

## **Committee of Management for Huron Lodge**

Meeting held October 21, 2021

A meeting of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge is held this day commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m. via Zoom video conference, there being present the following members:

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair  
Councillor Jeewen Gill  
Councillor Gary Kaschak

### ***Also present are the following resource personnel:***

Jelena Payne, Community Development & Health Services Commissioner  
Alina Sirbu, Executive Director of LTD Administration Huron Lodge  
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 10:01 o'clock a.m. and the Committee of Management considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

#### **2. Disclosures of Interest**

None disclosed.

#### **3. Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Gill,  
That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge held August 5, 2021 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.  
Carried.

#### **4. In Camera**

No In Camera session is held.

## 5. Business Items

### 5.1 Administrator's Report

The Chair refers to the MLTC announcement of increased funding for an additional \$440,000. in annualized funding for the 2021/22 year.

A. Sirbu advises that an Infection Control Lead will be brought in to ensure safety and well-being for the staff and residents and notes that additional staff will be hired.

The Chair asks Administration to comment on wounds, restraints and pain management.

A. Sirbu states that many residents arrive with wounds and adds that at one time, Huron Lodge had access to a nurse specializing in wounds, however, this program no longer exists. In terms of restraints, i.e. bars on the beds that prevent the resident from rolling, they can become an obstacle to the well-being of residents. She adds that Huron Lodge is working towards a zero restraint environment. Pain management is a clear indication of how our medication and non-medication is working and it is a matter of finding the balance between pain medication that is scheduled versus pain medication that is used when the resident requests it. This is done through the physician, pharmacist and the nursing staff.

The Chair asks if there are any new directions from the Ministry regarding anti-psychotic use of medications.

A. Sirbu responds that the indicator and medication for anti-psychotic medications without psychosis can be used for extreme agitation and anxiety as needed. She adds that she is happy to report that medication is not the only avenue and are looking at complimentary therapies, some of which are non-pharmacological.

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Gill,

That the report from the Administrator from Huron Lodge providing the Committee of Management with an update on issues related to resident care, the Ministry of Long-Term Care, the Local Health Integration Network and other initiatives that impact the Long Term Care sector **BE RECEIVED** for information and approved for the period of July to October 2021.

Carried.

Councillor Gill advises that he along with Mayor Dilkens participated in the CARP Advocacy Walk to raise awareness of issues in long-term care for seniors held on September 25, 2021. He adds that members of CARP would like to tour Huron Lodge.

J. Payne noted that municipal homes seem to be of interest and not privately owned homes.

A. Sirbu adds that organizing a tour at this time would not fall under the current mandate in regards to essential support workers and caregivers. The Committee of Management are classified as “essential support workers” because they provide a service and oversee Huron Lodge. Other members of the public are not care givers, general visitors associated with a resident or any type of a support worker and do not provide any type of service.

J. Payne indicates that this matter will be discussed with Mayor Dilkens. She notes that a meeting could be held with the three members of CARP to discuss this matter.

## **5.2 Per Diem Funding in Long Term Care Homes**

J. Payne reports that Councillor Gignac and Councillor Francis (previous members of the Committee of Management) had inquired about the level of funding relating to per diems, particularly food costs for other institutional organizations that are funded by the Provincial Government as food costs were rising. Unfortunately, at that time the province did not disclose this information.

A. Sirbu states that funding for Huron Lodge is divided into four envelopes – nursing and personal care, program and support services, raw food and other accommodations. There are very strict guidelines on how the funding can be used, and what the percentages are. The raw food is clearly funded between the food that is served and the therapeutic supplements.

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by Councillor Gill,  
That the update regarding the per diem funding in long term care homes **BE RECEIVED.**  
Carried.

## **6. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

## **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:48 o'clock a.m.

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**CHAIR**

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**COMMITTEE COORDINATOR**