

**COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT 11
15 JULY 2020**

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**EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 11
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**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 11
COMITÉ DES SERVICES COMMUNAUTAIRES ET DE PROTECTION
LE 18 JUIN 2020**

THE CITY OF OTTAWA - OPEN TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE
IN ANY REVIEW OF LONG-TERM CARE HOMES

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CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Community and Protective Services Committee receive this verbal update for information.

Donna Gray, General Manager, Community and Social Services and Dean Lett, Director, Long Term Care, gave a verbal update as well as a PowerPoint presentation. Both presentations are kept on file with the City Clerk's office. Following the presentation, Committee Members asked the following, but not limited to, questions:

- Will the City continue with both the task force and Councillors' liaison since the it has been a valuable tool for Councillors? The plan is to keep the function going while in emergency response mode.
- Regarding the outbreaks at Long Term Care (LTC) facilities, do we know the origins of these outbreaks? The outbreaks at Peter D. Clark were brought in by a staff member, then transmitted to residents. In other home, was brought in by staff and was not shared to residents. Now screening staff before starting shifts and pass a questionnaire. Also doing temperature checks.
- Regarding childcare programs with non-city providers, what is status for them to ensure they're able to continue or re-open? When the province announced guidelines, staff worked with the ministry to reiterate concerns

of sector and to highlight impacts to childcare model and ability to deliver services. Community organizations should pursue all available support first through government COVID response programs.

Councillor Egli then presented the following motion:

Motion CPS 2020 11/1

WHEREAS: The City of Ottawa’s Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Vera Etches, has communicated that Long-Term Care Homes are vulnerable environments for individuals in our city and present a complex challenge; and

WHEREAS: Currently, two of the four City-run Long Term Care Homes are declared in an outbreak and Long-Term Care teams have worked collaboratively with Ottawa Public Health on mitigating and managing these outbreaks; and

WHEREAS: On May 19, 2020, the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care, announced an independent commission into Ontario’s Long-Term care system beginning in September and their desire to conduct a thorough and expediated review and that membership will be finalized in the coming months; and

WHEREAS: The City of Ottawa would welcome the opportunity to support the Commission’s work and provide valuable feedback in a thorough and expediated fashion for the betterment of residents and their families. This feedback would include successes learned and challenges that have risen due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council request that the Mayor and Chair of Community and Protective Services Committee, in consultation with the Director of Long-Term Care and the Medical Office of Health, write to the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care, acknowledging that the City of Ottawa would welcome the opportunity to participate in any review that may arise of Long-Term Care Homes and that the letter provide feedback on immediate next steps where mutual progress could be made.

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The report was RECEIVED and CARRIED as amended by the aforementioned motion.