



Social Services and Housing Committee Agenda

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

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
2. Action Items
 - A. Child Care Service Agreements (attached)
3. Information Items
 - A. Homelessness Enumeration (attached)
4. Next Meeting

September 7, 2017
5. Adjournment



Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan
Members of the Social Services and Housing Committee

From: Christine MacDonald
Director of Social Services and Housing

Date: August 3, 2017

Re: Child Care Service Agreements

Recommendation:

That approval be granted to enter into a new Service Agreement for child care services effective September 7, 2017 with Vicki's Sandbox Daycare Inc.; and,

That a by-law be introduced for child care services with Vicki's Sandbox Daycare Inc.; and,

That by-law numbers 4272; 4447; 4407; and 2016-021 be repealed.

Background:

Vicki's Sandbox Daycare Inc., formerly named Vicki Elizabeth Traverse operating as Sandbox Daycare had a name and address change which required a new service agreement.

Note: By-law Numbers 4272, 4447 & 4407 were previously missed being repealed.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Bruce County is provincially funded to flow dollars to support the child care system. The funding associated with these service agreements are contained in the 2017 budget. The service agreement was reviewed by County of Bruce legal counsel in 2016 and remains the same. There are no new staffing or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Consultation occurred with the Clerk's office.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #5 - The Elimination of Red Tape.

Element # E - Focus on the internal and external customer/client needs first through providing community based services.



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Chief Administrative Officer



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Re: Homelessness Enumeration

Recommendation:

The Homelessness Enumeration report is for information.

Background:

As part of the province's efforts to end chronic homelessness by 2025 and the long-term goal to end homelessness, the Minister of Housing introduced legislation regarding the local enumeration of people experiencing homelessness. Local homelessness enumeration, which is the measurement of the number of people experiencing homelessness over a specific period of time, would help both the Ministry of Housing and local homelessness prevention agencies, better understand the scale and nature of homelessness and inform current and future policy and program design.

Enumeration is required to occur in March, April or May 2018. On an ongoing basis enumeration is required to be conducted every two years as per regulation 19.1 of the Housing Services Act, 2011.

Service Managers have the option of using one or more of the following methods:

Point-in-Time Count

The Point-in-Count (PiT) is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night. A PiT Count is intended to capture numbers and basic demographics of persons experiencing homelessness at a single point in time.

Registry Week

The Registry Week Method involves a co-ordinated, multi-day count of homeless persons in the streets, in shelters and other spaces frequented by homeless persons. A Registry Week is a coordinated outreach and assessment process to collect information that will help find housing for person experiencing homelessness starting with the most vulnerable.



Period Prevalence Count

Period Prevalence Count (PPC) involves a co-ordinated, multi-day count of homeless persons and accesses them through a variety of services organizations that are likely to be used by persons experiencing homelessness such as community meal programs and drop-in centres, in addition to emergency shelters where they exist.

Each Service Manager must sample representative parts of its services area and may use different methods for different areas, depending upon factors such as geography and community preference.

The Service Manager must engage Indigenous partners, including First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, in the planning and implementation of the enumeration, as well as in communicating the results about Indigenous peoples, consistent with the principle of supporting relationship-building and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The Service Manager is required to develop an Enumeration Plan outlining the manner the enumeration will be conducted. The plan must be submitted to the Ministry of Housing six months before conducting the enumeration.

Within six months of completing the enumeration, the Service Manager is obligated to provide the Ministry of Housing with the information collected during the enumeration. As well, by March 31st of each calendar year the Service Manager is required to make available to the public a summary of the information collected during the enumeration.

Bruce and Grey counties have been working in consultation with the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force (PTF) - Housing Subcommittee, who will assume an advisory role, to develop an enumeration plan that will provide an accurate and robust report for the Ministry of Housing.

The Committee has concluded that a Period Prevalence Count will best suit the needs of the people, as well as the community agencies working across county borders, staff concur based on review of approaches of other similar municipalities.

The enumeration exercise will take place between April 23rd and 30th, 2017. Volunteer recruitment and training will take place in advance of the exercise.

Financial Considerations:

The enumeration exercise will assume a significant financial impact. However, the Ministry of Housing is allowing Service Manager to allocate 5% of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) funding to the enumeration initiative. This amounts to \$26,053 for Bruce County.



Staffing Considerations:

This initiative will consume significant staff time. Staff along with the advisory committee are will review resource requirements for the project. The provincial funds can be used to purchase consultant services and/or support internal costs that that are generated directly in the enumeration exercise

Legal Considerations:

Under S. 19.1 of the Housing Services Act, 2011, each Service Manager has a legal obligation to implement an enumeration exercise for persons who are homeless.

IT Considerations:

There will be IT considerations if the final approach recommends the use of electronic devices, such as iPads or laptops to collect data for the enumeration questionnaire. Staff will consult with IT in the development of the plan.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Bruce & Grey Counties, as well as several community organizations will be working in consultation on this initiative.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #3 - Find creative ways to engage our public

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

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