

ELECTED OFFICIALS	STAFF	REGRETS
Todd Bennett (City) - CHAIR Allan Armstrong (Warden, Counties) Steven Byvelds (Counties) Glen Grant (City) Bryan McGillis (Counties) Claude McIntosh (City)	Maureen Adams (CAO, City) Bill Lister (EMS Chief, City) Mellissa Morgan (Manager, SHS, City) Tim Simpson (CAO, Counties) Diane Brown (Recorder)	Carilyne Hebert (City) Jamie MacDonald (Counties) Rebecca Russell (Treasurer, Counties)

1. Standing Items

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Warden Armstrong to approve the Agenda
Seconded by Mayor Grant

Carried

1.2 Approval of Draft Minutes of March 18, 2021 Meeting

Moved by Mayor Byvelds to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting
Seconded by Warden Armstrong

Carried

2. Disclosures of conflict of interest – none declared

3. Presentations - None

4. New Business

4.1 2021 Budget Input – Open Discussion

Maureen Adams advised that the City will provide the Counties with a copy of the City's 2022 draft budget for discussion purposes at the next SMJLC Meeting in November.

5. Communications/Information

5.1 Social & Housing Services Manager Update Report

Social Housing – Phase 4 of the Social Services Relief Funding will allow for the construction of 20 two-bedroom stacked townhouses to be built on a vacant property on Pitt Street North which has been determined shovel ready (due to the short deadline by the Ministry). The City is also looking to find donated vacant land(s) in the SDG area which could be shovel ready for future low rental housing developments. Ontario Renovates for 2021 assisted 55 households. SHS will be undertaking a homelessness renumeration on October 27th.

Child Care – Child Care expansions have taken place in Avonmore, Winchester and Long Sault. \$765,000 in COVID financial support was provided to support childcare and Early ON programs from January to March 2021. The Province provided funding for emergency childcare, serving 216 children daily. Starting in September, childcare staff, including support staff must provide proof of full vaccination, or complete regular COVID testing on their own time and expense.

Ontario Works – OW has 1,277 cases as of September. Once CERB funding ceases at the end of October, they anticipate a 17% projected increase in cases. The merger of the CAHC is to be completed by January 1, 2022; and will be renamed Cornwall SD&G Human Services Department.

5.2 Paramedic Services Verbal Update

EMS received \$71,000 more in base funding than anticipated in 2021. EMS continues to stay on budget, however the introduction of Truth & Reconciliation statutory holiday on September 30th created an unbudgeted cost of approx. \$50,000.

Replacement ambulances, originally due in May, are now expected to arrive in November.

The objective for the 2022 Community Paramedic (CP) Program will be to address lengthening response time, hire new staff, and reduce time for ambulances at hospitals. Hospitals are overburdened, running at times at a 40% decrease in staff, hence the CP Program is to try to keep patients at home (EMS did 600 new home visits to date this year).

Warden Armstrong and Mayor Byvelts emphasized the need to make Cornwall and SDG patients a priority by reducing the delays in responses to calls. They pointed out an initiative taken on by Prescott-Russell in reducing the amount of time ambulances spent in hospital off-loading of patients. SDG also needs to be a partner in assisting Cornwall EMS to develop a plan that will reduce response times.

EMS undertook COVID vaccination clinics and swabbing of residents in all residents in LTC facilities with the assistance of first year EMS students at SLC. 4,000 more people need to be vaccinated in order to achieve herd immunity in the EOHU area.

There is an opioid crisis in our area causing delays in off-loading patients (EMS has seen a 125% increase in use of Narcan).

5.3 Court Services (Provincial Offences) Update Report

OPP Have been doing more prevention than enforcement, causing a large decrease in revenues. SDG Counties are working with OPP to address the lack of enforcement.

Modernization and court recovery initiatives are being implemented in Ontario's POA courts, thus assisting in the recovery operations created by the pandemic and freeing up judicial time. Zoom Court will begin November 9th to deal with backlog of cases.

6. Next Meeting

6.1 November 16th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (Salon B, Civic Complex)

8. Adjournment

Moved by Mayor McGillis, to adjourn the meeting
Seconded by Councillor McIntosh

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.