



**Minutes of the Community and Social Services Committee
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Members: Chair Dennis
Councillor Laidlaw
Councillor Wettstein

Absent: Mayor Farbridge
Councillor Van Hellemond

Councillors: Councillor Findlay
Councillor Furfaro
Councillor Hofland

Staff: Mr. D. Thomson, Executive Director, Community & Social Services
Ms. B. Powell, General Manager, Community Engagement & Social Services
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 Wettstein
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

That the open and closed meeting minutes of the Community and Social Services Committee held on February 11, 2014 be confirmed as recorded.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Dennis, Laidlaw and Wettstein (3)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Presentations

- a) Mr. Derrick Thomson, Executive Director Community & Social Services recognized Guelph Youth Council members Patrick Black, Anna Nguyen and Sophie Rymill who participated in the ACTIVATE Ontario Youth Training Summit.
- b) Ms Sarah Haanstra and Mr. David Thornley, Co-Chairs Guelph & Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination presented their 2013 Report to the Community. They provided a brief history of the Task Force, outlined their vision and priorities. They highlighted their

activities relating to income security, affordable housing and homelessness, food security and access to recreation.

- c) Ms. Andrea Chowdhary and Mr. Joey Carson of Healthline for Waterloo Wellington Community Care Access Centre highlighted their role of connecting people with the right information, services and care. They introduced their www.healthline.ca website.

Consent Agenda

The following items were extracted:

CSS-2014.5	2014 Wellbeing Grant Allocations
CSS-2014.6	Community Gardens Program Annual Report
CSS-2104.7	Brant Neighbourhood Hub Development
CSS-2014.8	Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces

Balance of Consent Items

2. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

That the balance of the Community and Social Services Committee April 9, 2014 Consent Agenda, as identified below, be adopted:

CSS-2014.9 Public Art Reserve Fund

1. That the April 9, 2014 report entitled "Public Art Reserve Fund" be received for information.

CSS-2014.10 2013 Delegation of Authority Report

1. That the report dated April 9, 2014 entitled "2013 Delegation of Authority Report", with respect to delegated authority under the purview of the Community and Social Services Committee be received.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Dennis, Laidlaw and Wettstein (3)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Extracted Consent Items

CSS-2014.5 2014 Wellbeing Grant Allocations

Ms. Alison Govier, Chair of the Wellington Grants Allocation Panel outlined the process for reviewing the grant applications.

Mr. Jason Blokhuis, Vice-Chair of the Wellington Grants Allocation Panel outlined areas of the process that could be improved.

3. Moved by Councillor Wettstein
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

1. That the April 9, 2014 report entitled "2014 Wellbeing Grant Allocations" be received for information.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Dennis, Laidlaw and Wettstein (3)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

CSS-2014.6 Community Gardens Program Annual Report

Mr. Matt Reeves, Co-ordinator of the Childrens Garden Club provided a brief history of the club and the various activities the children participate in.

Mr. Jaidip Kambo, a participant of the Brant Children's Garden Club outlined his participation in the club and the lessons learned.

Miss Alexis Marco, a participant of the Brant Children's Garden Club advised what she has learned as a member of the Garden Club.

Ms. Dorota Lukomska advised that the community garden is essential in providing fresh and organic food, an opportunity to be physically active, and creating friendships and a support network.

Ms. Jill Gill, Project Co-ordinator for the Harcourt Church Community Garden, advised that produce harvested at their community garden is donated to the Chalmers Community Centre food pantry. She provided information on the amount of food harvested to date and advised that encouraging the continued growth of community gardens is the right thing to do.

4. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

1. That the April 9, 2014 report entitled "Community Gardens Program Annual Report" be received for information.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Dennis, Laidlaw and Wettstein (3)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

CSS-2014.7 Brant Neighbourhood Hub Development

Ms. Lynne Kloostra and Ms. Linda Beal outlined the vision of a community hub that would bring together a broad range of supports, programs and services for community members. They requested that the City conduct a feasibility study on the use of space behind Brant Avenue School for a community hub.

Ms. Andrea Roberts, Director Family & Health Analytics, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, advised that the Brant neighbourhood was identified in a recent study as a priority

area. She advised that the proposed neighbourhood hub is based on the findings in the Guelph report.

Ms. Katie Davis, Parent Outreach Worker for the Brant Avenue Neighbourhood Group, advised that this area is underserved and families are struggling and would benefit from having health services available at a neighbourhood hub.

Mr. Brendan Johnson, Executive Director Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition, concurred that the Brant Avenue area is in need of a community hub. He further advised that endorsing the feasibility study for a hub would be a sign of support of the neighbourhood.

Ms. Halima Ahmed advised of her family's journey to Canada and how a neighbourhood hub would help them by providing necessary services and building friendships and support.

Ms. Janice Pearce Faubert, Co-Chair of the Brant Avenue Neighbourhood Group advised that she envisioned a neighbourhood hub for many years which would assist families in assessing services that do not have the resources or time to travel to other areas of the city.

Ms. Kathy Dalziel advised what a neighbourhood hub would mean to her family with having a number of agencies in one area within walking distance.

Mr. Daniel Moore, Executive Director, Family & Children's Services advised he is happy to see this initiative. He advised he is also a member of Kindle Communities Co-operative and advised they are prepared to be involved if the neighbourhood wants them.

Ms. Amy Vandenberg advised that a hub with services located in one location would eliminate a lot of stress in families.

Ms. Gaia Lukomska advised of struggles to get to appointments. She advised that a neighbourhood hub within walking distance would create a feeling of ownership and support and would mobilize youth to give back to their community.

Ms. Kimberley Gadoury advised that services located across the city creates stress in families trying to access their services. She suggested that having a hub in the neighbourhood would improve their quality of life.

5. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

That the representative from the Upper Grand District School Board be allowed to address the Committee.

CARRIED

Ms. Jennifer Passy, on behalf of the Upper Grand District School Board advised that they are happy to be part of finding a solution relating to the Brant Neighbourhood Hub.

6. Moved by Councillor Wettstein
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

1. That staff be directed to conduct a feasibility study, and determine criteria and a timeline for locating a community hub on Brant Avenue Park lands, and bring back a

recommendation for further consideration at a future Community and Social Services Committee meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Dennis, Laidlaw and Wettstein (3)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

CSS-2014.8 Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces

Ms. Jennifer McCorrison of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, outlined the reasons for smoke-free outdoor spaces. She highlighted the results of the 2013 survey where 96% of Guelph respondents supported one or more 100% smoke-free outdoor areas.

7. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Wettstein

1. That Committee and Council receive the report and presentation *entitled Smoke-free Outdoor Spaces Results from the 2013 Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Survey, City of Guelph 2013*, by the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Team of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit's report.
2. That the report and findings of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit be referred to staff for their investigation and follow-up with the Health Unit, and report to Committee on outdoor spaces smoke-free recommendations.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Dennis, Laidlaw and Wettstein (3)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Staff Updates and Announcements

Mr. Derrick Thomson, Executive Director Community & Social Services invited members of the Committee to an open house on the South End Recreation Complex, to be held April 15, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Clair Road Emergency Centre.

Authority to Resolve into a Closed Meeting

8. Moved by Laidlaw
Seconded by Wettstein

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 (7:49 p.m.)

The following matters were considered:

CSS-C-2014.2 Citizen Appointment to the Guelph Cemetery Commission

Adjournment (7:51 p.m.)

9. Moved by Councillor Wettstein
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Tina Agnello - Deputy Clerk