



Cultural Services and Seniors Committee

Minutes - October 9, 2008

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The CULTURAL SERVICES AND SENIORS COMMITTEE met in the Auditorium of the Health and Library Complex, Clinton at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Warden J. Bezaire and Board Member Cheryl Heath.

SENIORS AND MUSEUM

1. Minutes

Moved by D. Kelly

Seconded by G. Robertson

That the minutes of the Seniors and Museum portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of September 11, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Report from the Homes for the Aged

Barb Springall, Homes Administrator, presented the attached report (Appendix A) for the information of committee and Council.

- a) Administrative Update (Appendix A)

Moved by J. Seili

Seconded by T. Collyer

That the report be received.

CARRIED

- b) Huronlea Amending Agreement with South West Local Health Integration Network

Attached is correspondence from the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) regarding an Amending Agreement, Schedule A for additional per diem amount of \$1.25 in new funding to create new personal support workers (PSW) positions, retroactive to August 1st, 2008. Future installments of this funding are conditional on receipt of the fully executed Amending Agreement by October 17, 2008. Funds are to be treated as an increase in funding within the Nursing and Personal Care (NPC) envelope. These agreements will amend the existing service agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

It is recommended that the Amending Agreement, Schedule A, between the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and Huronlea Home for the Aged, Corporation of the County of Huron be approved for signature.

A discussion ensued among committee members regarding the funding being announced by the LHIN for PSW hours. It was remarked that the homes did not lay off any staff when the nursing department funding dropped in 2008/09 due to the low CMI, and that the County is putting in over \$1 million dollars annually in nursing department salaries, and the announced \$1.25 per diem (reduced by the CMI) was insufficient to cover the shortfall of provincial funding.

In light of the above, it was agreed that the municipality should lobby the necessary parties (Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Local Health Integration Network and provincial politicians) to be allowed to retain the funding and not be subject to a clawback.

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by D. Kelly
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

c) Good Food Box Program

David Carey, Treasury, submitted the attached report (Appendix D) as requested at the September 11, 2008 for the information of committee and Council.

Moved by G. Robertson
Seconded by J. Seili
That the report be received.

CARRIED

d) Proposed Rate Increases for Year 2009

Becky Jervis, Business Manager, submitted the attached report (Appendix E) for the information of committee and Council.

It recommended that the rental rates at Highland and Heartland Apartments increase effective January 1, 2009 by 1.8% as allowable under the provincial rent control guidelines.

Moved by T. Collyer
Seconded by D. Kelly
That the recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

3. Accounts and Financial Statements Homes for the Aged

Accounts for September 2008 in the amount of \$143,305.69 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2008 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Homes for the Aged	9,142,406	9,229,327	9,854,419	10,478,719	712,013	1,249,392

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by G. Robertson
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

4. Report of the Museum Curator

Pat Hamilton, Curator, presented the attached report (Appendix B) which includes statistics for the August reporting period for the information of committee and Council.

Councillor N. Vincent and the chair, Councillor J. Fergusson commended Mrs. Hamilton for her efforts at the Huron County Ploughing Match. The display was exceptional and well appreciated by the public.

Moved by D. Kelly
Seconded by T. Collyer
That the report be received.

CARRIED

5. Accounts and Financial Statements for the Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol

Accounts for September 2008 in the amount of \$11,130.03 were reviewed.

Financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2008 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Museum/Gaol	\$115,706	\$127,952	\$705,833	\$783,180	\$590,127	\$655,228
Heritage Fund	5,000		7,458	13,334	2,458	13,334

Moved by N. Vincent
Seconded by J. Seili
That the accounts and financial statements be received.

CARRIED

LIBRARY BOARD

6. Minutes

Moved by D. Kelly
Seconded by P. Menzies
That the minutes of the Library Board portion of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee meeting of September 11, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Board Member Issues

Board Member N. Fairless asked for more information about the 3,000 library hours branch staff are required to work to qualify for a Branch Assistant position in the library system. Meighan Wark, Branch Services Librarian, explained that those who complete their Excel Certificate and fulfill the requisite 3,000 hours may apply to move up from a Circulation Clerk to a Branch Assistant position. Staff usually need to take on supply hours in the system to complete their 3,000 hours in a timely manner.

7. Library

- a) Reports for Information/Updating Purposes

Sharon Cox, Deputy County Librarian, and Meaghan Wark, Branch Services Librarian, presented the attached report (Appendix C), which includes statistics for the relevant month.

b) Book Expenditure Report

Sharon Cox, Deputy County Librarian presented the Book Expenditure and Outstanding Book Order Report for the period ending September 30, 2008 which showed total purchases to date of \$315,090 with outstanding orders totalling \$64,215 leaving the approximate amount in the uncommitted book budget of \$108,257.

Moved by P. Chisholm
Seconded by D. Kelly
That the foregoing reports be received.

CARRIED

8. Accounts and Financial Statement

Accounts for September 2008 totalling \$45,366.90 were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending August 31, 2008 was reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Library	\$170,470	\$268,877	\$1,662,448	\$1,696,778	\$1,491,978	\$1,427,901

Moved by E. Nichols
Seconded by P. Menzies
That the accounts and financial statement be received.

CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cultural Services and Seniors Committee will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at the Health and Library Complex, Clinton. The Library Board portion will be held at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Moved by N. Fairles
Seconded by T. Collyer
That the meeting adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

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Chair