

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS, THE COUNTY OF ELGIN,  
AND THE ST. THOMAS-ELGIN GENERAL HOSPITAL  
HEALTH RECRUITMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE ROOM # 309, CITY HALL**

**JANUARY 26, 2016**

3:05 p.m. The meeting convened with Councillor C. McWilliam, Chair, presiding.

**Attendance**

Councillor C. McWilliam, Chair, County of Elgin - Via Conference Call  
Councillor S. Wookey, City of St. Thomas  
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter  
Wendell Graves, City Manager, City of St. Thomas  
Mark McDonald, CAO, County of Elgin  
Matt Smale, Corporate Administrative Clerk, City of St. Thomas

**Absent**

Dr. K. Scott, Elgin Medical Association  
Dr. N. Whitmore, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital

**Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2015**

The members confirmed the minutes as presented.

**Activity Report and Recruitment Projects – Health Recruiter**

Ms. Fish presented her report for the months of December 2015 and January 2016.

The members discussed the “Home for the Holidays” event. The atmosphere and attendance of a mix of students and physicians were seen as positives to the events. Consideration may be given in the future to adding Nurse Practitioners and students to the invitation list.

Ms. Fish provided an update on the status of physician recruitment for the Elmdale Medical Centre and for Dr. Richter’s practice in Port Stanley.

**Request to Meet with Minister at Good Roads Conference re: Nurse Practitioner**

A request has been made to meet with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care regarding the establishment of a Nurse Practitioner clinic at the OGRA/ROMA conference in Toronto.

The members were informed that confirmation of the meeting had not yet been received.

**Proposed 2016 Budget**

The members were provided with an overview of 2015 Health Recruiter and program expenses.

The members were provided with a proposed 2016 budget.

Mr. McDonald noted that the increased contribution levels from the County and City were anticipated to be a onetime increase. It was anticipated that the contributions would revert to their previous levels in 2017.

The Chair confirmed that there would be approximately \$136,419 in funding available in 2016 following fulfillment of previously approved commitments.

Motion by Chair McWilliam – Coun. Wookey:

THAT: The Proposed 2016 Health Recruitment Partnership be approved as presented and forwarded to Elgin County Council and St. Thomas Council respectively for consideration.

Carried.

**Correspondence from Dr. Haruta – Elmdale Health Centre**

The members were in receipt of correspondence from Dr. Haruta requesting funding for an additional 3 physician positions in 2016.

Mr. Graves advised that the Partnership had previously approved in principle the additional 3 positions pending request from Dr. Haruta. He suggested that the previous agreement be rescinded and a new agreement be entered into with Dr. Haruta for the full 6 positions.

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The members concurred to provide the funding for the additional 3 positions.

The members noted the progress to date on construction of the Elmdale Medical Centre building.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Francis Osih**

Mr. Graves advised that notification of the pending lapse of the agreement term had been forwarded to Mr. Osih. No further response had been received to date.

The members noted that the agreement term had not yet lapsed and that if the terms were not fulfilled prior to the term lapsing, this item could be further addressed at that time

### **Other Business**

Ms. Fish inquired what preparation may be required for the requested meeting with Minister Hoskins.

Mr. Graves advised that a brief could be compiled pending receipt of confirmation of the meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.