



Homes Committee Agenda

Thursday, September 6, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

County Administration Centre, Walkerton

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

2. Action Items

A. Special Care Unit Courtyard Wi-Fi Extender - Brucelea Haven (attached)

3. Act on Recommendations

That in accordance with the Procedure By-law, staff be authorized and directed to give effect to the actions of the Homes Committee in respect of all resolutions passed during the September 6, 2018 meeting.

4. Next Meeting

October 4, 2018

5. Adjournment



Committee Report

To: Warden Paul Eagleson
Members of the Homes Committee

From: Michael McKeage
Director of Health Services

Date: September 6, 2018

Re: Special Care Unit Courtyard Wi-Fi Extender,
Brucelea Haven

Recommendation:

That the purchase of a Wi-Fi Extender for the courtyard of the Special Care Unit at Brucelea Haven totaling \$1,729.46 excluding HST be approved and funded from the Brucelea Haven General Donations Account.

Background:

The Special Care Unit is a secured unit to support residents with increased needs. Since the unit is secured, there is also a secure courtyard area adjacent to the unit. While the gardens are beautiful, residents have limited access to this outdoor area as most require supervision while in the courtyard. At times they are escorted by family members, volunteers or members of our recreation and leisure program staff. Given the stretched staffing ratios between PSWs and residents, the PSWs have reported that they would be more often able to supervise residents in the courtyard if they could be completing their charting concurrently. We have iPads which can be used for this purpose; however, the Wi-Fi does not extend to the outdoors area. The county IT department have proposed a solution using a Wi-Fi Extender.

Having Wi-Fi access in the courtyard will also be welcomed by residents, family members and volunteers who are using this space. The unit would be mounted at an elevation above the courtyard and strategically positioned (and tested) to provide Wi-Fi extension to the main courtyard below the enclosed Special Care Unit courtyard. Cost saving has been found as the maintenance team will complete the wiring and mounting.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

The Brucelea Haven General Donations Account will be depleted by \$1,729.46 exclusive of HST. The county IT department will secure the equipment while Brucelea Haven staff will



install it. Beyond these, there are no further IT, financial, staffing or legal considerations associated with this recommendation.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There was interdepartmental consultation with the county IT department.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal # 6 - Explore alternate options to improve efficiency and service.

Written by Willy Van Klooster, Administrator Brucelea Haven.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christine MacDonald'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine MacDonald
Acting Chief Administrative Officer