

Committee of Management for Huron Lodge

Meeting held March 7, 2024

A meeting of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge is held this day commencing at 11:00 o'clock a.m. in Room 203, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Fred Francis
Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Alina Sirbu, Executive Director Long Term Care Administrator of Huron Lodge
Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Human & Health Services
Doran Anzolin, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 10:56 o'clock a.m. and the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge 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 Fred Francis, seconded by Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge held November 20, 2023 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. In Camera

No In Camera session is held.

5. Business Items

5.1 Administrator's Report

Alina Sirbu advises that the Minister of Long Term Care Stan Cho will be visiting the City of Windsor on March 13, 2024. The purpose of his visit is to allow for an opportunity to meet with residents and staff and to hear about some of the local initiatives and their successful implementation at Huron Lodge.

Moved by Councillor Fred Francis, seconded by Councilor Jo-Anne Gignac,
That the update relating to the visit by the Minister of Long Term Care Stan Cho to the City of Windsor on March 13, 2024 **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

Alina Sirbu provides the highlights of the Administrator's Report as follows:

- In October 2023, Huron Lodge received information from Ontario Health that they were offering funding for specialized equipment in order to improve diagnostic equipment in long term care homes. The nursing team completed an application and submitted it to Ontario Health which was approved in the amount of \$14,050 which would go directly toward the purchase of a hand held bladder scanner. This device is beneficial to the residents as the bladder scan is a safe, painless, reliable procedure that allows the assessment instead of urinary catheterization.
- The Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee provided \$7,200 to purchase a Snoezelen cart.
- The Ontario government has created a new Investigations Unit to ensure every long-term care resident lives with dignity and experiences the quality of care they deserve. The new unit is now active and will investigate allegations such as:
 - failing to protect a resident from abuse or neglect,
 - repeated and ongoing non-compliance,
 - failing to comply with ministry inspector's orders,
 - suppressing and/or falsifying mandatory reports, and
 - negligence of corporate directors.
- The investigative unit methods are dictated through a different methodology that may involve subpoenas and court orders as needed.
- Inspections and investigations will be used by separate ministry teams with the investigation team being reserved for more serious situations in which an alleged criminal intent is identified.
- It is suggested that the ramifications from COVID brought all of this to the forefront.
- Inspectors will continue to exercise unlimited access to information as per legislation. Members of the public submitting a complaint cannot decide upon the type of inspection/ investigation that the ministry will commence.

- The Ministry is providing a one-time funding top-up to the staffing initiatives funding in the amount of \$25,652 for the 2023-24 fiscal year.
- In terms of Quality Improvement, Huron Lodge is trending quite well in 8 out of the 10 indicators. There are a few indicators that go up and down depending on the clinical status of the residents. She adds that we are in an area of Ontario that the anti-psychotic usage of people in general is higher than the rest of the province.
- In long term care, usage of anti-psychotic medication – either is reduction, increase or discontinuation – cannot be processed without the consent of either the individual if they are cognitive or a family member who is the power of attorney.
- Huron Lodge is now tracking actively how many of the admissions are coming with anti-psychotic medication.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Fred Francis regarding the size of the investigative unit, Alina Sirbu responds there are approximately 7 to 10 people for the province.

In terms of the indicators, Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac asks if the intakes are primarily coming from the hospital, Alina Sirbu responds that that admissions are both from hospital as well as the community – based on personal medical history and multiple treating physicians there are new residents that arrive at Huron Lodge with a very high number of medications. She adds it may take months on there is a consent for reduction to safely reduce some of the medications as per consultation with long term care physicians, pharmacists and nursing staff.

Andrew Daher refers to legislation from 2023 that allows for the hospital(s) to move people out and into long-term care. Alina Sirbu responds there is not a lot of ability from a hospital side to be able to change a treatment plan when their role is to discharge the people as quickly as possible.

Moved by Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac, seconded by Councillor Fred Francis,
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 March 7, 2024.

Carried.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 203, 350 City Hall Square West.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 12:12 o'clock p.m.