



Homes Committee Agenda

Thursday, August 3, 2017
Council Chambers
County Administration Centre, Walkerton

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
2. Information Items
 - A. Homes Information Report (attached)
3. Next Meeting

September 7, 2017
4. Adjournment



Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Homes Committee

From: Michael McKeage
Director of Health Services

Date: August 3, 2017

Re: Long Term Care Information Report

Recommendation:

The Long Term Care Information Report is for information.

Background:

Respiratory Outbreak at Brucelea Haven

On June 10, the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit declared Brucelea Haven to be in a respiratory outbreak. The outbreak was declared over on July 19. During that period, 44 residents and 26 staff became ill and were isolated. Also during that period twelve residents died. Three of those residents had symptoms of the outbreak. Eight of the twelve were in their 90s. The first four specimen swabs returned negative. After requesting of public health that another specimen be tested, on July 8, a positive test for Rhinovirus (the common cold) was returned. Since there were several deaths which occurred during the period of the outbreak, Brucelea called the Coroner's Office twice to ask if they would like to review the deaths. On June 27 and July 7, the Coroner visited Brucelea and reviewed the files of all deaths which had occurred during the outbreak. No concerns were cited.

Throughout the period of the outbreak, admissions were not allowed. An application process to the Ministry of Health has been initiated to mitigate the financial impact as a result of the direction provided by the public health unit not to admit new residents. The outcome of that process will not be known until later in the fall. Following the end of the outbreak, admissions occurred as quickly as was reasonably possible to ensure a positive experience for new residents and their families

Annual Ministry Inspection at Gateway Haven

Gateway Haven received the annual MOHLTC inspection during the week of July 17th, 2017. At the time this report was written no feedback had been received on the outcome of this visit.



150th Celebrations

The resident/family/community event at Gateway June 22 under the big tent with entertainment and antique cars was very well attended with many positive comments. Due to the outbreak at Brucelea, the 150th celebration event planned for June 22 had to be postponed to a later date.

Refreshed County Website

Both homes participated in the process of refreshing and updating the elements of the new county website that relate to long term care. This was an opportunity to ensure that all of the LTC information on the website is current and detailed with respect to programs, admissions and other details. There is also a new long term care blog.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There has been internal departmental consultation in the preparation of this report from Gateway Haven and Brucelea Haven.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal # 4 - Find creative ways to involve all staff in our future

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

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