

**COMMUNITY SERVICES/
DUFFERIN OAKS COMMITTEE
OF MANAGEMENT
AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING - AMENDED**



**Wednesday January 11, 2012, 3:30 p.m.
Emergency Operations Centre, Shelburne**

Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

DELEGATION

- 1. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – January 11, 2012 - ITEM #1
Veterans Shelburne Hospital Recovery Project**

Mr. John Flannery to address the committee with respect to the vision the Shelburne Veterans have for the use of the old Shelburne hospital.

- 2. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – January 11, 2012 - ITEM #2
Update – Conversion of Former Shelburne Hospital into Affordable Housing Units**

As requested by the Chair, an update on the conversion of the former Shelburne Hospital into affordable housing units.

- 3. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – January 11, 2012 - ITEM #3
Update – Future Community Services Building**

As requested by the Chair, an update on the future Community Services building on Centre Street, Orangeville.

- 4. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – January 11, 2012 - ITEM #4
Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association**

Correspondence from the Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association dated November 22, 2011 with respect to a request to increase the Indigent Funeral Schedule for 2012. (Report from the Director of Community Services dated January 11, 2012 is attached for information)

Recommendation:

For consideration of the Committee.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – January 11, 2012 - ITEM #5
Provincial Long Term Care Homes

Correspondence from Mike Dickin, Provincial Long Term Care Homes dated December 16, 2011 with respect to requesting an increase in funds for long-term care facilities to buy raw food from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Recommendation:

For consideration of the Committee.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES/DUFFERIN OAKS – January 11, 2012 - ITEM #6
Tour of Former Shelburne Hospital

Mr. Bruce Irwin, Vice President of Corporate Services, Headwaters Healthcare Centre, will conduct a tour of the former Shelburne Hospital for Committee members.

SHELBURNE VETERANS

HOSPITAL RECOVERY

PROJECT

DUFFERIN COUNTY PRESENTATION
12 JANUARY 2012

① INTRODUCTION

WHO WE ARE

WHY WE ARE HERE

HOSPITAL BUILDING HISTORY

② PRESENTATION

COMPARATIVE HOSPITAL SITUATIONS

VERSUS SHELBURNE

③ FINANCIAL PLAN

FEDERAL - VAC + DND

PROVINCIAL - MANDATED

LOCAL - CONTRIBUTIONS

④ SUMMARY



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November 22, 2011

Dufferin County Social Services
c/o Michelle Dunne
51 Zina Street
Orangeville, Ontario L9W 1E5

Dear Mrs. Dunne;

On behalf of the local Funeral Service Association, I am writing to you to request an increase for the Indigent Funeral Schedule for the upcoming year of 2012.

Our request for the upcoming 2012 year is to increase the fee schedule to \$4975.00 to reflect our membership average.

If the increase is approved, could you please forward a copy of the schedule to our secretary, Brenda Simpson (P.O. Box 212, Wiarton, ON N0H 2T0) and she we will gladly forward the information on to our members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (519)369-3837 or by email at mwfh@eastlink.ca.

We are looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dawn McNab

Dawn McNab
President

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN



REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE



To: Chair Crewson and Members of Community Services Committee

From: Keith Palmer, Director of Community Services

Date: January 11th 2012

Subject: Funeral association requests rate increase

PURPOSE:

The Purpose of this report is to update Committee on a request from the local Funeral Service Association to increase the reimbursement rate for indigent funerals.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

The Georgian Bay Funeral Association, on behalf of the local Funeral Service Association has requested an increase for the Indigent Funeral Schedule for 2012 to \$4,975 from the 2011 fee of \$3,208.

In 2011, 25 CMSMs/DSSABs from across the province provided responses to a survey inquiring about their 2011 funeral and burial fees and rates. Based on this data, the average full service rate for reimbursement of funeral expenses is \$3,252. There is significant variation in benefit amounts paid for funeral services across CMSMs. The amounts paid for local funeral services range from \$2,250 up to \$5,340.

Over the past few years, municipalities have entertained requests from their local funeral homes to increase the amounts paid for social assistance recipients. Funeral Directors have been approaching OW administrators and municipal councils directly, often citing higher benefits issued in another municipality and increasing costs as part of their requests for a required increase. The Board of Funeral Services (Ontario) reports the average 2009 cost of a funeral including casket in Ontario was \$6,335.

Financial Impact:

Funeral expenses are cost shared with the Province at the prevailing cost share rate. In 2012, the cost share will be 17.2% of expenses paid by County of Dufferin and 82.8% paid by the Province. This cost share is for people who were in receipt of social assistance at the time of the request for coverage. Request for coverage for people not in receipt of social assistance does not have a cost share and full costs are the responsibility of the County.

Local Municipal Impact:

On April 1, 2011, the County of Dufferin increased its Indigent Funeral Schedule to \$3,208. That represented a \$750 increase over the previous rate. The Georgian Bay Funeral Association is presently asking for the schedule to be set at \$4,975, which would be an increase of \$1,767 or 55%.

Our cost share on a \$3,208 funeral is \$603. If the price increases to \$4,975, our cost share will be \$856. So it would cost the County \$250 more per funeral if the requested increase is implemented. The chart below will detail the changes being requested.

Breakdown of Funeral Costs	2011 Rate	PROPOSED 2012 Rate
Professional and Staff Services	\$800.00	\$1525.00
Embalming and Sheltering Remains	\$400.00	\$400.00
Facilities for Visitation and/or Services	\$583.00	\$1050.00
Transfer from Place of Death	\$200.00	\$250.00
Funeral Coach	\$325.00	\$350.00
Lead Car	\$150.00	\$150.00
Documentation	\$200.00	\$350.00
Basic Casket or Cremation Container	\$550.00	\$900.00
TOTAL	\$3208.00	\$4975.00

At Dec.16, 2011, Dufferin County had been asked to pay for 9 funerals in 2011. Altogether, the gross costs for the funerals were \$31,500. While some of the funerals were for persons on social assistance, and therefore could be cost-shared with the province, half of the funerals were not cost-shared. In 2011, the net funeral cost to the County was \$18,690.

In 2010, Dufferin County was also asked to pay for 9 funerals, and 8 of these were cost-shared with the province. As a result, the 2010 funeral cost borne by the County was significantly less. In 2010, the net funeral cost to the County was \$5,145.

If there are again 9 requests to pay for funerals in 2012, and half are for people on social assistance and can be cost shared, the impact on the County would result in an increased County expenditure of \$7,500 over 2011.

Recommendation:

For consideration of committee.

Respectfully submitted

Keith Palmer
Director, Community Services.

From: Mike Dickin [<mailto:mike.dickin@pltchomes.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 12:16 PM
To: ecrewson@crewsoninsurance.com
Subject: FW: Article from Simcoe

Hi Mayor Crewson,

I am wondering if the Town of Shelburne and/or the County of Dufferin would be interested in mirroring the actions of Simcoe Council regarding the current raw food per diem provided by the MOHLTC?

Given the number of LTC beds in Shelburne alone, the impact of an increase on quality of for our residents would be substantial. A fringe benefit also becomes increased dollars to be spent on produce, much of which we source locally.

Please see the article below...

-Mike

****Please note my change of e-mail address****



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More funding urged for food at seniors facilities

Nicole Million

December 14, 2011

MIDLAND – Midland council is backing the County of Simcoe's quest to get an increase in funds for long-term-care facilities to buy raw foods.

Council endorsed a resolution Monday that calls on Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Deb Matthews to increase the raw food per diem rate provided to such facilities – which currently amounts to \$7.46 per resident per day.

"It always strikes me as unbelievable that we are trying to feed our most fragile and elderly individuals on \$7.46 a day. That is the entire day – breakfast, lunch dinner and snacks," Mayor Gord McKay said during this week's general committee meeting. "We have some discussions about healthy eating and trying to get foods such as vegetables into the diet, but we need to realize it's difficult to do that with the kind of money that goes to these types of institutions."

Coun. Bob Jeffery agreed council needed to get behind the resolution.

"I can't feed myself on that kind of money for a day, let alone my family," he said, adding his only question was what would be a more reasonable rate. "We around this table are always looking to reduce our costs ... (but) somebody should be ashamed of themselves because you can't cut that low. We need to have a number to go to them and say, 'This is acceptable.'"

The situation is "deplorable," added Coun. Zena Pendlebury.

"I don't believe what I am seeing here," she said, pointing out a one-time increase of 13 cents in July 2011.

"There is a figure in here – \$11 to \$12 – which is a little more realistic."

Council voted unanimously to support the resolution.

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