

Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group
MINUTES
March 5, 2018 1:00 PM

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

Staff: Elaine Philp, Recording Secretary (Grey Highlands)

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Approve or Amend the Agenda

McKean – Mokriy

That the Agenda of March 5, 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

The Minutes of the February 20th Meeting were adopted as amended (Big Date For Small Places corrected to read Big Data For Small Places).

McKean - Mackey

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group approve the Minutes of February 20, 2018 as amended.

CARRIED.

Delegations

No delegations scheduled for this meeting.

Items for Discussion

March 8th Meeting with the County of Grey

Paul McQueen will open the meeting with introductions, then Terry Mokriy and Brian Gamble will present on behalf of the Working Group. The presentation itself will be brief and focused. A key speaking point will be the changing landscape since the County's original decision:

- March 2nd was the cut-off date for new beds,
- Southbridge is to build a 160 bed long-term care facility in Owen Sound,
- the Province recently announced 26 new long-term care beds in Hanover,
- the 34 long-term care bed facility in Chatsworth is to close, and
- new growth/development information is now available.

Terry Mokriy will draft the presentation to the County using the ROMA presentation as a starting point. He will also draft a letter to the new Minister.

Meeting the incoming Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

The Working Group agreed it was important to get in front of the incoming Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Honourable Dr. Helena Jaczek, as quickly as possible.

Mokriy - Ardiel

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group agrees to send a copy of the ROMA presentation to the incoming Minister of Health and Long-Term Care together with a brief synopsis of the January 22nd meeting with the outgoing Minister and the follow-up meeting with the County of Grey, and to request a meeting with the incoming Minister.

CARRIED.

Public Engagement (rally, petition, etc.)

The Working Group briefly discussed public engagement. Given the two elections happening this year (Provincial Election June 7th, Municipal Election October 22nd), the members decided to add Public and Political Engagement to the March 8th agenda to further discuss when meeting with MPP Bill Walker.

Correspondence

Media coverage, Eric Hoskins resigns as Health Minister, MPP

Chatsworth approving resolution, February 27, 2018

Grey Highlands approving resolutions, February 9, 2018

Mokriy - McKean

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

CARRIED.

Open Forum

Interest from the public continues. A letter-writing campaign to the new Minister is underway. Individuals are keeping a Facebook page active and researching information for wait times at the various long-term care facilities in the area.

Next Meetings

Meeting with the County of Grey
Thursday, March 8, 2018, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Bay Room, Grey County Building, Owen Sound

Meeting with MPP Walker and Past Wardens representatives
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Grey Highlands Council Chambers, Markdale

MMLTCWG Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Grey Highlands Council Chambers, Markdale

Adjournment

Mackey – Mokriy

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

Time: 3:54 pm

CARRIED.