



**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

The Committee met at 1:00 p.m. by video conference.

**Members Present:** Councillor Laura Ryan (Chair)  
Warden Darren White  
Councillor Earl Hawkins  
Councillor Guy Gardhouse  
Councillor Janet Horner  
Councillor Philip Rentsch

**Members Absent:** Councillor Steve Anderson (prior notice)

**Staff Present:** Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer  
Michelle Dunne, Clerk  
Brenda Wagner, Administrator, Dufferin Oaks  
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services  
Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer  
Tom Reid, Paramedic Services  
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Chair Ryan shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

The Clerk verbally took a roll call of Councillors in attendance.

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions submitted.

## **REPORTS**

1. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 25, 2021 – ITEM #1  
Reallocation of Funding Notice

A report from the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks, dated February 25, 2021, to provide information around a notice received from the Central West LHIN regarding approval to reallocate funding for the 2020/21 year.

**Moved by Councillor Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse**

**THAT the report of the Administrator dated February 25, 2021 with regards to the Reallocation of Funding Notice be received;**

**AND THAT Council authorizes the Warden to sign the Reallocation of Funding Notice on behalf of Council for submission to the Central West LHIN.**

**-Carried-**

2. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 25, 2021 – ITEM #2  
Declaration of Compliance

A report from the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks, dated February 25, 2021, to approve the signing of the Declaration of Compliance as required by Long Term Care Home Accountability Agreement.

**Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Rentsch**

**THAT the report of the Administrator of Dufferin Oaks dated February 25, 2021, regarding the Declaration of Compliance be received;**

**AND THAT Council authorizes the Warden to sign the Declaration on behalf of Council for submission to the Central West LHIN.**

**-Carried-**

3. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 25, 2021 – ITEM #3  
Social Assistance Transformation

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated February 25, 2021, to share the plans for Social Assistance Transformation as released by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS).

**Moved by Councillor Rentsch, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse**

**THAT the report of the Director, Community Services dated February 25, 2021, titled Social Assistance Transformation, be received.**

**-Carried-**

4. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 25, 2021 – ITEM #4  
Ontario Health Team – Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Update

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated February 25, 2021, to provide an update on the progress of the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative and to request Council authorize the signing of their Collaborative Decision Making Agreement (CDMA).

**Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Horner**

**THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Ontario Health Team – Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Update, dated February 25, 2021 be received;**

**AND THAT Council authorize the signing of the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team Collaboration Agreement.**

**-Carried-**

5. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 25, 2021 – ITEM #5  
Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – Fourth Quarter 2020

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated February 25, 2021, to provide a summary of work undertaken by the Community Services Housing, Ontario Works and Children's Services Division.

**Moved by Councillor Rentsch, seconded by Councillor Hawkins**

**THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – Fourth Quarter, 2020, dated February 25, 2021 be received.**

**-Carried-**

6. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 25, 2021 – ITEM #6  
Dufferin Vaccination Clinic Planning (Report 1)

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 25, 2021, to provide the committee and Council with information about COVID 19 vaccination planning for Dufferin County was presented and discussed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Ryan requested a discussion on the child care subsidy waitlist. The Director of Community Services explained that the funding the County received from the Ministry of Education is funneled into three areas: General Operating Grant to Child Care Providers, Child Care Subsidy to families to assist with the cost of Child Care, and funding for Special Need Resourcing. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the traditional funding model changed. The County was directed by the Ministry to provide funding for the Emergency Child Care, however no additional funding was received to offset the cost. The County is monitoring the funding challenges and has raised concerns with the Ministry of Education on funding and its impact on the families and Child Care operators. The County is waiting for the results of the 2020 Ministry of Education reconciliation and how it will impact the funding for 2021. Should there be a surplus or additional funding, it will be applied to the Child Care Fee Subsidy Wait list.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.  
Video Conference

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Laura Ryan, Chair  
Health and Human Services Committee