



**Minutes of the Community and Social Services Committee
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Tuesday December 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Members: Chair Dennis
Councillor Burcher
Councillor Laidlaw
Councillor Van Hellemond

Absent: Mayor Farbridge

Councillors: Councillor Bell
Councillor Hofland

Staff: Mr. D. Thomson, Executive Director, Community & Social Services
Ms. B. Powell, General Manager, Community Engagement & Social Services
Ms. C. Clack, General Manager, Culture & Tourism
Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk
Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Coordinator

Call to Order (5:00 p.m.)

Chair Dennis called the meeting to order.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures.

Confirmation of Minutes

1. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the open meeting minutes of the Community and Social Services Committee held on November 13, 2013 be confirmed as recorded.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Presentations

- a) Ms. Eden Grodzinski presented the findings of the 10-year Housing & Homelessness Plan for Guelph-Wellington. She outlined the purpose, the methodology and the goals of the plan. She advised that the plan has been approved by County Council and will be submitted to the Province prior to the January 1, 2014 deadline.
 - b) Ms. Christine Oldfield of the Volunteer Centre provided an update on the volunteer police screening program. She highlighted the current participation in the program, the lessons learned and the next steps in moving forward.
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Consent Agenda

The following items were extracted:

- CSS-2013.34 Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report**
- CSS – 2013.35 Guelph Sports Hall of Fame Annual Report**
- CSS-2013.36 Cultural Advisory Committee Annual Report**
- CSS-2013.37 Guelph Skatepark: Preferred Design, Location and Budget Estimate Recommendations**
- CSS-2013.38 Report Card Coalition – Youth Charter Endorsement**

Extracted Consent Items

CSS-2013.34 Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report

Ms. Jennifer Popkey Bergen, Chair and Mr. Brad Howcroft, Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee outlined the 2013 accomplishments of the Committee and the 2014 goals.

- 2. Moved by Councillor Burcher
 Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw
 - 1. That the December 10, 2013 report entitled "Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report" be received for information.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

CSS – 2013.35 Guelph Sports Hall of Fame Annual Report

Mr. Larry Townsend, Co-Chair of the Guelph Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors provided an overview of the mandate and composition of the Board and highlighted the 2013 inductees and outstanding student ambassadors. He advised of the recent initiatives with respect to updating the Hall of Fame display and the development of a website.

- 3. Moved by Councillor Burcher
 Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond
 - 1. That the December 10, 2013 report entitled" Guelph Sports Hall of Fame Annual Report" be received for information.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

CSS-2013.36 Cultural Advisory Committee Annual Report

Mr. Greg Pinks, Chair of the Cultural Advisory Committee highlighted the committee members' expertise. He reviewed the Committee's goals and accomplishments over the past year.

4. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

1. That the December 10, 2013 report entitled "Cultural Advisory Committee Annual Report" be received for information.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

CSS-2013.37 Guelph Skatepark: Preferred Design, Location and Budget Estimate Recommendations

Mr. Bill Gurney, landscape architect on behalf of the City's consulting team outlined the site analysis and the public consultation conducted relating to the proposed Guelph Skatepark. He explained the proposed schematic design for the skatepark and the next steps.

Mr. Eric Pool expressed support for the construction of a skatepark. He advised that skateboarders have been waiting many years for such a facility.

Ms. Selena Barre suggested that a skatepark would provide an opportunity for youth to learn a new skill, socialize and participate in physical activity. She advised that these skills would assist in building a youth's self confidence.

Dr. Hugh Whiteley expressed concern with the lack of city-wide public consultation and comment by the River Systems Advisory Committee. He requested that approval of this project be paused to allow consultation with the community on a city-wide basis related to site selection and not design. He also requested that consideration be given to having this facility community funded and not funded by city dollars.

Mr. Adam Rutherford, Youth Services Coordinator, in response to questions, provided information relating to parking on the site, and the situation regarding various site easements. He advised that as part of the next steps, the proposal would be presented to the River Systems Advisory Committee.

Staff was directed to provide information prior to the council meeting regarding the process by which input will be sought from the River Systems Advisory Committee.

5. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

1. That the final design, location and high level budget estimate of the proposed permanent Skatepark Facility be approved.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

CSS-2013.38 Report Card Coalition – Youth Charter Endorsement

Ms. Auburn LaRose, health promotion specialist with the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, reviewed the top five health issues identified by youth and the various risk taking behaviours. She requested that the City of Guelph endorse the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Youth Charter.

6. Moved by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

1. That the City of Guelph endorse the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Youth Charter of Rights as a document that identifies values and principles that are upheld by the City of Guelph.
2. That the City of Guelph adopt the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Youth Charter of Rights as a document that will guide the City's policy decisions and key activities as they relate to youth.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Burcher, Dennis, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Authority to Resolve into a Closed Meeting

7. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

That the Community and Social Services Committee now hold a meeting that is closed to the public with respect to Sec. 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act* with respect to personal matters about identifiable individuals.

CARRIED

Closed Meeting (7:15 p.m.)

The following matters were considered:

CSS-2013.3 Citizen Appointments to Various Committees

CARRIED

Rise from Closed Meeting (7:30 p.m.)

8. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

That the Community and Social Services Committee rise from its closed meeting.

CARRIED

Open Meeting (7:30 p.m.)

Staff Updates and Announcements

Mr. Derrick Thomson provided an update on:

- Give Yourself Credit program has been incorporated into the Ontario Works budget
- Youth Council radio show will be held on Wednesdays on CFRU 93.3 FM
- Piloting of extended hours for Tourism Guelph on Saturdays during the winter .

Adjournment (7:41 p.m.)

9. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Deputy Clerk