



The Corporation of the County of Northumberland

Social Services Committee

Minutes

June 5, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers

555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6

Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and Virtual)

Members Present: Chair John Logel
Warden Brian Ostrander
Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Council Members Present (non-voting) Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Councillor Mandy Martin (*attended virtually*)

1. Notices

1.a Accessible Format

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1.b Meeting Format

This Committee Meeting was held using a hybrid meeting model. The public were invited to attend in-person in Council Chambers, view the meeting via the live stream, or join online or by phone using Zoom Conference Technology.

2. Call to Order

Chair John Logel called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2.a Territorial Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-396

Moved By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded By Warden Brian Ostrander

"That the agenda for the June 5, 2024 Social Services Committee be approved."

Carried

4. Disclosures of Interest

- No disclosures

5. Delegations

1. Delegation, Brad Crawford, Item 8.a 'Quarter 1, 2024 Financial Analysis'
2. Delegation, Brad Crawford, Item 8.c 'Report 2024-076, Housing and Homelessness Plan Annual Report'

6. Business Arising from Last Meeting

N/A

7. Communications

7.a Correspondence, City of Stratford 'Intimate Partner Violence - Coercive Control'

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-397

Moved By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded By Warden Brian Ostrander

"That the Social Services Committee receive the correspondence from the City of Stratford regarding 'Intimate Partner Violence - Coercive Control' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

Carried

7.b Correspondence, Jenni Frenke 'Town of Cobourg Letter to Infrastructure Ontario and Provincial Government'

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-398

Moved By Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive the correspondence from Jenni Frenke regarding 'Town of Cobourg Letter to Infrastructure Ontario and Provincial Government' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

Carried

7.c Correspondence, Loyalist Township 'Housing Funding'

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-399

Moved By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded By Warden Brian Ostrander

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive the correspondence from Loyalist Township regarding 'Housing Funding' for information, noting that County Council previously considered correspondence regarding this subject matter at the April 17, 2024 Council meeting and subsequently received it for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

Carried

7.d Correspondence, Municipality of Brighton 'Systematic Review of By-laws and By-law Enforcement Policies'

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-400

Moved By Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Brighton regarding 'Systematic Review of By-laws and By-law Enforcement' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

Carried

7.e Correspondence, Municipality of St. Charles 'Household Food Insecurity'

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-401

Moved By Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Household Food Insecurity' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

Carried

7.f Correspondence, Municipality of Brighton and Municipality of Trent Hills 'Housing and Social Services Funding'

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-402

Moved By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded By Warden Brian Ostrander

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Brighton and Municipality of Trent Hills regarding 'Housing and Social Services Funding' for information, noting that County Council previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the April 17, 2024 Council meeting; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

Carried

7.g Correspondence, Municipality of Wawa and Town of Smith Falls 'Guaranteed Livable Income'

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-403

Moved By Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa and Town of Smith Falls regarding 'Guaranteed Livable Income' for information, noting that County Council previously

considered correspondence regarding this subject matter and subsequently received it for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this correspondence for information."

Carried

7.h Correspondence, Town of Goderich and Town of Grimsby 'Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates'

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-404

Moved By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded By Warden Brian Ostrander

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive the correspondence from the Town of Goderich and Town of Grimsby regarding 'Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates' for information, noting that County Council previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the March 20, 2024 County Council meeting; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive the correspondence for information."

Carried

7.i Correspondence, Northumberland County Housing Corporation (NCHC) 'Submission to Federal Standing Committee on Finance regarding Housing Needs in Northumberland County'

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-405

Moved By Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the Social Services Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Northumberland County Housing Corporation (NCHC) regarding 'Submission to Federal Standing Committee on Finance regarding Housing Needs in Northumberland County', recommend that County Council support the correspondence."

Carried

8. Staff Reports

8.a Quarter 1, 2024 Financial Analysis

Matthew Nitsch, Director Finance / Treasurer

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-406

Moved By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded By Warden Brian Ostrander

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive the Quarter 1, 2024 Financial Analysis for the Community & Social Services Department for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive the Quarter 1, 2024 Financial Analysis for information."

Carried

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-407

Moved By Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive the delegation from Brad Crawford regarding the Quarter 1, 2024 Financial Analysis for the Community & Social Services Department for information."

Carried

8.b Report 2024-065 '2024 Early Years Service Plan and Emerging Issues Update - Presentation

Lesley Patterson, Early Years Manager
Chris Lunn, Financial Officer

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-408

Moved By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded By Warden Brian Ostrander

"**That** the Social Services Committee receive Report 2024-065 '2024 Early Years Service Plan and Emerging Issues Update' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this report for information."

Carried

8.c Report 2024-076 'Housing and Homelessness Plan Annual Report'

Neil Ellis, Housing Services Manager
Bill Smith, Homelessness Services Manager

[Warden Ostrander left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.]

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-409

Moved By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded By Chair John Logel

“**That** the Social Services Committee, having considered Report 2024-077 ‘2023 Housing and Homelessness Annual Report’, recommend that County Council direct staff to share a copy of this report with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and post the report on the County website for viewing by the general public, noting that staff will bring forward a revised version of the report based on discussion today to the June 19, 2024 Council meeting for Council’s consideration.”

Carried

Committee Resolution 2024-06-05-410

Moved By Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

Seconded By Chair John Logel

“**That** the Social Services Committee receive the delegation(s) from the following individuals regarding Report 2024-077 ‘2023 Housing and Homelessness Annual Report’ for information:

- Brad Crawford.”

Carried

9. Other Matters Considered by Committee

N/A

10. Media Questions

11. Closed Session

N/A

12. Motion to Rise and Result from Closed Session

N/A

13. Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

- Note: 4 week summer recess taking place from July 1, 2024 - July 26, 2024

14. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

County Of Northumberland
Social Services
March 31, 2024

	YEAR-TO-DATE			Comments
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Cash Based Revenue				
Taxation	\$1,265,098	\$1,265,098	\$0	
Grants & Subsidies	\$5,606,414	\$5,463,224	\$143,190	Ontario Works 409k due to higher caseload and claims, Early Years Timing (274k) - ELCC(100k) and CWELCC Expansion (174k)
Other Revenue	\$88,185	\$62,500	\$25,685	OW Client Recipient 32K - Increased caseload, Timing - Food 4 All Membership Revenue (8K)
Total Revenue	\$6,959,697	\$6,790,822	\$168,875	
Expenditures				
Salaries & Wages	\$610,492	\$695,178	(\$84,686)	Gapping - Vacancies OW (50k), COP (20k), Food4All (10K)
Benefits	\$234,491	\$245,394	(\$10,903)	
Travel & Training	\$14,834	\$24,506	(\$9,673)	Timing
Materials & Supplies	\$9,899	\$16,848	(\$6,949)	Timing
Transportation Supplies		\$125	(\$125)	
Insurance	\$3,543	\$4,637	(\$1,094)	Timing
Licenses		\$350	(\$350)	
Information Technology	\$5,140	\$6,715	(\$1,574)	
External Services	\$34,437	\$56,780	(\$22,343)	Timing - Early Years \$(19k)
Utilities & Fuel	\$1,694	\$1,603	\$91	
Rent & Property Tax	\$12,889	\$15,348	(\$2,459)	Timing - rent
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,035	\$1,500	(\$465)	
TCAs under Threshold	\$21,275	\$47,210	(\$25,935)	Timing - Social Services Office Reno (26k)
Internal Chargebacks	\$529,175	\$529,779	(\$605)	
Financial Services	\$289	\$750	(\$461)	
External Transfers	(\$50)		(\$50)	
SS Program Expenses	\$5,110,990	\$5,239,274	(\$128,284)	Ontario Works - Overage 337k, increase in caseload and program needs. Early Years - (474k); -EY (188k) - timing on Claim-based and potential expansion funding. -CWELCC (254k) - Timing Fee Reduction (200k), Expansion (54k) -Wage Enhancement (32k)- timing, underspending can move to general operations after year-end reconciling. Community Outreach - on budget Food 4 All - on budget General Admin - (17k) poverty reduction - timing
Total Expenditures	\$6,590,132	\$6,885,996	(\$295,864)	
Investments				
TCA over Threshold	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Transfer to Reserve	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$0	
Total Investments	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$0	
Financing				
Transfer from Reserve	(\$33,750)	(\$33,750)	\$0	
Total Financing	(\$33,750)	(\$33,750)	\$0	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$395,065	(\$69,674)	\$464,739	

County Of Northumberland
Social Housing
March 31, 2024

	YEAR-TO-DATE			Comments
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Cash Based Revenue				
Taxation	\$1,461,803	\$1,461,803	\$0	
Internal Chargeback	\$115,833	\$115,833	\$0	
				Capital Grant funding timing (320K), COCHI Yr 5&6 under budget 250K (timing), OPHI Yr 5 under budget 104K (timing), Ontario Renovates under 43K (timing) offset by Transportation Grant subsidy 21K and Homelessness Prevention Program over budget 104K
Grants & Subsidies	\$1,005,899	\$1,584,676	(\$578,777)	
Other Revenue	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500	Enbridge Incentive Workshop not in the budget
Total Revenue	\$2,591,034	\$3,162,311	(\$571,277)	
Expenditures				
Salaries & Wages	\$134,299	\$220,739	(\$86,440)	Gapping - Housing (72K), Homelessness (14K)
Benefits	\$56,424	\$75,118	(\$18,694)	
Travel & Training	\$2,755	\$5,025	(\$2,270)	
Materials & Supplies	\$2,439	\$1,700	\$739	
Insurance	\$3,974	\$266	\$3,709	
Information Technology	\$2,671	\$2,848	(\$177)	
				Homelessness under budget 60K (treatment bed program). Housing admin under 27K - Timing. Affordable Housing Growth under 25K - Timing.
External Services	\$3,761	\$132,776	(\$129,016)	
Utilities & Fuels	\$13,482	\$0	\$13,482	Costs for 310 Division not included in budget
Rent & Property Tax	\$6,789	\$0	\$6,789	Costs for 310 Division not included in budget
Repairs & Maintenance	\$60,823	\$750	\$60,073	Costs for 310 Division not included in budget
TCA's under Threshold	\$0		\$0	
Internal Chargebacks	\$131,813	\$131,813	\$0	
Financial Services	\$0	\$49,797	(\$49,797)	Construction financing interest payments - Timing
				Non- Profit Housing Expenses under budget by 199K - any savings in this area must be transferred to reserve at year end based on MMAH mortgages saving requirements, Rent Supplement under budget 40K, COCHI/OPHI under budget 354K (Timing), Ontario renovates under budget 43K (Timing), Capital Build Incentive Program under budget 125K (Timing), HPP over budget 53K, Expenses for 310 Division over budget 38K.
SS Program Expenses	\$1,580,021	\$2,222,333	(\$642,312)	
Total Expenditures	\$1,999,252	\$2,843,164	(\$843,912)	
Investments				
TCA's Over Threshold	\$37,515	\$2,687,996	(\$2,650,481)	Timing - 473 Ontario St project
Transfers to Reserves	\$181,609	\$181,609	\$0	
Total Investments	\$219,124	\$2,869,605	(\$2,650,481)	
Financing				
Transfer from Reserve	(\$448,054)	(\$448,054)	\$0	
Total Financing	(\$448,054)	(\$448,054)	\$0	
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$820,713	(\$2,102,403)	\$2,923,116	