



## SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

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A meeting of the Social Services Committee was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 1:25 p.m. at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Debbie Robinson, Chair  
Jennifer Murphy, Warden

Committee Members: James Brose, Brian Hunt, John Reinwald

Regrets: Glenn Doncaster, Debbi Grills, Ed Jacyno, Janice Visneskie Moore

Staff Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
Laura LePine, Director of Social Services  
Carol Neill, General Manager, Renfrew County Housing Corporation  
Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care & Early Years Services  
Jennifer Dombroskie, Ontario Works Supervisor  
Rosalyn Gruntz, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk  
Michael Barber, Media Relations/Grants Coordinator  
Karen McManus, Administrative Assistant

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Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### **RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-19-03-06**

Moved by: Councillor Reinwald  
Seconded by: Councillor Brose

THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee meeting held on January 8, 2019 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

Ms. Laura LePine, Director of Social Services, reviewed the Department Report, attached as Appendix A.

Ms. LePine reported on a meeting that she and Mr. Paul Moreau, CAO attended, along with Detachment Commander of the Renfrew OPP Colin Slight, to discuss Community Safety and Well-

Being Planning (CSWB). The new legislative requirements related to CSWB planning came into force on January 1, 2019, as an amendment to the Police Services Act, 1990 (PSA). As part of legislation, municipalities are required to develop and adopt community safety and well-being plans working in partnership with a multi-sectoral advisory committee comprised of representation from the police service board and other local service providers in health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services. Municipalities have until 2021 to develop the plan. Failure to comply with the requirement will result in the appointment of a community safety planner by the Ministry who would be empowered to exercise the powers of a municipal council to fulfill the requirement to develop and implement the plan and the cost would be charged to the municipality.

Ms. LePine and Mr. Moreau reported that staff have started an investigation into the logistics of this, including costs for administration and monitoring of the plans. Ms. LePine indicated that she will be discussing this issue at a meeting of 47 CMSMs she will be attending at the end of March to gather information on what other areas are doing.

Warden Murphy commented that she feels strongly that this is an OPP matter and should not be downloaded to lower tiers. The Committee members were in agreement and feel this would be an extra burden to municipalities, both financially and on staff resources in terms of capacity to deliver, costs, and ability to implement.

**RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-19-03-07**

Moved by: Warden Murphy

Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that the County of Renfrew contact the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) to object to the mandate requiring municipalities in Renfrew County to develop a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

CARRIED.

**Child Care and Early Years Division**

Ms. Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care and Early Years Services, overviewed the Child Care and Early Years Division report.

Ms. Mulvihill reported that on November 30, 2016, County Council approved that staff complete an application to the Ministry of Education to operate, on an interim basis, a Licensed Home Child Care Agency within the Child Care Services Division beginning 2017. County Council approved that County of Renfrew Child Care Services proceed with the oversight of no more than five Licensed Child Care homes in rural Renfrew County and on April, 25, 2018, County Council approved an increase to ten homes.

Ms. Mulvihill indicated that the County of Renfrew has entered into agreements with nine licensed child care homes that are operating at full capacity with a blend of full and part time children. These

homes are located in both urban and rural areas of Renfrew County meeting the needs where child care programs are full or unavailable. Ms. Mulvihill recommended that an additional agreement be entered into with Lillian Afelskie, Pembroke, Ontario. This will bring the total number of Licensed Home Child Care providers to ten.

**RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-19-03-08**

Moved by: Councillor Hunt

Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that By-law No. 50-17 authorizing the County of Renfrew to enter into an agreement with Licensed Home Child Care service providers, be amended to enter into an agreement with Lillian Afelskie, Pembroke, Ontario.

CARRIED.

**Ontario Works Division**

Ms. Jennifer Dombroskie, Ontario Works Supervisor, overviewed the Ontario Works Division Report including caseload statistics and program updates.

Ms. Dombroskie reported that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities announced a plan to transform employment services in Ontario. Under this new plan employment programs for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs will be integrated into Employment Ontario to create a single streamlined system. A competitive process will be launched to select organizations to manage the employment service in each area. The competitive process will be open to any public, not-for-profit and private sector organization, as well as consolidated municipal service managers. The new service model will be phased in, starting with three prototypes in the fall of 2019. She indicated that as more information is rolled out it will be brought to the Committee.

Ms. Dombroskie noted that Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) have entered a partnership where an ODSP caseworker will be working out of the Arnprior Ontario Works office one day per month, as ODSP does not have an office in Arnprior. This will allow ODSP clients to meet with a caseworker face to face without having to travel to the ODSP office in Renfrew.

**RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-19-03-09**

Moved by: Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by: Councillor Brose

THAT the Social Services Department Report, attached as Appendix A, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

New Business

Warden Murphy noted that she had just been notified that as of March 31, 2019, Family and Children's Services (FSC) has decided to terminate its leased space in Arnprior and staff will be utilizing the Renfrew office.

A discussion was held regarding holding the May meeting of this Committee at a location where staff of the Social Services Department are located. Ms. Lepine indicated she will consult with the Chief Administrative Officer and staff and bring back a suggestion for a meeting location at the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-19-03-10**

Moved by: Warden Murphy

Seconded by: Councillor Brose

THAT the Social Services Committee move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the purpose of: (1) Litigation or potential litigation, and (2) Explicitly confidential information from Sr. Government. Time 2:03 p.m.

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-19-03-12**

Moved by: Councillor Brose

Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time 2:18 p.m.

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-19-03-13**

Moved by: Warden Murphy

Seconded by: Councillor Brose

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that By-law 108-17, being a by-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Education for the 2018-19 Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre Service Agreement, be amended to add Amending Agreement No. 2 to reflect the Community-Based EarlyON Child and Family Centre Capital Program (CBEP) funding allocation.

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-19-03-14**

Moved by: Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by: Councillor Brose

THAT the next meeting of this Committee be held on April 10, 2019 and this meeting adjourn. Time 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED.

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