



**Minutes of the Community and Social Services Committee
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Tuesday May 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Members: Chair Dennis, Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Laidlaw and Van Hellemond

Absent: Councillor Burcher

Councillors: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Hofland, Piper and Wettstein

Staff: Ms. C. Bell, Executive Director, Community & Social Services; Ms. C. Clack, General Manager, Culture & Tourism; 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 Van Hellemond
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

That the open meeting minutes of the Community and Social Services Committee held on April 9, 2013 be confirmed as recorded.

*VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Dennis, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond (4)
VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

The following items were extracted:

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| CSS-2013.14 | Long-Term Care Project Findings |
| CSS-2013.15 | Community Investment Strategy Review of Discretionary Grants
Cost Shared with the County of Wellington |

Balance of Consent Items

2. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the balance of the Community and Social Services Committee May 14, 2013 Consent Agenda, as identified below, be adopted:

CSS-2013.16 Community Benefit Agreement: Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition

1. That Council delegate authority to the Executive Director of Community and Social Services to approve the GNSC (Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition) Community Benefit Agreement as part of the Community Investment Strategy implementation, subject to approval by Legal and Realty Services.
2. That Committee approve Schedule V of the Delegation of Authority By-law with the updated version attached hereto as Attachment 1.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Extracted Consent Items

CSS-2013.15 Community Investment Strategy Review of Discretionary Grants Cost Shared with the County of Wellington

Ms. C. Bell, Executive Director of Community & Social Services, introduced the report and advised that it is not the intention to place any groups at risk, but to recognize groups would be better serviced by funding from other sources.

Ms. Sheila Markle on behalf of Give Yourself Credit provided a brief history of the organization. She advised that this program provides assistance to at risk youth who are disengaged from the system and school. She requested that the reconsideration be given to funding this program.

Ms. Heather Pfaff advised of her history and the impact of participating in Give Yourself Credit had on her ability to turn around her life. She advised that the program not only helps with finishing your high school education, but also teaches life skills. She suggested that it would be detrimental to the at risk youth if this program is not funded.

Ms. Stefanie Elsey, a past student to Give Yourself Credit, advised that the program is more than just a school. It gives the youth a real chance to make something of their lives. She suggested that the program is a necessary investment in the lives of youth and any reduction in funding will impact the youth involved.

Ms. Becky Leuschner, a former student of the program, provided a history of her life prior to attending the Give Yourself Credit program. She advised that she finished high school and is enrolled in university. She advised that the program was part of her ability to end her family intergenerational poverty and addictions.

Ms. Fiona Robinson, a teacher at Give Yourself Credit, provided information on the number of students in the program. She advised that the program provides the youth with a safe friendly environment. She played a video of three students in the program who advised of the impact the program has had on their lives.

Ms. Rosemarie Combs, Executive Director of Michael House and one of the founding members of Give Yourself Credit, provided a brief history on the formation of the program and the number of youth the program has provided assistance to date. The program not only assists with youth getting an education but also teaches them about health and volunteering.

There was considerable discussion on alternative sources of funding

3. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

- 1. Whereas the Give Yourself Credit is a vital community program.**
- 2. That Community & Social Services staff work with Give Yourself Credit to secure alternative sustainable funding.**
- 3. That staff return to Community & Social Services Committee prior to the approval of the 2014 operating budget to confirm funding has been secured to ensure the continuance of the Give Yourself Credit program.**

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Dennis, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond (4)
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

4. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

That the May 14, 2013 report entitled "Community Investment Strategy Review of Discretionary Grants Cost Shared with the County of Wellington" be received for information.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Dennis, Laidlaw and Van Hellemond (4)
VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

CSS-2013.14 Long-Term Care Project Findings

Ms. C. Bell, Executive Director Community & Social Services, introduced the report and the staff and consultants present.

Ms. Karen Kawakami, Social Services Program & Policy Liaison, provided a brief history on the City's long-term care, the status of the Wellington Terrace agreement and The Elliott status.

Mr. Michael Klejman of Klejman & Associates Consulting Inc., provided an overview of the report, highlighting the data collection and risk analysis, the analysis of options and key considerations, opportunities, results of the public forum and the recommendations.

5. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

1. That Council request confirmation from The Elliott's Board of Directors affirming their continued interest in working with the City and willingness to participate in the elements of the business case development to assess the suitability of The Elliott as the City's designated municipal home.
2. That staff be directed to scope the required elements and associated costs to develop a comprehensive business case for The Elliott as the City's designated municipal long-term care home and report back to Council on this recommendation in fall 2013.
3. That, through the Older Adult Strategy, staff be directed to determine the feasibility of a "campus of care" model to meet future demands for long-term care with relevant stakeholders and partners predicated on collaboration and shared responsibility, using a 20 year planning horizon.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Review of Draft Meeting Flow Guide

The Committee reviewed and provided the feedback on a draft meeting flow guide developed in accordance with the recently established Standing Committee Terms of Reference.

Adjournment (6:55 p.m.)

6. Moved by Councillor Laidlaw
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the May 14, 2013 meeting of the Community and Social Services Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

Deputy Clerk