



**Minutes of the Community and Social Services Committee
Held in the Council Chambers, Guelph City Hall on
Tuesday September 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Members: Chair Dennis, Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Burcher (arrived at 5:06 p.m.) and Van Hellemond

Absent: Councillor Laidlaw

Councillors: Councillors Findlay, Guthrie, Hofland, Piper and Wettstein

Staff: Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director, Community & Social Services; Mr. A. Horsman, Executive Director, Finance & Enterprise; Ms. J. Laird, Executive Director, Planning & Building, Engineering and Environment; Mr. M. Cameron, General Manager Parks & Recreation; Mr. T. Salter, General Manager Planning 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 Mayor Farbridge

That the open and closed meeting minutes of the Community and Social Services Committee held on July 16, 2013 be confirmed as recorded.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge, Councillors Dennis, and Van Hellemond (3)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Presentation

Mr. Charles Whittaker provided the history and an update on Guelph In Bloom and requested that the City endorse the program.

Ms. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director, Community & Social Services, advised that staff will prepare an information report on the future of the program.

Consent Agenda

The following items were extracted:

CSS-2013.22 Wilson Farm Park – Farmhouse
CSS-2013.23 Community and Social Services Annual Report
CSS-2013.26 Tourism Services RFP Update

Balance of Consent Items

2. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

That the balance of the Community and Social Services Committee September 17, 2013 Consent Agenda, as identified below, be adopted:

CSS-2013.24 Guelph Civic Museum Phase 2

1. That the September 17, 2013 report entitled "Guelph Civic Museum Phase 2 Landscaping" be received for information.
2. That Council approves the expenditure of up to \$50,000 in 2013 of the existing \$250,000 in donations collected towards Capital Project MU0017, in order to do a revised design, site plan and costing for the Phase 2 landscaping at Guelph Civic Museum.

CSS-2013.25 The Elliott Business Case Scope

1. That the elements of the business case outlined in the report to designate The Elliott as the City's municipal long-term care home be approved.
2. That staff be directed to allocate \$80,000 from the Social Services Reserve towards the cost of conducting an operational review and building condition assessment of The Elliott to support the development of the City's business case to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to designate The Elliott as the City's municipal long-term care home.

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

CARRIED

Extracted Consent Items

CSS-2013.22 Wilson Farm Park – Farmhouse

Ms. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director, Community & Social Services, introduced the report.

Ms. A. Pappert, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a brief history and various options for consideration.

Delegations

Dr. Dave Snyder, was in support of the staff recommendation to withdraw the notice of intention to designate and to demolish the Wilson Farmhouse. He expressed concern that there was no public forum on possible future use of the house and advised that the neighbourhood wants a park, and not this neglected house..

Mr. Mike Lackowicz agreed with staff's recommendations and suggested that the existing property is not worthy of heritage designation.

Mr. Frank Barber believes that the heritage criteria for designation is weak and supports the recommendation to have a park.

Ms. Betty McGregor, was in support of the staff recommendation and advised that the neighbourhood has presented a petition opposing the sale of the land to private individuals.

Mr. David Dorion, questioned the heritage designation scoring system and suggested that the heritage criteria is low for this property in comparison to other houses.

Mr. Marcia Santen advised that she understands the frustration of the neighbourhood who were told they would have a park on the site when they purchased their homes, but she supported keeping the building on the property and suggested that the City should conduct a survey and let the residents be involved in the decision.

Ms. Susan Watson expressed concern with the disregard for the City's Official Plan, by-laws and policies and lack of public consultation in relation to the recommendation to demolish a heritage building. She suggested that heritage assets belong to the entire city.

Miss Madeleine Digby who attends Trillium Waldorf School, advised that she wants the house to remain intact as part of the community.

Ms. Susan Ratcliffe representing the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario suggested that the demolition of the farmhouse is contrary to everything the City stands for. She said that the Wilson's were one of the first pioneer families in the City.

Mr. James Gordon expressed concern that community engagement on this matter is being compromised. He urged Committee and Council to hear all voices in this issue. He advised that he is supportive of an arts project centered around the building.

Miss Malkah McNeilly, a Trillium Waldorf School student advised that she started a petition in her school to support keeping the building.

Ms. Mary Tivy, Vice-Chair of Heritage Guelph advised of the professional background of the members of Heritage Guelph and the role of the committee. She stated that past and present Council have supported the heritage designation of this building along with the Ontario Conservation Review Board. She stated that Heritage Guelph strongly opposes the staff recommendation to demolish the farmhouse.

Mr. Dennis Galon was not present.

Ms. Cynthia Weijs expressed concern with the neighbourhood organization as there has been no attempt to engage the community at large. She advised that there is a large amount of green space and trails in the area. She suggested that the entire community needs to be engaged on the possible community uses for this structure.

3. Moved by Councillor Van Hellemond
Seconded by Mayor Farbridge

1. That Council withdraw the Notice of Intention to Designate the property known as 80 Simmonds Drive with Section 29 (14) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
2. That once the Notice of Intention to Designate has been withdrawn, the farmhouse be demolished, while documenting and salvaging, where possible, significant architectural and heritage features to the satisfaction of the City's Senior Heritage Planner.
3. That the existing walnut trees be protected, prior to and during demolition, by fencing to define a Tree Protection zone beyond the dripline of the trees.
4. That the land area surrounding the farmhouse be retained as parkland and that Park staff integrate the parcel into the Wilson Farm Park master plan.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Mayor Farbridge and Van Hellemond (2)

VOTING AGAINST: Councillors Burcher and Dennis (2)

DEFEATED ON A TIE VOTE

4. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Bucher

That the matter of the Wilson Farm Park –Farmhouse be referred to City Council for a decision.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

CSS-2013.23 Community and Social Services Annual Report

5. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

That the Community and Social Services Annual Report be referred to the October 8, 2013 committee meeting.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Authority to Resolve into a Closed Meeting

6. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
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 (7:35 p.m.)

The following matters were considered:

CSS-C-2013.2 Tourism Services RFP Update

Rise from Closed Meeting (7:45 p.m.)

7. Moved by Mayor Farbridge
Seconded by Councillor Burcher

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

CARRIED

Open Meeting (7:45 p.m.)

CSS-2013.26 Tourism Services RFP Update

Ms. C. Clack, Interim Executive Director, Community & Social Services, introduced the report.

8. Moved by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Mayor Farbridge
1. That Committee and Council endorse the staff recommendation to proceed with conducting an operational review of Tourism Services, utilizing existing budget resources from within the 2013 Tourism operating budget.
 2. That Committee and Council agrees to the filling of the position of Supervisor of Tourism Services on a temporary contract basis.
 3. That staff be directed to report back no later than the end of Q2 2014 on the results of the Strategic Review of Tourism Services.

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

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

CARRIED

Staff Updates and Announcements

There were no staff updates or announcements.

Adjournment (7:55 p.m.)

9. Moved by Councillor Burcher
Seconded by Councillor Van Hellemond

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Tina Agnello – Deputy Clerk