CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 02/01/2023

Community Services Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Time: 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Members Present:

Councillors
Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante
Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie
Ward 5 - Councillor Ed Sleiman - Chairperson
Ward 6 - Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

Clerk's Note: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac and Councillor Renaldo Agostino participated via video conference (Zoom), in accordance with Procedure By-law 98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic participation.

ALSO PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Human & Health Services
Ray Mensour, Commissioner – Community Services
James Chacko, Executive Director of Parks & Facilities
Jen Knights, Executive Director of Recreation & Culture
Kirk Whittal, Executive Director of Housing & Children's Services
Jennifer Tanner, Manager of Homelessness & Housing Support
Tanya Antoniw, Executive Director, Employment & Social Services
Alina Sirbu, Executive Director, Long Term Care & Administration
Michelle Staadegaard, Manager, Culture & Events
Teanna Lindsay, Coordinator, Special Events
Leonardo Gil, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Clerk calls the meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m., and calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairperson.

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac nominates Councillor Ed Sleiman for the position of Chairperson; Councillor Ed Sleiman accepts the nomination. There being no further nominations the Deputy Clerk calls for a vote. All members vote in favour.
Councillor Ed Sleiman assumes the Chair.

The Deputy Clerk calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair.

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac nominates Councillor Mark McKenzie for the position of Vice-Chair. Councillor Mark McKenzie accepts the nomination. There being no further nominations the Deputy Clerk calls for a vote. All members vote in favour.
Carried.

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 minutes of its meeting held August 3, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Fabio Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

THAT the minutes of the Community Services Standing Committee meeting held August 3, 2022 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Report Number: SCM 227/2022

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None presented.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report

Marina Clemens, Chair, Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

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appears before the Community Services Standing Committee and is available for questions.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires about the regional housing strategy and inquires as to what point in the process is currently being undertaken. Kirk Whittal, Executive Director, Housing and Children's Services appears before the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the report "Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report" and indicates that regional meetings will be taking place with surrounding municipalities CAO's where administration will be discussing and bringing forward Windsor's expectations moving forward.

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Fabio Costante

Decision Number: **CSPS 199**
THAT the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 332/2022
Clerk's File: MB2023

7.3. Diversity Committee 2022 Annual Report

Moved by: Councillor Fabio Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSPS 201**
THAT the Diversity Committee 2022 Annual Report **BE APPROVED.**
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 2/2023
Clerk's File: MB2023

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Windsor International Diaspora African Festival - WIDAFEST 2023 - Ward 3

Queen Amina, CEO of Zalent Creatives and Christopher Alexander, Vice President of Zalent Creatives

Queen Amina, CEO of Zalent Creatives and Christopher Alexander, Vice President of Zalent Creatives appear before the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the

administrative report "Windsor International Diaspora African Festival—WIDAFEST 2023" and provide a brief overview of the Festival and several historic events as well as showcasing the Diversity of the City of Windsor. Ms. Amina indicates that they will be promoting what Windsor has to offer and provides specific details about the event including food, workshops, weeklong ceremony, business conference, parade, highlights of simple acts of kindness, and self achievement; and conclude by extending an invitation for everyone to attend.

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac commends the group for this upcoming festival and wishes them well.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino also commends the group for this event which he anticipates will be an incredible achievement.

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Fabio Costante

Decision Number: **CSSC 202**
THAT the request from Zalent Creative Inc. to host the inaugural Windsor International Diaspora African Festival, also known as WIDAFEST, scheduled for Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30, 2023, at the Riverfront Festival Plaza and Riverfront Civic Terrace **BE APPROVED,** subject to the terms and conditions of the Special Event Permit; and further,

THAT the request for Council to designate the event as a Significant Event status for the purpose of Zalent Creative Inc. applying for Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) special occasions permits as required by the AGCO, **BE APPROVED**; and,

THAT the Riverfront Festival Plaza site be extended to include the Riverfront Trail seawall between Don Sadler Way and the Civic Terrace beginning Friday, July 28, 2023 4:00 p.m. to Saturday, July 29, 2023 1:00 a.m.; beginning Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to Sunday, July 30, 2023 1:00 a.m.; beginning Sunday, July 30, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m., **BE APPROVED;** and further,

THAT the request to temporarily close Riverside Drive East between Devonshire Road and McDougall Street on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to host the official WIDAFEST Parade, **BE APPROVED.**
Carried.

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Clerk's File: SR/14497

7.2. Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report

Moved by: Councillor Fabio Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSPS 200**
THAT the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report **BE APPROVED.**

Report Number: SCM 1/2023
Clerk's File: MB2023

9. QUESTION PERIOD

None presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee is adjourned at 9:18 o'clock a.m. The next meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee will take place on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.
Carried.

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