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Windsor, Ontario November 6, 2013

A meeting of the **Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in Council Chambers there being present the following members:

Councillor Sleiman (Chair)
Councillor Gignac
Councillor Halberstadt
Councillor Valentinis

Delegations:

Cassandra Vink, Principal
Christine Pacini, SHS Consulting
Marina Clemens, Chair, Windsor Housing Committee
Elaine Whitmore, Executive Director, John McGivney Children's Centre
Christine Rup, Resident
Julie Khoury, Resident
Matt Seguin, Resident

Also present are the following from Administration:

Helga Reidel, Chief Administrative Officer
Jelena Payne, Community Development and Health Commissioner
Debbie Cercone, Executive Director of Housing and Children Services
Jan Wilson, Executive Director Recreation and Culture
M. Deimling, Social Housing Analyst
S. Bisson, Manager, Family Aquatic Complex and Aquatics Services (A)
S. Brandt, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
T. Ardovini, Deputy Treasurer – Financial Planning
S. Hayatt, Manager of Children's Services
Robert Barlozzari, Council Assistant

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order at 9:05 o'clock a.m.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None disclosed.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the meetings of the Social Development, Health &
Culture Standing Committee held October 9, 2013 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

4. **REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS**

None requested.

5. **COMMUNICATION**

None.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee - 2013 Chairperson's Report

Marina Clemens, Chair of the Windsor Accessibility Committee appears before
the Standing Committee to address 2013 accomplishments which include the
following highlights:

- Windsor's investment towards affordable housing program;
- 41 applications pending approval, 4 multi-residential applications
pending approval with the Ontario Renovates Program;
- Ten year plan long term housing strategy;
- Well co-ordinated community regarding social housing;
- Committee is working together with relevant agencies to ensure
that social housing is accessible and available within the
community.

Moved by Councillor A. Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor F. Valentinis,
THAT the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee – 2013 Chairperson's
Report **BE RECIEVED** for information.

Carried.

Item 1 Windsor Essex Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan

Cassandra Vink, Principal and Christine Pacini, Partner, SHS Consulting appear before the Standing Committee to present the Windsor Essex Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. Presentation attached hereto as **Appendix "A"**.

The salient points of the discussion regarding Windsor Essex Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan with administration are as follows:

- Clarification of the current Emergency Shelter Policy in the City of Windsor for single persons and families, including persons requiring shelter who reside in the County
- Housing First approach is currently practiced by the Corporation where emergency shelters are not utilized as a first step. Housing Services attempts to house individuals in permanent housing as a first option.
- Housing First Model is reducing the number of shelter use in comparative communities. However, there are circumstances where emergency shelter may always be required
- A strategy is required to address aging stock of housing inventory owned and managed by the corporation
- Ability to expand and strengthening the Housing First Model and "wrap" clients with other services and resources they may require or are available to them in the community
- Housing First will include an outreach component, will be streamlined, accessible and easy to navigate for potential clients
- Rent supplement programs and other opportunities are currently being used to address the number of person's currently on waiting lists and to alleviate pressures on housing needs
- Health sector partners have been included in the Ten Year Plan and formalized partnerships are being discussed.
- Population is not informed on the plight municipalities are facing with respect to addressing Social Housing needs. An awareness campaign on this issue will be presented to the community in Windsor in early December 2013
- Annual reports will be provided as part of the program
- No new capital works projects planned for Social Housing at this time, but funding has been allocated to rent supplement programs and Ontario Renovates Program

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,

THAT this report from the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services regarding the Ten Year Housing and Homelessness Plan for Windsor Essex under the Housing Services Act **BE ACCEPTED**; and further

THAT City Council **APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE** the Windsor Essex Housing and Homelessness Plan for submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for comment and that Administration is required to seek City Council's approval prior to implementing a strategy from the 10 Year Housing

and Homelessness Plan if the cost of such implementation has not been included in an approved City Budget in the respective Fiscal Year; and further

THAT the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services **REPORT BACK** in 2014, to City Council on the comments made by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the Plan to receive final endorsement as per the requirement under the Housing Services Act.

Carried.

Item 3 Child Care Funding Formula and Funding Framework

Councillor J. Gignac assumes the Chair at 10:45 o'clock a.m.

Elaine Whitmore, John McGivney Centre

Elaine Whitmore, Executive Director, John McGivney Children's Centre appears before the Standing Committee to address and highlight how the new model of child care and funding framework introduced by the Ministry of Education will affect educational program, children with special needs and their families in the community.

Christine Rup, Resident

Christine Rup appears before the Standing Committee to highlight her families positive experiences with the John McGivney Centre and how special funding has for specialized programs through that organization have aided and assisted her daughter's development. The current funding model works well for this community and should remain in place for future families who may require the services the organization provides for their children.

Councillor Sleiman re-assumes the chair at 10:55 o'clock a.m.

Julie Khoury, Resident

Julie Khoury appears before the Standing Committee to highlight her families' positive experiences with the John McGivney Centre. A decision to enroll her son in the centre was based on costs, services provided and overall facility as compared to others in the community. The John McGivney Centre offers Pre-School programs which focus on early intervention which helps children reach their full potential. Parents with children who have special needs should have the ability to access appropriate levels of service that are crucial for their children to reach their maximum potential.

Matt Seguin, Resident

Matt Seguin appears before the Standing Committee to highlight his families' positive experiences at the John McGivney Centre. The centre was chosen based on its ability to provide excellent physical and speech therapy which has attributed to his daughter's development. The centre also offers the ability to meet with specialists on-site. M. Seguin indicates that there are not many choices in the

community for parents who have children with special needs or disabilities that will get the same level of programming and services offered at the John McGivney Centre. The new funding model is not a fair model for families to remain receiving services at an affordable cost

The salient points of the discussion regarding Child Care Funding Formula and Funding Framework with administration are as follows:

- J. Payne, Community Health & Development Commissioner clarifies that the content of the report focuses on consultation held with all sixty (60) child care providers in the community. Funding formula models are not specific to the John McGivney Centre as the delegations have indicated
- Demographics regarding child care needs have been shifting since the introduction of full day Junior and Senior Kindergarten by the Province of Ontario
- New funding formula is for all child care providers, re-aligning how subsidized families are funding.
- There is special needs funding provided to all child care providers through Children's First who provide special needs resources in the community
- The Ministry of Education no longer allows municipalities to subsidize program fees centre's deliver to their clients. Municipalities can however provide operating grants to a centre to provide services to community
- Funding can be provided to families with special needs and families eligible for fee assistance
- Changes in funding to the John McGivney Centre Programming is a result of the Provincial Ministry of Education funding agreement requiring all centre's come into compliance with new specifications and requirements
- The City of Windsor is required to act as the Service Manger to distribute the funding to the community and is required to follow the Provincial instructions to all families who qualify in the City of Windsor
- Ministry of Education expectation on municipalities is that child care needs are treated equally
- Ministry of Education guidelines have resulted in increased cost. Families who are not eligible for subsidy must pay full costs of care. This includes centre's which offer specialized programming for children with special needs
- Non-compliance with the Ministry of Education guidelines can result in a municipality losing child care subsidy funding

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,

1. THAT Council **APPROVE** this report on the Child Care Funding Formula and Funding Framework; and further
2. THAT the City **ENTER INTO** an agreement with the Ministry of Education for the delivery of child care programs for 2014 in accordance with the City's legislated obligations under the *Day Nurseries Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.2; and further

3. THAT the City Clerk and the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the 2014 MEDU Service Agreement on behalf of the City subject to **APPROVAL** as to technical content by the Community Development & Health Commissioner, as to legal form by the City Solicitor and as to financial content by the City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer; and further

4. THAT the following schedules to the 2014 MEDU Service Agreement, namely, Service Description Schedules, Budget Schedules, Contractual Service Target Schedules, Reporting Schedules, and/or amendments **BE APPROVED** as to technical content by the Executive Director of Housing Services & Children's Services, as to legal form by the City Solicitor and as to financial content by the City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer; and further

5. THAT the City **ENTER INTO** Purchase of Service agreements with qualified agencies as determined by the Community Development & Health Commissioner; and further

6. THAT the Community Development & Health Commissioner **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign, amend, or terminate agreements with Purchase of Service agencies on behalf of the City in accordance with the criteria established by the 2014 MEDU Service Agreement and mitigation funding where the net city contribution does not exceed \$150,000 or \$1,000,000 gross. For Purchase of Service agreements that exceed a \$150,000 net city contribution or a \$1,000,000 gross contribution, that in addition to the Community Development & Health Commissioner that the Chief Administrative Officer be required to sign as a secondary authority; and further

7. THAT the Purchase of Service agreements **BE APPROVED** as to technical content by the Executive Director of Housing Services & Children's Services, as to legal form by the City Solicitor and as to financial content by the City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, or designate. As long as the agreements conform to the standard format reviewed and pre-approved by the City Solicitor, the City Solicitor is not required to approve each individual as to form; and further

8. THAT the Community Development & Health Commissioner/designate **HAS THE DISCRETION** to terminate any Purchase of Service agreement upon the grounds as set out in the agreement and without the need to obtain Council approval, except as provided herein.

Carried.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Item 2 Social Housing – Expiry of Federal Operating Agreements and loss of Federal Block Funding

The salient points of the discussion regarding Social Housing – Expiry of Federal Operating Agreements and loss of Federal Block Funding are as follows:

- Social Housing is a provincial wide issue for Ontario Municipalities
- Councillor Valentinis raises concern that the City of Windsor may be absorbing the cost of a regional issue and it could be argued that there should be a greater cost sharing formula with surrounding local municipalities
- Social Housing Reserve fund does not have sufficient funds to offset loss in federal funding
- Reductions in funding may need to be addressed by City Council in future operating budgets beginning in 2015
- The Property Tax framework was never set up to address Social Housing intentions in Ontario.
- Funding for social housing has traditionally been provided by the Provincial and Federal levels of Government.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other organizations are beginning to review and discuss the reduction in federal funding to social housing
- Housing Services Act, each municipality is responsible for number of geared to income units, with the City of Windsor being responsible for approximately 5,600 of 8,000 units between Windsor and Essex County
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing lobbying Federal Government for a housing program where needed in Ontario Municipalities for increased funding to address infrastructure renewal and for social housing funding in general.

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,

THAT the report entitled "Social Housing – Expiry of Federal Operating Agreement and loss of Federal Block Funding" authored by the Social Housing Analyst dated October 17, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Item 4 License to Operate and FLOW Membership agreement with Wave Loch, LLC

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,

THAT the report from the Recreation and Culture Department regarding the requirement for a License to operate and enter into a Flow Membership Agreement with Wave Loch, LLC **BE RECEIVED**; and further

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign the FlowRider® Sheet Wave Attraction Licence to Operate and FLOW Membership Agreement with Wave Loch, LLC satisfactory in technical content to the Executive Director of Recreation and Culture and in form to the City Solicitor.

Carried.

8. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee – 2013 Bi-Annual Report

Moved by Councillor J. Gignac, seconded by Councillor F. Valentinis,
THAT the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee – 2013 Bi-Annual Report
BE RECEIVED for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee held September 10, 2013

Moved by Councillor J. Gignac, seconded by Councillor F. Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee held
September 10, 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

**Minutes of the Willistead Manor Inc. Executive Committee and Board of
Directors Meetings held July 11, 2013**

Moved by Councillor J. Gignac, seconded by Councillor F. Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Minutes of the Willistead Manor Inc. Executive
Committee and Board of Directors Meetings held July 11, 2013 **BE RECEIVED**
for information.

Carried.

**Minutes of the Willistead Manor Inc. Executive Committee and Board of
Directors Meetings held September 12, 2013**

Moved by Councillor J. Gignac, seconded by Councillor F. Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Minutes of the Willistead Manor Inc. Executive
Committee and Board of Directors Meetings held September 12, 2013 **BE
RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

**Willistead Manor Inc. Report No. 88 (Re-appointment to the Board of
Directors)**

Moved by Councillor J. Gignac, seconded by Councillor F. Valentinis,
THAT the Willistead Manor Inc. Report No. 88 **BE RECEIVED** for
information.

Carried.

9. **QUESTION PERIOD**

None.

10. **ADJOURNMENT & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:28 o'clock a.m. The next meeting of the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee will be held on December 4, 2013 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in Council Chambers.



CHAIR



COUNCIL ASSISTANT