

Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibility Task Force

Mission/ Purpose:

This Task Force is responsible for the development of a health care spending policy that will guide Grey County Council's decision-making regarding funding requests from health care stakeholders.

Objectives:

1. To create a Health Care Funding Policy that will:
 - a. Provide information regarding Grey County Health Care funding and Outline rationale for where municipal funding should be allocated and the criteria for eligibility.
 - b. Provide maximum annual reserve contributions

Governance roles and responsibilities:

The Health Care Roles and Responsibility Task Force will seek input from health care stakeholders and provide staff with direction on the development of a Health Care Funding Policy to be applied in a consistent manner to funding requests received by Grey County from health care stakeholders.

Membership

Members of the Health Care Roles and Responsibility Task Force are appointed by Council and include four members of Council and the Warden. Each member of the task force shall:

1. Exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.
2. Become informed about health care sector funding in Ontario,
3. Take necessary measures to ensure that the corporation complies with legislation,
4. Be committed to achieving and maintaining the vision, mission and values of Grey County, and
5. Promote and communicate positively with the public about the partnerships with health care related stakeholders.

Chair and Vice Chair

The Warden will be the Chair of the Task Force. A Vice-Chair will be elected by the task force members at the first meeting of the year.

Advice to Council

The Task Force shall make recommendations to Council on the following matters, for which Council retains the decision-making role:

1. The annual operating budget provisions related to health care spending and requests from stakeholders that would require County financial support in whole or in part;
2. Development of a policy related to health care spending.

Meetings

The Task Force will meet at the call of the Chair.

Quorum

A quorum is more than 50% of the membership of the Task force.

Statutory Authority

The Task Force is guided by Grey County's Procedural By-law, Council's Code of Conduct, Provincial Acts and regulations, and other Grey County Policies as applicable.

Reporting Relationship

The Task Force reports to Grey County Committee of the Whole



Committee Minutes

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December 12, 2019 – 3:11 PM

The Health Care Funding Roles and Responsibilities Task Force met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Councillors Tom Hutchinson, Brian Milne, Selwyn Hicks; and Warden Paul McQueen

Regrets: Barb Clumpus

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Morrison, Clerk; Kevin Wepler, Director of Corporate Services and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order

Warden Paul McQueen called the meeting to order at 3:11 PM.

Declaration of Interest

There was none.

Reports

Confirmation of Stakeholders to Engage

Kim Wingrove noted that she has had conversations with some proposed stakeholders to see if they can provide background information on how they came to decisions on funding priorities and to provide a case for why Grey County should be involved in funding certain health related initiatives.

Ms. Wingrove noted that June Porter of the Physician Recruitment Committee in the Blue Mountains is interested in attending future meetings as a member of the public.

Ms. Wingrove will reach out to Dana Howes and Gerry Glover from the Grey Bruce

Ontario Health Team Planning Committee as well.

The Task Force may also want to hear from someone from the Canadian Forces base about the proposal for an operational post-traumatic stress disorder clinic at the Meaford hospital.

The Committee discussed physician recruitment and whether the County should be involved in this as currently the mandate is for health care capital projects only.

Staff will brainstorm the key questions the stakeholders can speak to when they attend. If there are other matters, the task force can provide these to the CAO.

Staff and the Committee believe a recommendation can come forward around May of 2020 from the task force.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

To be determined.

On motion by Councillor Hicks, the meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM.

Paul McQueen, Chair