



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The Committee met at 2:00 p.m. by video conference.

Members Present: Councillor Laura Ryan (Chair)
Warden Darren White
Councillor Earl Hawkins
Councillor Guy Gardhouse
Councillor Chris Gerrits
Councillor Janet Horner
Councillor Philip Rentsch

Members Absent: Councillor Steve Anderson

Staff Present: Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dunne, Clerk
Brenda Wagner, Administrator, Dufferin Oaks
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services
Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer
Tom Reid, Paramedic Services
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair Ryan shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk verbally took a roll call of Councillors in attendance.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A question was submitted to Councillor Chris Gerrits by an Amaranth resident regarding access to high speed internet. Presently the Amaranth resident utilizes a service from the Grand Valley Library which allows residents to sign out internet hot spots from the Library that can be taken home and used and then returned. The resident is wondering if Dufferin County have any plans for similar programs.

Councillor Rentsch (Grand Valley) provided information on Grand Valley's program. Any member of the Grand Valley Library can sign out the high speed mobile internet hub for one week at no charge. Presently there are five hot spots available to sign out with plans to increase availability to 8 units. Councillor Rentsch noted there is a cost to buy the internet hub along with a monthly fee which is included in the library budget. Dufferin County staff will forward the question to the municipal library boards to see if there are similar programs planned or currently available in Dufferin County.

REPORTS

1. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – January 28, 2021 – ITEM #1
Community Safety & Well Being Plan Update #2

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated January 28, 2021, to provide an update on the Dufferin Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Rentsch

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services dated January 28, 2021, titled Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update #2, be received.

-Carried-

2. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – January 28, 2021 – ITEM #2
EarlyON Service Delivery Review Update #4

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated January 28, 2021, to provide an update on service delivery to EarlyON due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Hawkins

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services dated January 28, 2021, titled EarlyON Service review Update #4, be received.

-Carried-

3. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – January 28, 2021 – ITEM #3
Partnership with Upper Grand District School Board

A report from the Administrator for Dufferin Oaks, dated January 28, 2021, to provide information regarding a potential Personal Support Worker educational partnership opportunity with the Upper Grand District School Board.

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the report of the Administrator for Dufferin Oaks dated January 28, 2021 with regards to the Partnership with Upper Grand District School Board be received.

-Carried-

4. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – January 28, 2021 – ITEM #4
Capital Work Plan

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated January 28, 2021, to present Capital Work Plans for the following departments:

- Community Services
- Dufferin Oaks
- Paramedic Services

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Rentsch

THAT the report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated January 28, 2021, regarding the Capital Work Plan, be received.

-Carried-

5. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – January 28, 2021 – ITEM #5
Strategic Action Plan

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated January 28, 2021, to provide committee members with an overview of the strategic objectives that fall within the

oversight of the Human and Health Services Committee and to provide additional detail on the actions planned to achieve those objectives.

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Rentsch

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the Strategic Action Plan – HHS Objectives, dated January 28, 2021 be received.

-Carried-

OTHER BUSINESS

Staff provided an update on COVID-19 vaccinations. The Administrator of Dufferin Oaks stated that most staff and residents have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Their second dose has been slightly delayed due to vaccine shortages. The Chief Paramedic stated that all the paramedics have had the opportunity to receive the first dose of the vaccine. Within Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health’s region, all retirement and nursing homes have had the opportunity to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The Chief Administrative Officer noted that Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has requested assistance from the County to provide five staff members full-time until the end of June to help with the vaccination clinic locations; however, the County currently does not have staff available for a secondment to Public Health.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Video Conference

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Laura Ryan, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee