

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE P.M.**

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

August 16, 2023

A meeting was held at the County Building at 11:00 a.m. on the above date.

Present

Chair D. Ferguson and Members G. Atkinson, D. Cook, B. Dennis, B. Hand and C. McRoberts attended in person. Warden K. Marriott, and Members S. Miller and Alternate Member J. Field attended virtually. Various staff were also present including the following: 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. A. Meyer, General Manager, Cultural Services, Mr. R. Beauchamp, Deputy Clerk; and Mr. S. Thiffeault, Chief Administrative Officer.

Absent

None.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None.

LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

LTC 09-05-23 Memorandum dated May 30, 2023, addressed to Long-Term Care Home Licensees, regarding the Long-Term Care Home Accommodation Rate Changes effective July 1, 2023. The memo advises of an inflationary increase of 2.5 percent that will be applied to co-payment rates for basic and preferred accommodations in Long-Term Care Homes.

#1: Hand/Atkinson: That correspondence LTC 09-05-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Information Reports

#2: McRoberts/Cook: That the following Information Reports from the Long-Term Care Division be received and filed:

a) Information Report dated August 16, 2023 regarding COVID-19 Measures Update.

b) Information Report dated August 16, 2023 regarding Second Quarter Occupancy.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION

Correspondence to Receive and File

CS 09-07-23 An email from Melissa Lawr, Deputy Clerk, Town of Halton Hills advising that the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting Monday, June 19, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS escalating insurance costs are one of the Town of Halton Hills' priorities;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills' annual insurance premiums have increased from \$594,404 (1.32% of taxes) to \$2,073,319 (3.28% of taxes) from 2017 to 2023, representing an accumulated increase of 248.8% over this period;

AND WHEREAS the annual increase to the Town of Halton Hills' insurance premiums have been one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases over the past seven years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are experiencing higher insurance rates at each renewal with limited access to insurance companies willing to quote on municipal insurance needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills Council calls on the Province to take action to reduce municipal insurance costs;

AND FURTHER that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Ted Arnott and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

#3: McRoberts/Hand: That correspondence CS 09-07-23 be received and filed.

Carried.

Other Business

Councillor B. Hand inquired if the County and all lower-tier municipalities could form a cooperative to attempt to control increasing insurance premium costs.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Information Report dated August 16, 2023 Regarding 2023 – Q2 Budget Monitoring Report

#4: Dennis/Cook: That Information Report dated August 16, 2023 regarding Q2 Budget Monitoring Report be received and filed.

Carried.

Report Requiring a Motion

Report dated August 16 2023 Regarding Judicial Resources Impacts on Provincial Offences Court

#5: McRoberts/Hand: That the Province of Ontario be petitioned to immediately address the chronic lack of Justices of the Peace, particularly in southwest Ontario closures.

Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Information Reports

#6: McRoberts/Miller: That the following Information Reports from the Social Services Division dated August 16 2023 be received and filed:

- a) Information Report dated August 16, 2023, regarding Affordable Housing Update.
- b) Information Report dated August 16, 2023, regarding Housing Services Statistical Report.

Carried.

Reports Requiring a Motion

Report dated August 16, 2023 Regarding Affordable Housing Initiatives

#7: Cook/Atkinson:

- a) That Council hereby approves the following:
 - a. the hiring of one full-time temporary affordable housing development project coordinator.
 - b. the creation of an Affordable Housing Seed Funding Program.
- b) That the costs for those items set out in paragraph (a) be funded from existing provincial funding, where available, and that any deficit in such funding, if any, be funded through the Affordable Housing Reserve.
- c) That should the County secure funding for these initiatives pursuant to its application under the Housing Accelerator Fund, that such funding be first applied to reduce any withdrawal from the Affordable Housing Reserve to address any deficit contemplated in paragraph b) above.

Carried.

Report dated August 16, 2023 Regarding Homelessness Community Outreach Services

#8: McRoberts/Cook: That given the positive outcomes achieved by the temporary Community Outreach Workers, Council approves making these two positions full-time permanent within the Homelessness Prevention and Children's Services Department.

Carried.

Report dated August 16, 2023 Regarding Service and Innovation Planning Proposal and Future Delivery of Employment Services

#9: Cook/McRoberts: That Council approve the initiatives as follows if the County of Lambton's Service and Innovation Planning Proposal is accepted.

- a) That the County be authorized to enter into a contract for the delivery of employment services within Lambton County, with the City of Windsor as the Service System Manager, for the period of January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, provided that the County's Service and Innovation Planning Proposal is accepted.
- b) That provided that the condition in paragraph a) is met, that the County be authorized to hire one (1) full-time temporary employment supervisor and up to eight (8) full-time temporary employment services workers, for an initial period expiring no later than March 31, 2025.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

#10: Hand/McRoberts: That the Chair declare the meeting adjourned with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the County Building, Wyoming, Ontario.

Carried.

Time: 11:32 a.m.

D. Ferguson
Chair

Ryan Beauchamp
Deputy Clerk