



STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk
Meeting Date: June 10, 2025
Report Number: 2025-103
Subject: Highland Health Network Use of Space at Medical Dental Centre

Recommendation

THAT Council receives Report – Highland Health Network Use of Space at Medical Dental Centre,

AND THAT Council agrees to hold off on securing a lease for the lower level to give Highland Health Network the time requested to finalize plans for expanded medical services in our community,

AND THAT Council directs the CAO to present an amended lease that would facilitate the potential addition of the lower level for Council approval.

Executive Summary

Purpose

To present a proposal from Highland Health Network for use of space at the Grand Valley Medical Dental Centre.

Key Findings

The Network is working to provide additional services to the community and is requesting the use of the whole building in order to provide space for these services.

Financial Implications

New lease needs to be created to reflect this request.

Report**Background**

The lower level of the Grand Valley Medical Dental Centre has been vacant for 2 months. The CAO has been directed to approach the medical office in the upper level, operated by Highland Health Network, to determine their interest in leasing the lower level.

Discussion

On June 4, 2025, the CAO visited Dr. Akula and staff of Highland Health Network. They told the CAO that they were in the midst of working with Provincial officials and the new medical school in Brampton on two different projects.

The first project involves bringing doctors to rural communities, and Grand Valley qualifies under the Province's definition for rural within the Highland network, whereas Orangeville does not.

So, they are anticipating access to a physician or additional services through this project.

Secondly, the doctor is working with TMU's new medical school to bring residents for training under her supervision. These residents would also need space in which to provide their services, and that space must be in the same building from which the doctor practices.

Highland Health is asking that the Town delay leasing the lower level for 6 months, and they may be ready to take over the space by end of summer. A letter from the Network will be presented to Council once it is available.

Financial Impact

The building would be fully occupied by one tenant who is committed to remaining in the community, guaranteeing financial stability for the facility while also providing much needed medical services to the residents in the Grand Valley area. A new commercial lease reflecting this arrangement needs to be drafted for review by both parties to ensure that expenses are covered but not at a rate that exceeds the capacity of the Network to pay and requiring them to seek alternative arrangements for their practice.

Consultations

Dr. Akula and members of the Highland Health Network

Attachments

None

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