



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The Committee met at 1:00 p.m. at the W & M Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre St, Orangeville.

Members Present: Councillor Darren White (Chair)
Councillor Guy Gardhouse
Councillor Earl Hawkins
Councillor Gail Little
Councillor James McLean
Warden Wade Mills (arrived at 1:28 pm)
Councillor Fred Nix
Councillor Lisa Post
Councillor Philip Rentsch

Other Members Present: Councillor Janet Horner

Staff Present: Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dunne, Clerk
Brenda Wagner, Administrator, Dufferin Oaks
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk

Chair White called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Chair White 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 from the public.

REPORTS

1. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #1
Canada Wide Early Years and Child Care System (CWELCC) Update 2

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated February 23, 2023, to provide an update on the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System (CWELCC).

Moved by Councillor Little, seconded by Councillor McLean

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, titled Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System (CWELCC) Update 2, dated February 23, 2023, be received.

-Carried-

2. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #2
Early Years and Child Care Workforce Strategy Update 2

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated February 23, 2023, to provide an update on the implementation of the Early Years and Child Care Workforce Strategy.

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, Early Years and Child Care Workforce Update 2, dated February 23, 2023, be received.

-Carried-

3. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #3
Ontario Works Update

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated February 23, 2023, to provide an update on the availability of the new provincially centralised application process of Ontario Works applications and Employment Services.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, dated February 23, 2023, titled Ontario Works Update, be received.

-Carried-

Warden Mills joined the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

4. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – February 23, 2023 – ITEM #4
Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – Third Quarter 2022

A report from the Director of Community Services, dated February 23, 2023, to provide Council with quarterly infographics that summarize the work undertaken by the Community Services Department, across Housing Services, Ontario Works and Early Years and Child Care (EYCC) Divisions.

Moved by Councillor Little, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the report of the Director, Community Services, dated February 23, 2023, titled Ontario Works Update, be received.

-Carried-

5. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee discussed how they could participate in advocacy work and support the initiatives of groups such as AMO and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus. AMO has circulated correspondence regarding homelessness and is requesting Council support. The correspondence will be circulated to members at the next Council meeting.

The Dufferin Oaks Administrator advised the Committee that Dufferin Oaks has been recognized as having their programs accredited through CARF (Commission

on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). The Administrator thanked everyone who took part in the process.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 23, 2023
W & M Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre St, Orangeville

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Darren White, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee