



**The Corporation of the County of Bruce**  
**Social Services and Housing Committee**  
**Minutes**

March 6, 2014  
11:10 a.m.  
Council Chambers  
Walkerton, Ontario

**Present:** Warden John Close,  
Councillors Milt McIver (Chair), Paul Eagleson, Bill Goetz, David Inglis, Larry Kraemer and Mike Smith

**Staff:** Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer  
Leah Andrews-Barrie, Senior Planner  
Tony Ban, Housing Facilities Manager  
Darlene Batte, Administrative Assistant  
Susan Earle, Administrator, Housing Services  
Christine MacDonald, Housing Manager  
Terry Sanderson, Director of Social Services and Housing

**Regrets:** Councillor Mitch Twolan

**1. Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**2. Award Presentation – Yes in My Backyard (YIMBY)**

Mrs. Susan Earle, Administrator, Housing Services referred to the report circulated and explained that the purpose of the YIMBY (Yes, In My Backyard) Team is to lead on-going public education around housing issues and opportunities as well as create more affordable and supportive housing initiatives throughout Bruce County. Together team members support a coordinated community effort to ensure that there is housing for everyone in Bruce County. The team communicates positive messages about successes and opportunities, and puts a face to the housing need within the community, and generates and exchanges ideas.

The Yes in My Backyard Committee presents an award each year to an individual, organization or private company who has promoted affordable housing in Bruce County. In 2013 the team asked for submissions of nominations from the teams community partners.

Mr. Francis McEvenue, Chair of the YIMBY team was in attendance to present the winners of this year's award, Rodger Crane and Jeff Carver with the award. Mr. McEvenue spoke to the significant contribution made to economic development and affordable housing in downtown Saugeen Shores. Mr. McEvenue explained that they rebuilt the Wismer House and revitalized the former 'Jangles' building. Many new full time jobs were created. The JK Motel is now being renovated into affordable condominiums which will give lower income citizens an opportunity to own their own home. Mr. Crane and Mr. Carver were nominated by Laura McInnes.

On behalf of the Committee, Councillor McIver acknowledged and thanked Mr. Rodger Crane and Mr. Jeff Carver for their contribution to economic development and affordable housing in Bruce County.

### **3. Action Items**

#### **A. Investment in Affordable Housing 2014 – Home Repair & Home Ownership Programs**

**Moved by Councillor Larry Kraemer  
Seconded by Councillor David Inglis**

**That the recommended changes to the Investment in Affordable Housing Home Ownership and Home Repair Guidelines be approved, effective April 1, 2014.**

**Carried**

#### **B. Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Initiative – 2014/2015 Investment Plan**

**Moved by Councillor Mike Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Bill Goetz**

**That the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Initiative Investment Plan be approved for April, 2014 to March, 2015.**

**Carried**

**C. Housing Stability Fund – Eligibility Changes**

**Moved by Councillor Larry Kraemer  
Seconded by Councillor David Inglis**

**That the changes outlined in the Housing Stability Fund – Eligibility Changes report, dated March 6, 2014 , be approved, effective April 1, 2014.**

**Carried**

**D. Child Care Staffing Change**

**Moved by Councillor Larry Kraemer  
Seconded by Councillor Paul Eagleson**

**That a permanent part-time administrative position be increased to full-time using 100% provincial funding on a contract basis.**

**Carried**

**4. Information Items**

The following reports were received for information:

- Housing Administrator
- Director of Social Services & Housing

**5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Social Services and Housing Committee will take place on Thursday, April 3, 2014 in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario.

**6. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Larry Kraemer  
Seconded by Warden John Close**

**That the meeting of the Social Services and Housing Committee adjourn at 11:31 a.m.**

**Carried**

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**Councillor Milt McIver, Chair  
Social Services and Housing Committee**