



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

December 3, 2015  
11:40 a.m.  
Council Chambers  
Walkerton, Ontario

**Present:** Warden Mitch Twolan  
Councillors Anne Eadie (Chair), Robert Buckle, David Inglis, Paul Eagleson, Janice Jackson, Milt McIver and Mike Smith

**Staff:** Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer  
Darlene Batte, Administrative Assistant  
Christine MacDonald, Director of Social Services and Housing

**1. Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**2. Action Items**

**A. By-law Number 2012-054**

**Moved by Councillor David Inglis**  
**Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle**

**That By-law Number 2012-054 be rescinded effective  
December 31, 2015.**

**Carried**

**B. Business Care Analysis for Two Properties at End of Operating Agreement**

**Moved by Councillor Mike Smith**  
**Seconded by Councillor Janice Jackson**

**That as of January 1, 2016, the Bruce County Housing Stability Fund (HSF) Annual Income Levels be changed to the following after tax or net income levels to match the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) and the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP):**

- 1 or 2 persons - \$28,000 or less
- 3 or 4 persons - \$28,001 to \$39,000

- 5 or 6 persons - \$39,001 to \$48,000
- 7 or more persons - \$48,001 to \$52,000; and

**That as of January 1, 2016, the Bruce County HSF be expanded to include assistance for first or last month's rent; and**

**That as of January 1, 2016 the Bruce County HSF assistance guidelines for first or last month's or rent arrears be changed to the following:**

- Singles or Couples – up to \$900
- Families – up to \$1,400

**Carried**

**C. Bruce County Housing Stability Fund Income Level & Funding Allocations Changes**

**Moved by Councillor Paul Eagleson  
Seconded by Warden Mitch Twolan**

**That the Bruce County Housing Corporation (BCHC) be approved to direct award Refact Consulting Services to provide a Business Case Analysis on the properties located at 1034 Queen St., Kincardine and 81 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Chesley; and,**

**That approval be granted at an upset limit of \$17,500 to be transferred from the Social Housing Service Manager Reserve intended for the purpose of supporting affordable housing options, to complete the above business cases, as well as covering the costs of market appraisals/valuations for the subject properties.**

**Carried**

**3. Information Reports**

The following reports were received for information:

- Quality Assurance / Capacity Building Initiative Update;
- Employment Support Program Review; and,
- Ontario Electricity Support Program

**4. New Business**

The Director reported that the Social Services Children's Services Manager, Mrs. Brenda Wilton was recently presented with the Friends of Keystone Award, an award acknowledging her contributions to children services.

**5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Social Services and Housing Committee will take place on Thursday, January 7, 2016 in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario.

**6. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Robert Buckle**

**Seconded by Councillor Janice Jackson**

**That the meeting of the Social Services and Housing Committee adjourn at 11:50 a.m.**

**Carried**

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**Councillor Anne Eadie, Chair  
Social Services and Housing Committee**