

**Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group (MMLTCWG) Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

Present:

Paul McQueen, Grey Highlands
Tom Allwood, Grey Highlands
Scott Mackey, Chatsworth
Diana Rae, Chatsworth
Odette Bartnicki, Blue Mountains

Absent:

Rob Sampson, Blue Mountains

Staff:

MSA Elaine Philp

Call to Order, Introductions

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. This was the first meeting of the new Working Group membership, so there was a round of introductions.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Nominations for Chair

The Secretary called for nominations for the position of Chair. Scott Mackey nominated the current Chair, Paul McQueen, to continue in the role. Odette Bartnicki seconded the motion.

Scott Mackey moved that nominations be closed. Diana Rae seconded the motion.

Paul McQueen stated he would be honoured to continue as Chair of the Working Group.

Nominations for Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Odette Bartnicki nominated Scott Mackey, which was seconded by Diana Rae. Scott Mackey nominated Odette Bartnicki, which was seconded by Tom Allwood. No further nominations came forward.

Scott Mackey declined his nomination. Odette Bartnicki stated she would be honoured to stand as Vice-Chair and would welcome support from past members.

Approval of Agenda

Mackey - Allwood

That the agenda be approved with the following items added:

- 1. Provide MMLTCWG reports to County Councillors (P. McQueen);**
 - 2. ROMA attendees (P. McQueen); and**
 - 3. Correspondence received by Paul McQueen (P. McQueen).**
- CARRIED.**

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

Mackey - Allwood

**That the Minutes of the October 30 2018 Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.**

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Delegations/Presentations

No delegations or presentations scheduled for this meeting.

Items for Discussion

Business Arising from Minutes

The Secretary confirmed that an invitation to participate on the Working Group was sent to the Clerks of all lower-tier municipalities in Grey County, together with the Terms of Reference and a summary of the Working Group's position and activities to date. Written responses were received from the Town of the Blue Mountains and the Municipality of Grey Highlands, and a verbal response was received from the Township of Chatsworth.

Update from Past Chair

The Chair advised the members that he provided two notices of motion regarding long-term care redevelopment to come forward to the January 24 2019 Grey County Committee of the Whole meeting. The first motion is to rescind the motion to sell Grey Gables and withdraw the application to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to move 66 beds from Grey Gables to Rockwood Terrace. The second motion asks the County to apply for a minimum of 90 long-term care beds -- a minimum of 60 beds for the redevelopment of Rockwood Terrace and a minimum of 30 beds for Grey Gables. These two notices of motion may be revised slightly at the January 24th meeting.

The Working Group agreed that it may be premature to identify the exact number of additional beds as new information is coming forward and operational savings are being identified. Today's planning should look ahead to ensure the growing need for beds over the next decade is met. The province is offering new beds and MPP Bill Walker has indicated his support to ensure the Grey-Bruce area receives its fair share of new beds from the province.

The Chair reminded the Working Group that a fourth wing at Grey Gables remains a possibility. He also spoke of the Simcoe County campus-style approach to long-term care. The campus-style approach could be introduced in Markdale as there is land available between Grey Gables and the new hospital site. It was noted that province-wide the need for assisted living facilities is negatively impacting the availability of hospital beds and long-term care beds.

Provide MMLTCWG reports to County Councillors

Impress Communications will revise the existing MMLTCWG Report to ensure the information is up to date and presented in a positive tone. A one-page summary will also be prepared. Both documents are to be provided to the Secretary by end of January 16th who will then distribute to the Working Group members. The members will use these documents as speaking notes/reference material when discussing long-term care with

County Councillors (as opposed to distributing directly to the County Councillors).

2019 ROMA Conference

All Working Group members were encouraged to seek opportunities to discuss long-term care with our MPP and provincial Minister when attending the ROMA Conference in Toronto, January 27 - 29.

Review Terms of Reference

Mackey - Bartnicki

That the review of the current Terms of Reference be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED.

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2019 Work Plan/Budget

Deferred to a future meeting.

Correspondence

December 7 2018, Appointment of Municipality of Grey Highlands Representatives

[Dec 7 2018, GH representatives](#)

December 21 2018, Appointment of the Town of the Blue Mountains Representatives

[Dec 21 2018, Blue Mts representatives](#)

Addition to Agenda: New Correspondence

The Chair read correspondence he had recently received expressing support for both Rockwood Terrace and Grey Gables.

Allwood - Rae

That the above listed correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED.

Open Forum

The attending public asked questions and provided comments throughout the meeting.

Next Meeting

Date: to be decided

Adjournment

Mackay - Rae

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group adjourn until the call of the Chair.

Time: 4:18 pm

CARRIED.