

**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

OCTOBER 18, 2016

7:30 a.m. The meeting convened with Councillor C. McWilliam, Chair, presiding.

Attendance

Councillor C. McWilliam, Chair, County of Elgin
Councillor S. Wookey, City of St. Thomas (Depart 8:00 a.m.)
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Mark McDonald, CAO, County of Elgin
Wendell Graves, City Manager, City of St. Thomas
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 - September 13, 2016

The members confirmed the minutes as presented.

Activity Report and Recruitment Projects - Cheryl Fish

The members were provided with the Health Recruiter's Activity Report for the Month of September.

Elgin-St. Thomas Public Health is developing its own orientation program for new physicians. Ms. Fish advised that she would be incorporating their program into one being developed by the Partnership.

Ms. Fish advised that she would be attending and speaking at the upcoming Elgin FHO annual meeting to take place on November 23, 2016.

Mr. McDonald inquired if Ms. Fish could provide a brief update on her activities to County and City Councils at their upcoming meetings.

Ms. Fish agreed to provide an update at County Council on December 8th and to City Council at either its December 5th or 12th meeting.

Update - Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic

A letter had been received from Mr. Phil Graham, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care on September 13, 2016 advising that a response to the request for a Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic was being developed.

To Date no further correspondence has been received.

Funding Request - Dr. Derek Haruta

Dr. Scott had previously provided an email to the members following a discussion with the Head of paediatric medicine at the hospital. He had agreed that there was not an urgent need at this time to recruit a Paediatric Rheumatologist in the community.

The members reaffirmed their decision to consider only primary care medical professionals at this time and decline the funding request from Dr. Haruta for the recruitment of a Paediatric Rheumatologist.

2016 Scholarships

Mr. Graves inquired if the members would consider local residents studying at medical schools outside of Canada in future years for scholarship eligibility.

The Chair inquired where the scholarships had been advertised.

The scholarships had been advertised through social media, the City and County website and in the Weekly News.

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Home for the Holidays

Ms. Fish inquired about plans for this years “Home for the Holidays” luncheon.

The members agreed to hold the luncheon on December 22, 2016 at the St. Thomas Golf and Country Club.

Unfinished Business

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Mr. Graves advised that this matter was still ongoing.

A meeting had occurred with Mr. Frank Sharifi, owner of the Sunset Medical Centre building. One of the two suites housing the medical offices had been converted for other commercial use. The second store front was available for use. Interested physicians could be provided with Mr. Sharifi’s contact information for lease information.

Other Business

Upcoming Recruitment Events

Ms. Fish advised that she had recently attended a recruitment event on October 5, 2016 in Kitchener. Upcoming events would be held in Ottawa and Grand Bend.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 22 at 7:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.