



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

A special meeting of the Social Services Committee was held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 9:40 a.m. in the Pine Boardroom at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Debbie Robinson, Chair
 Jennifer Murphy, Warden

Committee Members: Deborah Farr, Sheldon Keller, Robert Reid, John Reinwald, Walter Stack

Regrets: Peter Emon, Les Scott

Staff Present: W. James Hutton, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
 Paul Moreau, Director of Social Services
 Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property
 Bruce Beakley, Director of Human Resources
 Karen McManus, Administrative Assistant

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

Mr. Paul Moreau provided background information on the Survivors of Domestic Violence – Portable Housing Benefit program and advised that on August 31, 2016, By-law 90-16 was adopted authorizing the County of Renfrew to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Housing relating to the Survivors of Domestic Violence-Portable Housing Benefit (SDV-PHB) Pilot Program. The pilot program was run by the County of Renfrew and was to terminate on March 31, 2018.

An amending agreement was signed with the Ministry of Housing to provide additional funding to the County of Renfrew to use in the first quarter of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year (April 1 – June 30, 2018) for participants transitioning to the new Portable Housing Benefit – Special Priority Policy (PHB-SPP) Program that would begin in July of 2018.

Through the Portable Housing Benefit – Special Priority Policy (PHB-SPP), survivors of domestic violence who are approved under the Special Priority Policy (SPP) will be provided with

additional options to meet their housing needs so they can immediately find housing in their community.

The Program is to be administered and delivered by the Ministry of Housing, with assistance from the Service Manager and the Ministry of Finance.

Service Managers will help deliver this program by providing program information to eligible applicants and supporting the application process. Service Managers will receive an administration payment for each application approved for their service area and will be reimbursed for funding provided to eligible applicants for first and last month's rent.

Mr. Moreau indicated that staff will be monitoring the new program to ensure that County of Renfrew staff are properly compensated for their participation with clients of this program.

The Ministry of Housing has provided a new transfer payment agreement with details of the financial and administrative components of the new Portable Housing Benefit – Special Priority Policy (PHB-SPP) Program.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-18-06-53

Moved by: Warden Murphy
Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that a by-law be adopted to authorize the Warden and Clerk to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Housing and Ministry of Finance for the new Portable Housing Benefit-Special Priority Policy (PHB-SPP) Program.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-18-06-54

Moved by: Councillor Farr
Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT this meeting adjourn. Time 9:45 a.m.

CARRIED.