

Committee of Management for Huron Lodge

Meeting held March 9, 2022

A meeting of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge is held this day commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. via Zoom video conference, there being present the following members:

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Jeewen Gill

Regrets received from:

Councillor Gary Kaschak

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Jelena Payne, Commissioner Economic Development & Innovation
Debbie Cercone, Interim Commissioner, Human & Health Services
Alina Sirbu, Executive Director of LTD Administration Huron Lodge
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:04 o'clock a.m. and the Committee of Management considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Gill, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge held December 8, 2021 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. In Camera

No In Camera session is held.

5. Business Items

5.1 Administrator's Report

A. Sirbu provides an overview of the Administrator's Report as follows:

- The Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) continues to issue numerous guidance documents, immunization policy updates, pandemic response updates as well as testing and outbreak protocols.
- In light of the highly transmissible Omicron variant, the Public Health Unit declared Huron Lodge in outbreak as of January 2, 2022. Family members and staff were notified immediately. All cases were mildly symptomatic or asymptomatic and the outbreak was finalized on February 15, 2022.
- Vaccine Clinics were set up at Huron Lodge due to the Ministry's mandatory Booster requirement.
- The MLTC launched the new Proactive Inspections Program in November 2021.
- The Program takes a resident-centred approach by allowing for more direct discussion with residents to focus on their care needs as well as the home's program and services.
- CAO 9/2022 approved that the Executive Director, Huron Lodge be authorized to sign the required attestation for the High Intensity Needs Fund to be submitted to the Ministry of Long-Term Care
- All long-term care homes will receive a proactive inspection by the end of 2024.
- Annualized funding for additional staffing at Huron Lodge – this new funding supports the increase to the provincial average of direct hands-on care provided by registered nurses, registered practical nurses and personal support workers to four hours a day per resident by the 2024-25 funding year.
- The Ministry has provided standalone Hepa Filtration Units to all qualifying Long Term Care Homes.
- Submission of a Grant Application for funding – New Horizons for Seniors Program on December 17, 2021. The application was submitted for \$25,000 for the Chrysalis Project Phase 2 on January 20, 2022.
- The Ontario government announced the Windsor Essex Ontario Health Team on February 10, 2022. The province will provide up to \$1.1 million to help the Windsor Essex Ontario Health Team to seamlessly integrate health care services for patients and support the region's continued response to COVID-19.
- On December 8, 2021, MLTC held a webinar: Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021: An Overview of the Proposed Legislation's Repairs to the System. As evidenced in the attached power point presentation there will be many areas of change in both the Act and regulations – the changes range from procedural to programs to

enforcement and for the first time ever hours of care. Once Fixing the Long Term Care Act and regulations will be passed further updates will be provided.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Gill regarding what percentage of the staff have received the third dose of the vaccine, A. Sirbu responds that the directive from the Ministry mandates that if staff have contracted COVID, they have up to 100 days from the date tested positive to acquire a third dose. She adds that a lower number of staff are being followed up to ensure compliance and that the majority of the residents have received their fourth dose.

J. Payne notes that in terms of possibly lifting the mask mandate, there will continue to be restrictions and directives associated with long term care. There may be issues with the public saying that they can live their life the way they want, yet Huron Lodge is still requiring a vaccine and a mask which may cause a push back from family, friends and visitors. It is important to note that there is a higher standard in long-term care homes.

In response to a question asked by the Chair regarding the Ontario Health Teams and how it affects the City of Windsor including our accountability, J. Payne responds that the Ontario Health Team is being led by the health care sector. She adds that she sits on the table from a social services lens as health care is a spectrum of services related to wellbeing. A. Sirbu brings the lens that represents the long-term care sector. Also included are all three hospitals, EMS, forty-seven local agencies (at the partnership table) and also a steering committee (with 15-20 members). The city is not the lead for healthcare but are definitely at the table.

The Chair asks in the future, can family members pick up a resident and take them out, for example to the Mall, and asks if there are strict regulations associated with day trips for residents.

A. Sirbu responds that at this time, the Ministry is still using pandemic protocols and currently all social day absences are allowed for residents regardless of their vaccination status and may go with their caregiver overnight (if the resident has received three doses).

The Chair asks if staff have been working overtime due to COVID-19. A. Sirbu responds that they have been proactive in their approach. They did not go to tremendous expense and adds that most of their colleagues had to pay staffing agencies in order to survive the last few months. When the outbreak hit, and the numbers at Huron Lodge were dwindling, they were still able to offer the staffing as appropriate and the Ministry provided an extra three months of prevention and containment funding to support all homes with whatever overtime was required due to the outbreaks.

Moved by Councillor Gill, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
That the report from the Administrator of Huron Lodge providing the Committee of Management with an update on issues related to resident care; the Ministry of Long-Term

Care, Ontario Health, Home and Community Care Support Services and other initiatives that impact the Long-Term Care sector **BE RECEIVED** for information and **APPROVED** for the period ending February 28, 2022.

Carried.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 9:40 o'clock a.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR