

STAFF REPORT: Planning



REPORT TO: Mayor & Members of Council
MEETING DATE: February 04, 2008
REPORT NO.: PL.08.18
**SUBJECT: The North Simcoe Muskoka
Local Health Integration
Network (NSM LHIN)**
**PREPARED BY: Peter Tollefsen
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Planning Staff Report No. PL.08. "The North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network (NSM LHIN)", for information purposes.

B. Background

The North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration network (NSM LHIN), one of 14 in the Province of Ontario, is responsible for planning, funding and integrating health services within the local region.

There is a letter attached from the Chief Executive Officer, Jean Trimnell, dated January 7, 2008 introducing the NSM LHIN and describing a project they are currently undertaking to improve the health of the population of the Central West Simcoe planning area, which includes a portion of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

The first step in this project is to complete a comprehensive scan of the health status of the population and available health related costs in Central West Simcoe. A Technical Advisory Group is to be established to assist the project team in completing this scan and our organization has been identified as a partner and they are requesting the appropriate individual to participate in the Technical Advisory Group.

A draft scan has been completed and it is anticipated that the Technical Advisory Group's commitment would include reviewing the draft scan, providing additional available information, and participating in a one-day forum.

A concern was expressed at the amount of staff time required for this Technical Advisory Group. A message was sent out by Cheryl Faber dated January 17, 2008, copy attached, to clarify the role of the individual participating.

The Technical Advisory Group is a group that will be brought together for a short term commitment around this Central West Simcoe Planning Project. The individual that participates in this group from our organization will attend the forum, prepare with any pre-reading documentation before February 13th and will be available for follow-up as required from discussion at the forum.

Senior Policy Planner, Cindy Welsh, will attend the forum.

C. Strategic Plan

By providing information to the Local Integration network (LHIN) should help them maintain the best health care which fits with the goal:

“Managing growth to ensure the on growing health and prosperity of the community”.

D. Budget Impact Statement

Staff time required to participate in the forum.

E. Attachments

1. Letter dated January 7, 2008 from Jean Trimnell, Chief Executive Officer, NSM LHIN
2. E-mail dated January 17, 2008 from Cheryl Faber, LHIN

Respectfully submitted,

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