

# FORMAL REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Mayor Strathdee and Members of Council
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brent Kittmer, CAO/Clerk
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	13 June 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>CAO 24-2017 Regional Long Term Care Bed Relocations</b>

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of a pending relocation of long term care beds from the geographic County of Perth, and to seek Council's direction on if the Town will pass a formal resolution opposing the transfer of beds to be presented to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT CAO 24-2017 Regional Long Term Care Bed Relocations report be received; and,

THAT the Town of St. Marys provides a letter to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care opposing the transfer of licenced long term care beds from Hillside Manor.

## BACKGROUND

Hillside Manor is located in West Perth and is a long term care facility with 90 licensed care beds. The facility is operated by Revera Inc. In early April 2017 Revera announced that it would be relocating 38 of the beds to a newly constructed facility in London, citing the age of the Hillside Manor building and the pending license expiry at the site as the rationale for relocation. Revera has confirmed that the remaining 52 beds will be sent to other redevelopments in the area.

Bed licenses are considered to be an owned asset of the long term care facility owner. It is common for bed licenses to be bought and sold by the private operators. When licenses are planned to be relocated, this requires the approval of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

In the case of the Hillside Manor beds, if the proposed relocation is approved, it is estimated the construction of a new facility in London will take three years. As a part of the relocation process, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care must complete a public consultation which will occur at the Mitchell Community Centre on June 20, 2017 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

## REPORT

Since the announcement of the long term care bed relocations out of the region, Perth-Wellington MPP Mr. Randy Pettapiece has called on the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for further information. His letter, and the LHIN's reply, are attached to this report for information.

As a part of his lobbying efforts, Mr. Pettapiece has suggested that Council may want to consider a resolution, prior to the consultation deadline of June 20<sup>th</sup>, opposing the bed license transfer and any further transfer of beds outside the area. The County of Perth has considered this suggestion, and their letter to the Ministry is attached.

Council is asked to consider if the Town wishes to submit comments to the Ministry opposing this relocation of long term care beds. Although there is no direct impact of the pending relocation to any of the St. Marys facilities, it does affect access to long term care in the region which could impact our residents. Based on the information provided by the LHIN, they have contended that even with the loss of Hillside Manor, the region is exceeding the target number of beds required of 80-110 beds per 1,000 people 75 and older. In fact, the area, and St. Marys in particular, is shown to be oversupplied despite each local and regional facility having a waitlist. Given that the LHIN and Ministry considers the area to be oversupplied, there is nothing to say that future relocation of beds outside of the region may not occur.

## **SUMMARY**

It is staff's recommendation that Council pass a resolution opposing the transfer of long term beds from the Perth County region. Although there is no direct impact to the Town and its long term care facilities, this is a broader regional health care concern that could impact access to care for our residents, and could in the future directly impact the Town.

The CAOs within the geographic County of Perth (including St. Marys) will be meeting on June 9 to further discuss this matter. The CAO will be attending the public information session in Mitchell on June 20, 2017 to hear the matter discussed and to present the Town's position (if any).

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

## **OTHERS CONSULTED**

None.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. April 26, 2017 MPP Pettapiece Letter
2. May 23, 2017 LHIN Response
3. May 18, 2017 County of Perth Letter

## **REVIEWED BY**

### **Recommended by the CAO**



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