

# Minutes

## Long-Term Care Committee of Management

January 9, 2024

Present: Councillor Scott Mackey, Councillor Sue Paterson, Councillor Sue Carleton, Councillor Shirley Keaveney, Warden Brian Milne

Regrets: Councillor Tom Hutchinson, Councillor Dane Nielsen

Staff Present: Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care, Karen Kraus, Executive Director, Renate Cowan, Accreditation and Quality Specialist, Shannon Cox, Executive Director, Stacey Goldie, Executive Director, Denna Leach, Clinical Specialist, Sheri Murphy, Support Services and Educational Lead, Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance, Markus Hawco, Long-Term Care Finance Manager, Sarah Goldrup, Deputy Clerk

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### Call to Order

The Long-Term Care Committee of Management met electronically on the above date. The Deputy Clerk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Councillors Nielsen and Hutchinson.

### Election of Chair and Vice Chair

CM01-24

Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That Councillor Mackey be nominated as Chair of the Long-Term Care Committee of Management for 2024.**

Carried

On motion by Councillor Carleton, nominations closed.

Councillor Mackey accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair of the Committee for 2024.

CM02-24

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That Councillor Paterson be nominated as Vice Chair of the Long-Term Care Committee of Management for 2024.**

Carried

On motion by Councillor Keaveney, nominations closed.

Councillor Paterson accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Committee for 2024.

Councillor Mackey then assumed the role of Chair.

## **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Delegations**

There were no delegations.

## **Items For Direction or Discussion**

### **LTCR-CM-01-24 - LTC Director Update November 1 – December 31, 2023**

Jennifer Cornell reviewed the report and spoke about ministry updates, infection prevention and control strategies, finance, staffing and training, recovery and wellness, accreditation, Fixing Long-Term Care Act compliance, the behavioural support transition unit (BSTU), and partnerships. The Director highlighted recent ministry mandates and memos, vaccination and hand hygiene programs, provincial funding for professional development, staff recruitment, sector advocacy regarding Bill C-295, BSTU residents and supports, and submissions for the AdvantAge Ontario Convention.

In response to questions, Jennifer Cornell discussed the board's role in the accreditation process. Denna Leach described the hand hygiene request for proposals process and the development of the new program, including the suite of products and corresponding education. Jennifer Cornell reviewed the provincial funding for training and professional development and confirmed eligibility for funding to incentivize the recruitment of new team members.

CM03-24

Moved by: Councillor Keaveney

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**That report LTCR-CM-01-24 regarding a Long-Term Care Director Update be received for information.**

Carried

## LTCR-CM-02-24 - Long-Term Care Operational Report – October 15, 2023, to December 14, 2023

Renae Cowan reviewed the data for each of the homes and continued efforts to improve quality indicators averages. The presenter explained that averages were impacted by the behavioural support transition unit (BSTU) and high acuity resident care needs.

In response to questions, staff confirmed that BSTU data could not be broken out of the publicly reported numbers used for the report and discussed representing data trends over time. Further, Renate Cowan spoke about the potential impact of additional care hours on quality indicators.

Denna Leach spoke about quality improvement projects and clinical projects as they prepare for accreditation, such as data integration to support residents during care transitions and other 2024 initiatives.

Karen Kraus reported on inspections from healthcare partners during the reporting period, including visits from the Ministry of Long-Term Care Inspectors in November for Lee Manor and Rockwood Terrace. The presenter described critical incident reports and outbreaks declared by Public Health from this period that have since been deemed resolved.

Stacey Goldie celebrated several Colour It Story moments from the reporting period, including Oktoberfest and holiday celebrations at each of the homes, and reviewed the environmental section of the report.

Kim Mustard shared the compliments and Colour It Stories collected during the period.

In response to questions, staff discussed wait list numbers and times and noted that while the list stabilized, numbers were still high.

CM04-24

Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**That the Long-Term Care Operational Report LTCR-CM-02-24 dated October 15, 2023, to December 14, 2023, be received for information.**

Carried

## LTCR-CM-03-24 - Heat Exchanger Replacement – Lee Manor

Stacey Goldie reviewed the report and described the heat exchanger replacement projects, associated costs, and the challenge of limited suppliers. In response to questions from the Committee, staff confirmed that the unit would be returned to the provider to investigate the early failure.

CM05-24

Moved by: Councillor Paterson

Seconded by: Councillor Carleton

**That report LTCR-CM-03-24 regarding the emergency purchase for the replacement of the Heat Exchanger at Lee Manor be received for information.**

Carried

## **Closed Meeting Matters (If Required)**

There was no closed meeting.

## **Correspondence**

**Correspondence - Municipalities of Shuniah & North Perth - Request for Support for Bill 21 - Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act - Till Death Do Us Part**

Jennifer Cornell reviewed the proposed private bill, the concern and challenge of spouses being separated, the existing provisions and regulations for spousal reunification, and the lack of language in the proposed legislation around prioritization and admission criteria to ensure equitable access to long-term care. In response to questions from the Committee, staff discussed the proposed legislation, concerns about equitable admission prioritization and admission criteria, and spousal reunification in long-term care homes.

CM06-24

Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**That correspondence from the Municipalities of Shuniah and North Perth regarding request for support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), be received for information; and**

**That staff be directed to prepare a future report to provide additional information regarding considerations for the equitable prioritization of admission criteria and Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part).**

Carried

## **Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **Next Meeting Date**

## **Adjournment**

The Long-Term Care Committee of Management adjourned at 10:16 a.m. to the call of the Chair.