

**Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care
Working Group**

MINUTES

March 28, 2018 2:00 pm

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

Staff: Elaine Philp, Recording Secretary, Grey Highlands

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Ardiel - Mackey

That the Agenda of March 28, 2018 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

McKean - Gamble

That the Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

Delegations/Presentations

Impress Communications Presentation

Michelle Patey from Impress Communications sent her regrets to the Chair.

Items for Discussion

Follow-up from Last Meeting

The members asked the recording secretary to follow up with Councillor Cathy Little to ensure Big Data For Small Places was sent a letter advising their proposal was received, with thanks, and is now under consideration.

The members asked the recording secretary to follow up with MPP Bill Walker to see if the recent change in the Minister of Health and Long Term Care sparked a change in the Minister's staff. The Working Group will also be looking for confirmation that the new Minister will speak with communities before making decisions impacting long-term care, a commitment made by the former Minister.

The recording secretary confirmed that both MPP Bill Walker and MPP Jim Wilson have been provided with a copy of the Working Group's letter to the new Minister and the attached presentations.

A letter expressing thanks to MPP Bill Walker for attending our March 13th meeting was finalized and signed by all members of the Working Group at today's meeting.

Next Steps

The only update received from the County of Grey since the Working Group's March 8th presentation has been confirmation that the information was received for information. Excerpt from the March 22nd County Council Minutes may be found below:

CC36-18

Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Wright

2. That the multi municipal long-term care working group discussion paper be received for information.

Carried.

The Working Group Chair will seek clarification from the County Clerk regarding the process for reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes.

When preparing next steps, the Working Group needs to be cognizant of four issues often used to counter keeping Grey Gables in Markdale. Those issues are:

- Assisted living and age of the facility.
- Staffing issues.
- Increased demand in patients with behavioural needs.
- Financial efficiencies.

Further communication and public engagement efforts will be put on hold -- briefly -- to provide the County an opportunity to respond to the information presented March 8th. The Chair will ask the County for an update. The following resolution is to be emailed by the recording secretary to the Warden, Chair and CAO with a copy to the Working Group members.

Mackey - Mokriy

The Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group directs its Chair to speak with the Grey County Warden, Chair of the Long Term Care Committee of Management and the Grey County CAO to determine status and report back at the next meeting of the Working Group with results of that discussion.

CARRIED.

Open Forum

The Chair provided those attending the meeting with an opportunity to come forward and speak if they so wished.

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 1 pm - 4 pm
Grey Highlands Council Chambers, Markdale

Adjournment

Ardiel - McKean

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

Time: 4:00 pm

CARRIED.