



**Minutes of the Community and Social Services Committee  
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on  
Tuesday July 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

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**Attendance**

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

Absent: Councillor Burcher

Councillors: Councillors Bell, Furfaro, Hofland and Wettstein

Staff: Ms. C. Clack, Interim 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

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**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 June 11, 2013 be confirmed as recorded.

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

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

**Presentations**

**Guelph & Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination – Emergency Food Hub**

Ms. Randalin Ellery, Co-ordinator Poverty Task Force, shared information on the Seed Community Food Hub Committee and their work around emergency food services.

Ms. Kate Vsetula outlined short term recommendations the Seed Community Food Hub Committee will be addressing with relating to accountability, accessibility, food quality, consistency and transparency of eligibility criteria and stigma. She provided information on their long term vision and the next steps.

## **Guelph Youth Council 2012-2013 Annual Report**

Ms. Jennifer Bucci, Youth Program Co-ordinator introduced members of the Guelph Youth Council who presented their annual report.

Ms. Miranda Houston, Ms. Lauren Salis, Ms. Kayla Chatman and Mr. Patrick Black outlined the Guelph Youth Council's mandate and provided a review of the 2012-2013 season and the various events they participated in, and highlighted their objectives for the next year.

### **Consent Agenda**

The following items were extracted:

**CSS-2013.19      2013-2018 Youth Strategy Implementation Plan**  
**CSS-2013.20      Housing and Homelessness Plan for Guelph and Wellington**

### **Balance of Consent Items**

2. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

That the balance of the Community and Social Services Committee July 16, 2013 Consent Agenda, as identified below, be adopted:

### **CSS-2013.21      Outstanding Motions of the Community & Social Services Committee**

1. That the report, dated July 16 2013, regarding outstanding resolutions of the Community and Social Services Committee, be received.
2. THAT the following resolution, previously passed by the Community and Social Services Committee of Council, be eliminated from staff work plans and from the outstanding resolutions list, based on reasons provided.
  - 23-Jun-08; *"THAT the location of heritage festivals, particularly related to Festival Italiano, be referred to the Emergency Services, Community Services & Operations Committee for review."*

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*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

### **Extracted Consent Items**

#### **CSS-2013.19      2013 – 2018 Youth Strategy Implementation Plan**

Ms. Anna Nguyen, member of the Guelph Youth Council, highlighted the activities she has participated in. She said that implementation of the strategy will make youth feel comfortable and involved in the community.

Ms. Amy Greatorex, member of the Guelph Youth Council, said that the strategy will allow youth to collaborate with their peers, expand their creativity and provide a voice for youth in the City.

Ms. Cierra Truong, member of the Guelph Youth Council, said that the strategy will become youth to become part of the community. She expressed support that anti-bullying policies are included in the strategy.

Ms. Jenifer Truong said that it is vital to support youth and youth culture and the strategy will give youth a sense of great importance and ability to develop their skills. She hoped that the City will be supportive of the strategy and make an investment in youth.

3. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond
  1. That Council approve the Year One Implementation Plan of the 2013 – 2018 Guelph Youth Strategy.
  2. That Council direct staff to report back in Q3 2014 on the Year One Implementation Plan of the 2013 – 2018 Guelph Youth Strategy specifically reporting on key performance indicators and outcomes as well as notable progress, achievements and resource requirements.
  3. That Council direct staff to present an annual Youth Strategy Implementation Plan in Q3 of each year of the five year plan.

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

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

### **CSS-2013.20 Housing and Homelessness Plan for Guelph and Wellington**

Ms. Colleen Clack, Interim Executive Director Community & Social Services, advised this report was also considered at the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment Committee and all comments received will be shared between the departments and a report addressing the County's housing and homelessness plan is forthcoming.

4. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

That the joint report from Planning, Building, Engineering and Environment, report #13-34; and Community and Social Services report#CSS-CESS-1329, regarding the Housing and Homelessness Plan for Guelph and Wellington, dated July 15, 2013, be received.

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

*VOTING AGAINST: (0)*

CARRIED

## **Staff Updates and Announcements**

Ms. Colleen Clack, Interim Executive Director Community & Social Services provided updates for the following:

- RFP for the South End Community Centre
- impact of weather on the sportsfields
- provision of cooling centres during heat alerts
- support to Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health in promoting smoke free public open spaces

## **Authority to Resolve into a Closed Meeting**

5. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

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** (5:50 p.m.)

The following matters were considered:

### **CSS-C-2013.1 Citizen Appointments to the Community Wellbeing Grant Allocation Panel**

## **Rise from Closed Meeting** (5:51 p.m.)

6. Moved by Laidlaw  
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the Committee rise from its closed meeting.

CARRIED

## **Open Meeting** (5:52 p.m.)

## **Adjournment** ( 5:52 p.m.)

7. Moved by Mayor Farbridge  
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

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Tina Agnello - Deputy Clerk