

**Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group
MINUTES
March 13, 2018 1:00 PM**

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

Absent: Gail Ardiel, Town of the Blue Mountains

Staff: Elaine Philp, Recording Secretary, Grey Highlands

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Mokriy - McKean

That the Agenda of March 13, 2018 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

As a follow-up to the March 5th meeting, Terry Mokriy advised that the letter to the new Minister of Health and Long-Term Care has been mailed. The Working Group requested that the Recording Secretary send a copy of that letter, and the attachments, to MPP Walker and MPP Wilson.

Gamble – Mackey

That the Minutes of the March 5, 2018 Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

All members agreed that the March 8th meeting with the County was a good, positive meeting. Thanks was given to all who contributed material/input to the presentation.

McKean – Mackey

That the Minutes of the March 8, 2018 Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

Delegations/Presentations

MPP Bill Walker, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Discussion point with MPP Walker: Future Public/Political Engagement

The Chair of the Working Group welcomed MPP Walker. Mr. Walker advised that he has been actively participating/following the topic of long-term care and will continue to do so. In order to keep him informed and up to date, he asked that the Working Group copy him on correspondence sent to Queen's Park.

Mr. Walker acknowledged that the change of Minister will slow down progress. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is a very large portfolio and the incoming Minister will require time to be briefed. At this point in time, it is not known if the change of Minister will also bring a change in Minister's staff.

March 2nd was the deadline for new bed applications. Mr. Walker has not heard the outcome, but believes it is important to make the new Minister and her staff aware of the Grey Gables situation.

Mr. Walker believes the funding formula is the crux of the long-term care matter. Similar to the school situation, there is a need to look at future numbers and re-visit an outdated funding formula. He tries to add community impacts and socio-economic factors when participating in discussions at Queen's Park.

Due to a recent change in the leadership of the PC Party, there is currently not an approved platform for long-term care. Mr. Walker stated that it will be necessary to properly plan and adjust otherwise long-term care will become a looming crisis. He did caution, however, that there are limited dollars.

Mr. Walker believes it is important to get in front of people and he congratulated the Working Group on its January 22nd presentation to Minister Eric Hoskins. He advised that the Working Group should maintain an open dialogue with all the players involved with long-term care. Media coverage will increase the chances of landing a meeting with the new Minister. Public meetings are another way to build attention to the cause and he suggested the Working Group hold two or three.

The Working Group thanked Mr. Walker for his time. That thanks will be followed up by letter. Terry Mokriy will draft the letter.

Items for Discussion

Follow-up from the March 8th Meeting with Grey County

The Working Group thought it important to thank the County for last week's meeting, offer to meet again if need be, and ask for a response now that the MMLTCWG presentation has been made and sent to the County's Long-Term Care Committee of Management for consideration. A letter to that effect was drafted by Terry Mokriy, read to the Working Group and approved for signature by the Chair.

Mokriy – Gamble

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group agrees to send a letter to the County of Grey, specifically to the Chair of the Long-Term Care Committee of Management, CAO and Director of Long-Term Chair, expressing thanks for meeting with the Working Group, offering to meet again if need be, and asking for an update on their decision(s) made to date.

CARRIED.

Big Data for Small Places

The Working Group will defer its consideration of the Big Data for Small Places proposal until after receiving feedback from the County regarding the March 8th presentation.

Impress Communications

Michelle Patey spoke to the "Save Grey Gables" proposal recently submitted to the Working Group. That proposal provides a menu of communication products which can be acted upon one-by-one or by a combination of several or all options.

The Working Group thought it wise to start developing some communication items while waiting for the County's response to the March 8th presentation. Their suggestion would be to start with a Timeline, Key Messages, Press Release and/or Letter to Editor, though the Working Group will leave the final choices to Impress Communications. An upper limit of \$1,000 was set for the development of this "start package".

It is important that the Working Group operate in an open and transparent manner, and that information be readily available. Each Member is to check with their respective Clerk to ensure that MMLTCWG Agendas and Minutes are posted on the municipal website.

Mokriy – Gamble

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group receives the "Save Grey Gables" Proposal from Impress Communications, and That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group agrees to procure the services of Impress Communications.

CARRIED.

Mackey – McKean

That the Multi-Municipal Long-Term Care Working Group directs Impress Communications to prepare a start package of communications products, the upset limit for such package being \$1,000.

CARRIED.

Open Forum

Those in attendance shared their thoughts on communications, next steps and engaging the public. They also commended the Working Group for its open and transparent manner.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2018. 2 pm - 4 pm.

Grey Highlands Council Chambers, Markdale.

Adjournment

McKean – Mokriy

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

Time: 4:10 pm

CARRIED.