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Staff Report CAO2021-070

Title of Report: Southgate CAO Update Report

Department: Administration

Council Date: October 20, 2021

Council Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CAO2021-070 as information.

Background:

The CAO is providing this report as an update on general business operation, COVID restart planning, important information, decisions, and actions taken by staff in the last 30 days.

Staff Comments:

COVID-19 Healthy Communities Initiatives Grant Update

The Township of Southgate received notice for the COVID-19 Healthy Communities Initiatives Grant intake that our application was not approved for funding for the downtown accessibility and streetscape project. A copy of the notice received on September 27, 2021 is included in this report as Attachment #1.

Ontario Health Teams

MPP Bill Walker recently announced the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team (OHT) Planning Committee Co-Chairs are Alex Hector the Executive Director of the SEGCHC and Michael Barrett the President & CEO of the South Bruce Grey Health Centre. A copy of that announcement is included in this staff report as Attachment 2.

Staff recommend that we should discuss with Alex Hector the role of municipal governments in ensuring the success and good governance of our local Ontario Health. The questions raised in my August 25, 2021 AMO Conference report remain unanswered related to the service delivery of our community health care system related to these issues:

1. The Municipal Act and level of service responsibility of Council;
2. Leadership by volunteers and professional staff that is concerning related to accountability and transparency of OHT meetings and decisions;
3. Service delivery/ cost cuts versus reduced levels of service/risk liability issues or raising of taxes to compensate;
4. Municipalities accepting responsibility/liability or does there need to be NDAs/indemnity agreements as a condition of participation on OHT;

5. Fiduciary and legislated responsibilities of this mandated service when funding and service levels are determined by an un-elected, un-accountable entity; and
6. What role should municipalities play and how do we respond to citizens questions about OHT decisions?

Financial Impact or Long-Term Implications

The no financial impact to the 2021 Budget to the municipality that will impact ratepayer taxation at the present time.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Concluding Comments

1. That Council receive staff report CAO2021-070 as information.

Respectfully Submitted, **CAO approval:** Original Signed By

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- Attachment 1 – COVID-19 Healthy Communities Initiatives Grant notice email dated September 27, 2021
- Attachment 2 – MPP Bill Walker’s announcement about the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team Planning Committee Co-Chair Appointments