

Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group
MINUTES
January 30, 2018 1:00 PM

Present: Paul McQueen, Chair (Grey Highlands)
Terry Mokriy, Vice-Chair (Grey Highlands)
John McKean (Town of the Blue Mountains)
Scott Mackey (Chatsworth)

Absent: Gail Ardiel (Town of the Blue Mountains)
Brian Gamble (Chatsworth)

Staff: Elaine Philp, Recording Secretary (Grey Highlands)

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

Approve or Amend the Agenda

McKean - Mackey

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group Agenda of January 30, 2018 be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

CARRIED.

Declaration of Pecuniary (Financial) Interest, Direct or Indirect and the General Nature Thereof

No declarations of pecuniary interest.

Adoption of Minutes

Mackey - Mokriy

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group approve the Minutes of January 15, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

De-Brief from ROMA Delegation

The Working Group was successful in its delegation request to meet with The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins at the ROMA Conference. A 15-minute timeslot

was granted on January 22, with that time being shared with representatives from the County of Grey. The Working Group acknowledged Member Mokriy for his excellent work in creating and presenting the material at the delegation. It was the impression of the Working Group that the Minister was fully engaged. It was interpreted as a good sign that the delegation received an additional 10 minutes and that the Minister asked if more beds would help. At today's meeting, the Working Group finalized and signed a thank you letter to Minister Hoskins.

The opening of 26 new long-term care beds in Hanover coupled with the province's commitment to create 5,000 long-term care beds over the next 4 years, means the playing field has changed. The Working Group sees these recent developments as an opportunity to put options in front of the province.

The Working Group is interested in securing more information about the fourth wing expansion discussed at the time of opening Grey Gables. A recent engineer's study indicated that the current infrastructure (kitchen, laundry, etc.) could carry another 50 beds. Chair McQueen is to research this possible expansion further.

A sub-committee of the Working Group met with MPP Jim Wilson, Simcoe-Grey, on January 23. He supported keeping Grey Gables open and offered to write a letter to Minister. MPP Wilson advised that long-term care beds are tight in the Collingwood area and the closure of Grey Gables would further impact that concern. Member Mokriy will draft a thank you letter to MPP Wilson.

It was noted that Minister Hoskins asked about wait times and at the time of the January 22nd delegation, neither the Working Group nor the County could provide an answer. Chair McQueen suggested the Working Group explore how wait times in this area compare to wait times in other areas. The findings could be brought back to the Minister at a second delegation.

Member Mokriy advised that he made a presentation to the Grey Highlands Chamber of Commerce last week. The Chamber is supportive.

Big Data for Small Places

As per the resolution passed at the January 15th meeting, Member Mokriy and Cathy Little have obtained more information regarding the services of Big Data for Small Places (BD4SP). Cathy Little presented a proposal outlining how BD4SP could assist the Working Group with its activities. The Working Group authorized Cathy Little to communicate back to BD4SP saying that the proposal has been received and the Working Group will be seeking funding approval.

Chair McQueen stated that the Working Group's big presentation is yet to come and that assistance from BD4SP might give the edge required. Members hesitated, noting that their respective Municipalities would need to approve the expenditure, and that better timing would be to make this

decision after meeting with the County. After discussion, the Working Group decided to start both simultaneously; they would get started on the request for funding approval while seeking a meeting date with the County.

Mackey - McKean

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group request their respective Councils to approve \$3,000 operating costs for the Working Group as per the Terms of Reference.

CARRIED.

Delegations

No delegations scheduled for this meeting.

Items for Discussion

Next Steps after ROMA Delegation

The Working Group discussed their next steps. Suggestions included:

- start a conversation with the Grey County CAO, Warden and Past Warden.
- contact the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, through Ian Chesney, to seek input on next steps.
- follow the precedent set in Sebringville and Brantford, where the Minister decided against the County. The approach used by those two communities was delegation requests, present options and demonstrate lots of support from the public and MPPs.

The Working Group decided on a two-prong approach: start a conversation with the County and reach out to Ian Chesney, Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

As soon as possible after today's meeting, the Secretary is to request a meeting with the County. Suggested date is Thursday, February 8th at either 8:30 in the morning or 3:00 in the afternoon (before or after County Council respectively). A one-hour timeslot should suffice.

Chair McQueen is to set up a call with Ian Chesney. Both Chair McQueen and Member Mokriy are to participant on the call. Focus of the discussion will be the process for the 166 beds. During the call, they will also ask for Mr. Chesney's suggestions/opinions on how this matter might be solved at the local level.

McKean - Mackey

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group directs the Secretary to set up a meeting with the County of Grey; meeting

participants to be the same group that met with Minister Hoskins on January 22, 2018.

CARRIED.

Correspondence

Member Mokriy shared correspondence received from Isabell Donald (email dated January 24, 2018) and Geordie Smith (2 emails both dated January 27, 2018).

Mokriy - McKean

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group receive the above listed correspondence for information.

CARRIED.

Media Strategy

Michelle Patey was in attendance at the meeting and advised that her company, Impress Communications, has experience handling press releases and multi-media presentations in a professional manner. Members invited Impress Communications to bring a media strategy back to the Working Group at the next meeting.

MMLTCWG Action Plan

The Working Group went through the Action Plan, updating progress made and identifying new actions to be added. The Secretary is to update the Plan accordingly.

Open Forum

The Chair invited those attending the meeting to come forward to speak if they so wished. One person shared encouraging words -- extended congratulations to the Working Group on the great progress made and reassured the Members that the public does want to get involved. Another person suggested that the public could show support by investigating crowd sourcing possibilities.

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 1 pm, Grey Highlands Council Chambers, Markdale.

Adjournment

Time: 4:35 pm