

## **Committee of Management for Huron Lodge**

Meeting held September 23, 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  
Councillor Gary Kaschak

### ***Also present are the following resource personnel:***

Alina Sirbu, Executive Director, Long Term Care Administrator of Huron Lodge  
Debbie Cercone, Interim Commissioner, Human & Health Services  
Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Human & Health Services  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

#### **2. Disclosure of Interest**

None.

#### **3. Adoption of the Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Gill, seconded by Councillor Kaschak,  
That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge held June 30, 2022 **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:

- Huron Lodge was declared in outbreak on August 28, 2022. Enhanced infection control methods are being followed by all staff, visitors, contractors and residents not only within the outbreak area but across the entire home.
- The Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) continues to issue numerous guidance documents and directives. The Huron Lodge Management team and staff continue to work together to ensure the safety of our residents, family members and colleagues.
- The MTC has implemented some initiatives as part of the "Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery".
- Huron Lodge continues to be under strict guidelines from the MTC in regards to containment and isolation of cases in staff, residents and visitors.
- Accommodation charges will be increasing starting October 1, 2022 and the residents and families have been advised of this increase.
- The province has announced that COVID-19 Prevention and Containment and PPE Funding will continue until March 2023 with a reduced amount in the later part of the year. Huron Lodge expects to receive \$783,700 for the 2022/23 funding year.
- Huron Lodge is in the second year of the 3 Year Medication Safety Technology funding program initiated by the MLTC. This funding supports the implementation technologies to support the secure and accurate electronic transmission and handling of prescription formation, security of drug supply, accurate administration of medication, oversight and monitoring of the medication use process and improve the home's functioning of the medication management system. The program will provide \$80,125 in funding this year and an additional \$80,125 next year to use for medication initiatives.
- In terms of a permanent personal support worker wage enhancement, the MLTC has announced that the \$3 wage enhancement is now permanent.
- An additional opportunity for the Government of Canada Grant is available in November and Huron Lodge will make application in order to complete Phase 3 of the Chrysalis project.
- New legislation specifies requirements for a continuous quality committee and its composition. Feedback from residents and families through the customer satisfaction surveys along with committee reports will form the foundation of the strategic plan for Huron Lodge.
- On July 5, 2022, the Windsor Essex County Health Unit conducted a compliance inspection, an Outbreak Response Inspection and a Food Premises Inspection. No violations were noted.

In response to a question asked by the Chair regarding the enhanced role of the Medical Director of Huron Lodge, A. Sirbu responds that Dr. O'Callahan is now under the new regulations from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and will be participating actively in all of their strategy meetings.

Councillor Gill asks if the Ministry has a long term plan for COVID funding.

A. Sirbu responds that the Ministry may continue their support of a certain level of COVID-19 containment funding while the strict regulations are in place.

Councillor Gill asks in term of a third party agency, what is the frequency of the inspections.

A. Sirbu responds that the inspections of the facility are unannounced and fluctuate as they want to see the day-to-day operations.

Councillor Kaschak asks in terms of the rates at Huron Lodge. are they comparable to the private sector or other long term care homes in the Windsor-Essex County area.

A. Sirbu responds that the rates are set by the Ministry and the rates are exactly the same for private, semi-private rooms and basic rooms.

Councillor Kaschak asks if wage enhancement for nurses through the Ministry of Health has been considered.

A. Sirbu responds that Huron Lodge has received \$5,000 through the Ministry which was a one-time fund that was distributed to the RN's and RPN's.

Moved by Councillor G. Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Gill,

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 (MLTC); Ontario Health; Home and Community Care Support Services (HCCSS) and other initiatives that impact the Long Term-Care sector **BE RECEIVED** for information and **APPROVED** for the period ending September 23, 2022.

Carried.

A. Sirbu reports that there has been some discontent expressed by the residents and family members due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

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

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 9:32 o'clock a.m.

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**CHAIR**

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**COMMITTEE COORDINATOR**