 12.75204.
- c) That the discount rate for New Construction continue to be 0%.
- d) That the existing discounts in the Broad Commercial and Industrial Classes, for Farmland Under Development of 30% and 35% be continued.

- e) That once the regulation(s) governing the creation of Small Business Property Tax Sub-classes have been released by the Province, that staff undertake a full analysis and report back to Council prior to its consideration of tax policy for the 2022 Taxation year addressing the following:
- i. What criteria should be used to identify eligible properties.
 - ii. Whether the Sub-class can be created in the Broad Commercial and Broad Industrial Property Tax Classes.
 - iii. The impacts and shifts in the County's tax base that would occur from creating the class.
 - iv. Whether MPAC has confirmed that if the County were to use MPAC data only, that MPAC would administer all aspects of identifying and moving qualifying properties into the Sub-class(es).
 - v. That should MPAC confirm that it would administer all aspects of moving qualifying properties into the Sub-class(es), what are the relative merits of a municipally-administrated qualification process vs. using a MPAC data-based/administered process?
 - vi. The benefits and risks to the County from implementing the Subclass(es).
 - vii. Whether a matching grant from the Province is available, who would receive it and how.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#5: Stark/Marriott: That the following Information Reports from the Social Services Division be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated April 21, 2021 regarding Maxwell Park Place Affordable Housing Development.
- b) Information Report dated April 21, 2021 regarding Implementing Action Items from the Housing and Homelessness Plan.
- c) Information Report dated April 21, 2021 regarding Ontario's Vision for Social Assistance Transformation.
- d) Information Report dated April 21, 2021 regarding Social Services Relief Fund - Phase 3 - SS 05-04-21.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated April 21, 2021 Regarding Homelessness Prevention Team Staffing

#6: Broad/Cook: That Council approves the hiring of one permanent full time Ontario Works Supervisor with a focus on Homelessness Prevention.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA

No In-Camera reports were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

#7: Broad/Boushy: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Carried.

Time: 11:59 a.m.

Brian White
Chair

Stéphane Thiffeault
Clerk