

**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 21, 2017

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. W. Chehadi, St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital
Cheryl Fish, Health Recruiter
Julie Gonyou, CAO, County of Elgin
Wendell Graves, City Manager, City of St. Thomas
Jon Hindley, Corporate Customer Service Assistant, City of St. Thomas

Absent

Dr. K. Scott, Elgin Medical Association

Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2017

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 months of October and November, 2017.

Ms. Fish advised that Dr. Taylor would be joining the East Elgin Health Team.

The members discussed changing the format of the "Home for the Holiday" event to a drop in style event during student reading weeks in the winter.

The members discussed the importance of scheduling the event to overlap with as many reading weeks as possible.

The members agreed to send a gift card to the medical students in Elgin County to have dinner over the holidays, making note about the upcoming event over reading week.

Ms. Fish advised that she had attended Western University's Family Medicine Resident's Event in Grand Bend, and that it had lower attendance levels than usual, with only thirteen contacts identified.

Annual Scholarships

The City Manager advised that only one application had been received for the scholarship.

Ms. Fish advised that she had sent out reminder e-mails about the scholarship to ten individuals.

The members agreed to arrange a photo opportunity at the earliest opportunity.

Motion by Councillor Wookey – Chair McWilliam:

THAT: A 2017 Medical Student Scholarship be awarded to Kim Vo.

Carried.

Funding Request – Dr. Ahmed Kamar

The City Manager advised that Dr. Kamar would be joining the Dutton Medical Centre in mid-January and was requesting funds.

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The members discussed available physician positions in Elgin County and upcoming physician retirements, as well as the fact that in some cases, new physicians were being secured before retirements occur.

Motion by Councillor Wookey – Dr. Chehadi:

THAT: Funding of \$33,000 for one physician position be recommended for the request received from Dr. Ahmed Kamar subject to approval from St. Thomas Council and the execution of an agreement with Dr. Kamar.

Carried.

New Business

Physician Orientation

Ms. Fish advised that Dr. Osagie would be attending the pilot orientation program on December 5th, 2017 and that he has offered to provide feedback.

Ms. Fish advised that the Health Recruitment Partnership Committee had been allocated a fifteen minute slot at the physician orientation at the Community Care Access Centre. She asked if a member would be willing to participate and make a presentation about St. Thomas and Elgin County.

Councillor Wookey volunteered to make the presentation.

St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital – New Emergency Department

Dr. Chehadi advised that a tour of the new hospital facilities had been arranged with Council prior to its opening on January 9th, 2018. He further advised that both emergency centres will be staffed initially to allow for a transition while the public adjusts to the new location.

Unfinished Business

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30th, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. in Committee Room #204, City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 a.m.