

**The Corporation of the City of Guelph
Community & Social Services Committee
Wednesday April 11, 2012, 5:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Community & Social Services Committee was held on April 11, 2012 in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Dennis, Burcher, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge

Also Present: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Guthrie, Hofland and Kovach

Staff Present: Ms. C. Bell, Executive Director, Community & Social Services; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk; Ms. J. Sweeney, Council Committee Coordinator

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

1. Moved by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Mayor Farbridge

THAT the minutes of the Community & Social Services Committee meeting held on February 14, 2012 be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Burcher, Dennis, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge (5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

Consent Agenda

The following item was extracted from the Consent Agenda to be dealt with separately:

CSS-2012 A.3 Community Investment Strategy Phase 1 Final Report

Presentations

- a) Sonya Poweska, Executive Director of the Guelph Arts Council provided information on the formation of the organization and their mission. Ms. Poweska briefly outlined some of the programs and services they offer and the partnerships they have with various projects. She provided statistics of funding received by art groups, choirs and Arts Councils in other municipalities. She requested that the City increase support for artists and organizations in coming years.

b) Rosslyn Bentley, Executive Director of Hospice Wellington outlined their mission and the services they provide. She thanked the City for their support over the past 5 years and showed pictures of their new facility.

Community Investment Strategy – Phase 1 Final Report

Eden Grodzinski of JPMC advised that a Community Investment Strategy increases the City’s ability to respond to changing community needs, addresses the patchwork of investment mechanisms, and fosters innovation. Ms. Grodzinski outlined the background research and the numerous consultations conducted.

Rebecca Sutherns of JPMC outlined the strategic policy framework which includes the vision, guiding principles, investment model, and evaluation approach. Ms. Sutherns reviewed the strategic directions, values, community investment mechanisms and community impact.

2. Moved by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Mayor Farbridge

REPORT

THAT the draft CIS Strategic Policy Framework as outlined in this report (Appendix 1 – Community Investment Strategy – Phase 1 Final Report), be approved as the foundation for the development of comprehensive operational investment programs and tools in Phase 2.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Burcher, Dennis, Laidlaw, Van Hellemond and Mayor Farbridge (5)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Chairperson