

Minutes

Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force

November 28, 2024

1. Call to Order

The Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force met electronically on the above date. The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. with the following members in attendance:

Vice Chair Paul McQueen, Councillors Mackey, McKay, Hutchinson, Greig and Warden Milne. Councillor Matrosovs sent her regrets.

Kim Wingrove, Randy Scherzer, Mary Lou Spicer, Rob Hatten, Jennifer Cornell, Karen Kraus and Tara Warder were also in attendance.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Delegations

4. Items For Direction or Discussion

Andrew Rodrigues presented to the Task Force and noted the completed tasks and milestones, including masonry work in progress in the north, east and west wings and slab on grade is 90% complete. Electrical and mechanical underground services, rough ins and risers are in progress. There is a plan to work over the winter months.

Mr. Rodrigues noted that there is a plan with JT Excavating to undertake snow clearing.

There are not forecasted variances at completion based on the upset limit approved by Grey County.

Grey County can expect the first draw from Infrastructure Ontario in the first or second quarter of 2025.

Rob Hatten then provided an overview of the Communications Plan. He outlined key elements of the plan. The vision is defined in order to make the community aware of the project and show commitment to Long-term Care services.

Goals include celebrating milestones.

He spoke to the audiences and the strategies used to reach them. Some strategies include advertising, newsletters, mail, livestream camera images and holding update meetings.

Key Messaging and timelines were noted. The importance of the use of visuals was noted.

Questions were addressed regarding the communications plan, updates to the construction site, selection of furnishings, equipment and infrastructure.

4.a FR-RP-39-24 2025 Draft Redevelopment Budget

Mary Lou Spicer addressed the Task Force on the above noted report. She noted that the draft budget recommends a \$600,000 increase to the levy. There is no increase proposed for 2026 at this time however staff will monitor this in preparation for the 2026 budget.

It was noted that there is just under \$7,000,000 in reserves that have been set aside for the project and that Grey County is likely to enter into a 25 year debenture as the project nears completion.

There are a number of assumptions that have been made in developing the budget. The timing of expenditures is an unknown at this point. It appears interest rates are heading in the right direction which makes borrowing favourable.

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Moved by: Councillor Mackey

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

That Report FR-RP-39-24 regarding the 2025 Draft Redevelopment Budget be received; and

That the 2025 Draft Redevelopment Budget as presented, be forwarded to County Council for consideration.

Carried

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Next Meeting Date

To be determined.

7. Adjournment

On motion of Councillors McKay and Warden Milne, the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Planning Task Force adjourned at 2:24 p.m. to the call of the Chair.