

**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 # 204, CITY HALL

November 22, 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
Dr. K. Scott, Elgin Medical Association
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Mark McDonald, CAO, County of Elgin
Wendell Graves, City Manager, City of St. Thomas
Jon Hindley, Corporate Customer Service Assistant, City of St. Thomas

Absent

Dr. N. Whitmore, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital

Approval of Minutes – October 18, 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 October.

Ms. Fish advised that she had attended recruitment events at McMaster University and in Ottawa and that she had a number of contacts to follow up with.

Ms. Fish discussed the Discovery Week placement and the larger role the community had compared to previous years. She further advised that the organizers would be looking to improve its pairing of participants and municipalities.

Mr. Graves asked about reviewing feedback.

Ms. Fish advised that the results of the survey conducted by the Discovery Week organizers could be summarized and shared at the next meeting.

Dr. Scott discussed the importance of universities maintaining relationships with municipalities since primary and rural care experience is part of the curriculum.

Ms. Fish discussed the Health Services Council and the fact that the Local Health Integration Network was looking for input on the way in which to continue.

Ms. Fish advised that a presentation would be made to County Council on December 8 and to City Council on December 12, which would include a list of new physicians that have been recruited into the area.

Update - Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic

Ms. Fish advised that a response has not yet been received from Mr. Phil Graham, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care but that she had received a call from Mr. Jeff Yurek's office willing to offer assistance in the matter.

The Chair suggested that the Committee wait until the New Year for a response from Mr. Graham.

Mr. Graves suggested that Mr. Yurek should be briefed prior to ensure he understands the Committee's position.

The Committee directed that Ms. Fish arrange a meeting with Mr. Yurek before the end of the year to brief him, but to wait to have him formally assist in the matter.

2016 Scholarships

The members discussed the fact that more applications had been received than in the past.

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The City Manager advised that there were up to five scholarships available to give out.

Motion by Councillor Wookey – Dr. Scott:

THAT: 2016 Medical Student Scholarships be awarded to Emily Ballantyne, Jeff Metz, Rebecca Jackson, Jordan Robinson and Dora Laczko.

Carried.

Unfinished Business

Francis Osih

This item will remain as unfinished business.

Home for the Holidays

Ms. Fish reminded the members that the “Home for the Holidays” luncheon would be held on December 22, 2016. She further advised that invitations had gone out and that the scholarship recipients would be invited as well.

Other Business

Bill 41 – Patients First Act

Dr. Scott advised that the Ontario Medical Association Council would be meeting this weekend to discuss Bill 41 – Patients First Act.

The members discussed the cases where the Province can see what drugs are being prescribed including individuals on ODSP and Ontario Works and in cases of complaints of inappropriate prescribing.

Elmdale Health Centre

The Chair advised that the Elmdale Health Centre would be opening on January 2 and that the interviewing and hiring of office staff was currently ongoing.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24 at 7:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.