CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 09/06/2023

Community Services Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 06, 2023
Time: 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Members Present:

Councillors
Ward 2 - Councillor Costante
Ward 3 - Councillor Agostino
Ward 4 - Councillor McKenzie
Ward 5 - Councillor Sleiman (Chairperson)
Ward 6 - Councillor Gignac

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Ray Mensour, Commissioner, Community Services
Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Human & Health Services
Jen Knights, Executive Director Recreation & Cluture
Kirk Whittal, Executive Director Housing & Children Services
Jennifer Tanner, Manager Homelessness & Housing Support
James Chacko, Executive Director Parks & Facilitites
Christopher Menard, Supervisor Community Programming
Michelle Staadegaard, Manager Culture & Events
Doran Anzolin, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
Mary-Ellen Bernard, Program Manager / Economic Development & Innovation
Linda Higgins, Manager Intergovernmental Subsidies & Financial Planning
Samantha Magalas, Executive Initatives Coordinator
Summer Jasey, Emergency Planning Officer, Housing & Children's Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee to order at 9:01 o'clock a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1. Adoption of the Community Services Standing Committee meeting minutes held March 1, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

That the minutes of the Community Services Standing Committee meeting held March 1, 2023 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 79/2023

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None presented.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1. ProsperUS Advocacy Letter - Primary Care Access / Delegation

Rose Hayes, Co-Chair, ProsperUS Community Action Network and Jessica Sartori, Co-Chair, ProsperUs Leadership Council

Rose Hayes, Co-Chair, ProsperUS Community Action Network and Jessica Sartori, Co-Chair, ProsperUs Leadership Council appear before the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the presentation "United Way – ProsperUs Collective Impact Initiative – Primary Care

Access" and provide a brief overview of the ProsperUs organization; the strategy to deliver and strengthen services to provide access for youth to succeed; provide details regarding the need for access to primary care and specific neighbourhoods where this tends to occur as well as the area of focus and advocating for investment for Physician recruitment and the research to support it. Ms. Sartori provides the Windsor Advocacy Plan and outlines the need for a regional stakeholder striking committee to address key issues.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires as to how many people are expected to be a part of the committee. Ms. Sartori responds that the direction of City Council will outline what would make the most sense in terms of capacity consisting of health care providers, Ontario Health Team members, City Administration, Councillors, and residents.

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac asks about the investment in terms of statistics and impact on the affected communities. Ms. Sartori indicates that the data is comparative of similar populations of the affected communities.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether we think this is the correct strategy or should we be considering other options. Ms. Sartori responds, we need a "made in Windsor" solution incorporating a committee to further discuss possible solutions by incorporating what works in other municipalities and tailoring it to fit the needs of the city.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires whether we know the number of people without care in the priority communities, has international recruitment been considered, has the OHT been engaged and what their role would be. Ms. Sartori indicates that approximately 1 in 5 are in need of a primary care physician and that the priority communities are more affected. Ms. Sartori indicates that whatever it takes to provide residents with access to primary care, ProsperUs is open to the conversation. She adds that they have members from both of the Windsor Hospitals at the ProsperUs table.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires about the OHT, what it does and specifically related to this issue. Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Human and Health Services appears the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the presentation "United Way – ProsperUs Collective Impact Initiative – Primary Care Access" and provides details regarding the OHT, which is comprised of 40 members of the community, health care, primary care providers, CEOs who discuss how to improve access around the community. Mr. Daher indicates that there were several recent applications to the ministry for an increase in primary care access in our community. The OHT does not expect all of them to be approved, but are hopeful that at least one will be in order to increase access to primary care in priority communities.

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac inquires when Council can expect to get the report back from the consultant. Mr. Daher indicates that hopefully by the end of 2023 or early 2024 we should have the information from the consultant related to the Pathway to Potential (P2P) program.

Moved by: Councillor Fabio Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

That city administration REPORT BACK to council on striking a regional steering committee in collaboration with key stakeholders to explore the need for Primary Care Provider recruitment and retention; and

That the Ontario Health Team BE REQUESTED to report to Council on what they are doing to address Physician Recruitment and how the City can work with them for Council's consideration.

The motion is **put** and **lost**.

Councillors Jo-Anne Gignac and Mark McKenzie voting nay.

Moved by: Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSSC 207**
That the presentation provided by United Way – ProsperUs Collective Impact Initiative – Primary Care Access **BE RECEIVED** for information
Carried.
Councillors Fabio Costante and Renaldo Agostino voting nay.

Clerk's File: ACO2023

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

None presented.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Response to CQ 8-2023 - QR Coded Donation Signage to Support Homelessness Service Providers - City Wide

Councillor Renaldo Agostino requests that administration review some of the projects that The Human & Health Services team is working on. Mr. Daher provides information about the education and awareness of homelessness and what resources and services are available to the residents of our communities.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether there have been discussions with local Federal and Provincial representatives, and if so, how have those conversations gone, and whether there have been discussions regarding additional funding for rehabilitation and mental health facilities. Mr. Daher indicates that there have been multiple discussions about funding and affordable housing. Mr. Daher adds that the Ontario Works program needs additional funding in order to support individuals in our community. Mr. Daher indicates that mental health is not funded through the municipal side, it is funded through the Provincial government which is why advocacy is so important. Mr. Daher adds that strategies to secure housing for those affected is going to be very important.

Councillor Jo- Anne Gignac inquires whether the information/communication was in conjunction with the University of Windsor. Mr. Daher indicates that it is independent of the University of Windsor. Mr. Daher adds that It is a starting point to be able to communicate and educate that there are so many services available within the community.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

Decision Number: CSSC 203
That the report of the Commissioner of Human & Health Services in response to CQ 8-2023 – QR Coded Donation Signage to Support Homelessness Service Providers – City Wide **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

That City Council **NOT PROCEED** with the QR Coded Donation Signage to Support Homelessness Service Providers; and,

That City Council **ADVOCATE** to the provincial and federal levels of government for increased investments in programs and benefits for Canadians that will reduce poverty and increase affordability; and,

That City Council continues to **ALLOCATE** municipal funding to support and expand programs and services that advance the goals of the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Master Plan, and the creation of affordable housing; and,

That administration **BE REQUESTED** to continue the ongoing work with the community to develop ideas to alleviate issues related to homelessness; and,

That administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide details on where the informational pieces about Homelessness and the services available will be placed when this report proceeds to Council.
Carried.

Report Number: S 104/2023
Clerk's File: SS2023

8.2. Update of Round 2 of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Fund 2023 – City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSSC 204**
That the report from the Supervisor, Community Programming – Cultural Affairs dated August 21, 2023 entitled, "Update on Round 2 of funding of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Fund (ACHF) 2023" **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

Report Number: S 103/2023
Clerk's File: AF/14372 & SR2023

8.3. Response to CQ 18-2022 – Jackson Park Bandshell Update – Ward 3

Councillor Mark McKenzie requests clarification related to the complications involved with the location of the Bandshell, what is the cost to restore the Bandshell and would it be realistic to move the structure. James Chacko Executive Director, Parks and Facilities appears before the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to CQ18-2022—Jackson Park Bandshell Update-Ward 3" and indicates that there is about 50 meters between the property and the boundary of Windsor Stadium which becomes a complication as there is limited space. Mr. Chacko adds that without an agreement with Windsor Stadium to utilize a portion of it, it would make redevelopment complicated. Mr. Chacko estimates it may take millions of dollars to bring the property up to AODA standards as well it is listed as a heritage property; and the costs associated with moving the structure would be considerable as well

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires what is the cost of doing nothing with the property. Mr. Chacko indicates that this would be one of the city facilities that would come forward as an update to the 2024/2025 update to the asset management plan. Mr. Chacko indicates that this facility has been sitting as is for approximately 30 years since the last time it was used for an event. The parks department has utilized it as a storage site for about 20 years, and it was used as a hub for the staff that work at Jackson Park over the summer, but because of the state of the building from an Accessibility standpoint, we are no longer using it for that purpose. It is structurally sound, not deteriorating it can continue to sit for the time being until directed to do something with it.

Councillor Fabio Costante requests that Administration clarify within the Parks Master plan does it call for the revitalization of the Bandshell. Mr. Chacko indicates that the Parks Master Plan identifies that it exists as part of Jackson Park and that an updated Master Plan specifically for Jackson Park needs to be brought forward.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires about how much community consultation can be done prior to spending a significant amount of money on investigating this. Mr. Chacko indicates if the direction of Council is to undertake public consultation related to the Bandshell that is something to be taken into consideration in order to reduce associated costs.

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac inquires about the anticipated venue at City Hall Square and references the Riverfront Plaza and the new Esplanade venue and the idea that we commemorate the Bandshell within these venues. Mr. Chacko confirms the coming venues and the ability to pay homage to the history of the city and specifically the Bandshell.

Moved by: Councillor Fabio Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

That the report of the Executive Initiatives Coordinator dated August 21, 2023, entitled "Response to CQ 18-2022 – Jackson Park Bandshell Update-Ward 3" BE RECEIVED for information; and further,

That administration BE REQUESTED to engage in a feasibility study (two Phases) including a Condition Study and a Vision and Rendering Phase along with public consultation with the community and the Schoolboard on its best use and utilization; and,

That administration BE REQUESTED to report back at the next meeting of Council regarding a funding source other than the Budget Stabilization reserve (BSR)

Councillors Renaldo Agostino, Mark McKenzie, and Jo-Anne Gignac voting nay.

The motion is **put** and **lost**.

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSSC 205**
That the report of the Executive Initiatives Coordinator dated August 21, 2023, entitled "Response to CQ 18-2022 – Jackson Park Bandshell Update-Ward 3" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

That the Parks Department **UNDERTAKE** a consultation with the broader community for input on the future of the Jackson Park Bandshell.
Carried.
Councillor Costante voting nay.

Report Number: S 106/2023
Clerk's File: SR2023

8.4. Response to Open Streets Petition - City Wide

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac inquires whether there is an opportunity to extend Open Streets beyond east end and west end. Michelle Staadegaard, Manager, Culture and Events appears before the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the administrative report "Response to Open Streets Petition-City Wide" and indicates that there is consideration as to what routes are possible.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there is an opportunity to make Open Streets a 2-day event, whether there is a lot of BIA input and whether it can be a back to back 2 day event. Ms. Staadegaard indicates that they have not looked into a 2-day event due to the need for a large number of volunteers. She adds that each year provides a new opportunity to improve and grow

and partnerships with the BIAs are heavily relied upon for the success of Open Streets. Ms. Staadegaard indicates that Sundays are the preferred day for the event due to reduced traffic congestion and less disturbance in the neighbourhoods in which they are held.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires what the reasoning is for having only one Open Streets event and whether it is due to the need for volunteers. Administration indicates that recruitment of volunteers is difficult and making sure that they show up and stay for the duration of the event. 300 volunteers are required for the success of the event, their primary role is to secure the route by patrolling barricades and being available to move the barricades in case of emergency vehicle access is needed. The majority of the budget is used for manpower and each event is within budget.

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSSC 206**
That the report from the Manger, Culture and Events, dated August 21, 2023, entitled “Response to Open Streets Petition” **BE RECEIVED** for information; and further,

That beginning in 2024, City Council **APPROVE** Open Streets moving to an east-side route including the Olde Riverside, Pillette Village, Ford City, Ottawa and Erie Street Business Improvement Areas (BIAs); and further,

That in 2025 the route **RETURN** to the previously approved downtown/west-side route including the Walkerville, Wyandotte Town Centre, Downtown, and Sandwich Business Improvement Areas (BIAs); and further,

That in future years, the City **CONTINUE** to alternate between the newly proposed east-side route and the previously approved downtown/west-side route; and further,

That administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide information related to options regarding holding Open Streets events twice a year including feasibility and costs, one in the downtown/west-side route and one in the new east-side route.
Carried.

Report Number: S 107/2023
Clerk’s File: SPL/12373

9. QUESTION PERIOD

None presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee is adjourned at 10:50 o'clock a.m. The next meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee will take place on October 6, 2023.
Carried.

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Councillor Sleiman (Chairperson)	Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services