

Request for Recommendation Finance Committee



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Meeting	December 3, 2008				Report Date	December 2, 2008			
Decision Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed

Report Title
Budget Request: City of Lakes Family Health Team


Budget Impact / Policy Implication	Recommendation
This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.	

The City of Lakes Family Health Team have requested \$500,000 directed to the leasehold improvements of two additional municipal properties : former town halls in Walden and Rayside Balfour.	For Information Only
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Background Attached	Recommendation Continued
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Recommended by the Department	Recommended by the C.A.O.
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Date:

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City’s Commitment - Infrastructure

In a commitment from a prior Council, the city’s contribution to the City of Lakes Family Health Team was to provide available infrastructure. Four sites were proposed and accepted by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and they were: Pioneer Manor, and the former town halls in Walden, Valley East and Rayside Balfour. Capital funding was available to move forward and commit to 50% of the cost associated with the leasehold improvements to Pioneer Manor and Valley East. Once there was a need to move forward with the other two sites it was understood that a request would need to be brought to Council.

To date the Pioneer Manor and Valley East sites have been renovated to a municipal capital cost of: \$692,436.82 plus architects fees. Capital funding for these projects are as follows: Pioneer Manor was the result of capital reserves and the Valley East funding was monies that were originally committed to providing a turnkey operation in the location now being occupied by the City of Lakes Family Health Team, being the former town hall in Valley East.

Location of the sites were chosen for a number of different factors. The first recognizing the underserved needs of the outlying communities who were seeing a reduction in their primary care services, the city’s commitment to the partnership by providing available infrastructure and the contribution coming from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care who felt that the allocation of their financial contribution was best invested in municipally owned properties.

As for the operational cost it was understood that the city would not have any commitment to this and that this would be covered by the Ministry of Health and the City of Lakes Family Health Team.

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City of Lakes Family Health Team

There are 7 practicing physicians located at the Pioneer Manor site and 4 in Valley East.

New patients have been accepted approx: 1400 (all at the Valley East site) and this number continues to increase almost daily – and it anticipated that once the team is fully established, that includes all allied health care professionals, that there will be the ability to accept more patients.

There has been an ongoing interest in the number of physicians interested in practicing with the City of Lakes Family Health Team. Originally when the Pioneer Manor site started there were only three family medicine practitioners interested and this has now grown to 7 and at the Valley East site there was only one physician which now has increased to 4.

Commitment to the communities

The original proposal sent to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in 2005 recognized the need to deliver primary health care to the communities of Walden and Rayside Balfour. To this day the City of Lakes Family Health Team has actively continued to recruit a team of health care professionals to these two locations however this task has proven to be challenging at times. To this day the existing physicians who currently practice medicine in these two areas have also been actively pursuing new recruits in anticipation of their retirements and have recognized the difficulty in attracting physicians to more rural areas. The City of Lakes Family Health Team is committed to working with the existing physicians in Walden and Rayside Balfour and discussing the opportunities to join the team. According to the City of Lakes Executive Director there are ongoing recruitment efforts to attract more physicians and this includes current discussions with six interested physicians in the Walden site and three in Rayside.

It is anticipated that at each of the City of Lakes Family Health team sites in Walden and Rayside will have a compliment of four family medicine practitioners as well as nurse practitioners and allied health care team members.

Primary Care needs in Rayside and Walden

The City of Greater Sudbury is recognized as a whole as being an underserved community leaving as many as 30,000 without access to a family medicine practitioner. According to a formula used by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care the physician to patient ratio is as follows: 1:1380 (based on population). Given this information this translates into the community of Walden needing an additional 6 family medicine practitioners and Rayside Balfour requiring an additional 4. To date each of these communities has seen a number of their physicians either retiring or relocating their practice to the city core.