

Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group

Report to the Councils of Participating Municipalities

Background

The Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group (MMLTCWG) was established in the fall of 2017 in response to a decision made by Grey County Council recommending the closure and sale of the Grey Gables Long-Term Care facility located in Markdale, and the development of a new amalgamated facility in Durham (Grey County Report LTCR-CW-05-17). Three municipalities came together to develop a plan of action for Grey Gables and to help facilitate a common strategy among all of the interested parties. The Municipality of Grey West joined the Working Group in March 2019.

Participating Municipalities

Municipality of Grey Highlands

Representation October 2017 to November 2018:

Mayor Paul McQueen and Councillor Terry Mokriy

Representation December 2018 to present:

Mayor Paul McQueen and Councillor Tom Allwood

Town of the Blue Mountains

Representation October 2017 to November 2018:

Mayor John McKean and Deputy Mayor Gail Ardiel

Representation December 2018 to present:

Deputy Mayor Odette Bartnicki and Councillor Rob Sampson

Township of Chatsworth

Representation October 2017 to November 2018:

Deputy Mayor Scott Mackey and Councillor Brian Gamble

Representation December 2018 to present:

Mayor Scott Mackey and Councillor Diana Rae

Municipality of West Grey

Representation March 2019 to present:

Mayor Christine Robinson and Councillor Stephen Townsend

Activities of the Working Group

At its first meeting, the Working Group set its Terms of Reference stating the following mandate:

To be a credible voice in saving Grey Gables and fostering cohesion among the interested parties and municipalities in relation to the potential closure of Grey Gables.

To help focus the efforts of many in advocating to the Southwest Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for support in maintaining the existing facility as it is.

To prepare a report to be presented to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to express the concerns of the citizens in the area surrounding the potential closure of Grey Gables and the impact on the community.

The mandate of the working group will automatically be deemed complete upon the final decision of the Ministry in relation to the current potential closure of Grey Gables.

To move the mandate forward, MMLTCWG:

- Held 19 meetings from October 30 2017 to May 7 2019, inclusive.
- Set an operating budget of \$9,000 funded equally by the three participating municipalities.
- Researched and prepared a presentation to the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. Presented as a delegation before Minister Hoskins on January 22 2018 at ROMA. Following the delegation, MMLTCWG met with MPP Jim Wilson.
- Prepared and mailed on March 7 2018 an introduction to the MMLTCWG and its mandate to the incoming Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Honourable Dr. Helena Jaczek.
- Prepared a presentation to the County of Grey Long-Term Care Committee of Management. Met with County representatives on March 8 2018 at the County Administration Building (8th meeting of the MMLTCWG).
- Met with MPP Bill Walker on March 13 2018 in the Grey Highlands Council Chambers (9th meeting of the MMLTCWG).
- Worked with Impress Communications to develop a Press Release (September 7 2018) and Report entitled "A Three-Site Approach to Long-Term Care in Grey County".

The MMLTCWG acknowledges, with thanks, the Past Wardens who contributed to and supported the Working Group, and recognizes the citizen engagement which was welcome and appreciated.

Achievement

At its January 24 2019 meeting, Grey County passed a motion (CW26-19) in a recorded vote of 51 – 39 to rescind a previous resolution to sell Grey Gables in Markdale and amend the long-term care re-development application to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to include only the 100 beds at Rockwood Terrace in Durham.

Respectfully submitted by the Members of the
Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group
May 7, 2019