



CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 11/05/2025

Community Services Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Time: 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 5 - Councillor Ed Sleiman (Chairperson)

Councillor Regrets

Ward 6 - Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Dana Paladino, Acting Commissioner, Human & Health Services

Kirk Whittal, Executive Director, Housing & Children Services

Alina Sirbu, Executive Director, Long Term Care/Administrator of Huron Lodge

Tanya Antoniwi, Executive Director Employment & Social Services

Stephen Lynn, Manager, Social Policy and Planning, City of Windsor

Linda Higgins, Manager, Intergovernmental Funding – Employment, Social and Health Services

Kelly Goz, Acting Manager of Homelessness & Housing Support

Jennifer Tanner, Manager of Homelessness & Housing Support

Valerie Panou, Executive Initiatives Coordinator, Human & Health Services

Michelle Oake, Project Manager

Sumar Jasey, Emergency Planning Officer, Housing & Children's Services

Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair 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 minutes of its meeting held September 3, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

THAT the minutes of the Community Services Standing Committee meeting held September 3, 2025 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 264/2025

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

8.1. The Windsor Essex Community Safety & Well-Being Plan 2026-2029 – City Wide

Michelle Oake, Project Lead, Human & Health Services

Michelle Oake, Project Lead, Human & Health Services appears before the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 20, 2025, entitled “The Windsor Essex Community Safety & Well-Being Plan 2026- 2029 – City Wide” and provides a brief overview of the Plan including an overview; History and Legislative Framework, Areas of Focus include collaboration, Information Sharing; Performance Measurement; Lessons Learned; Successful Strategies; Things to Avoid; Environmental Scan; Demographics; Education; Crime and

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Victimization; Financial Security; Housing; Mental Health and Substance use; Environment; Physical Health; Public Consultation; Leadership Focus Group; Public Focus Groups; Survey; Leadership Focus Group 2; Updated Plan; Performance Measurement; Ministry Performance Measurement + Action Plans with Logic Models = CSWB Plan Measurement Framework; Overview: Governance Structure; City of Windsor / CSWB Advisory Committee / County of Essex; Engaged communities; Safer public spaces; Coordinated Systems; Overview: Pillars & Implementation Activities; Engaged Communities – Goals; Safer Public Spaces – Goals; Coordinated Systems; and concludes by providing a Summary of Next Steps.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires as to how realistic the implementation by the end of the year timeframe is. Dana Paladino, Acting Commissioner, Human & Health Services appears before the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated October 20, 2025, entitled “The Windsor Essex Community Safety & Well-Being Plan 2026-2029 – City Wide” and indicates that the plan is ready for submission and implementation over the next 4 years.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether there is support from other regions and organizations. Ms. Paladino responds that we leverage partnerships with other organizations to achieve the goals set out in the plan.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires as to how soon the plan may be implemented and if it will be a phased approach. Ms. Paladino responds that many initiatives are already being implemented and are ongoing or underway. Ms. Oake adds that there is grant funding from upper levels of government already in place to help support implementation activities. Many initiatives are already underway and will be carried over and new areas will be carried out over the next 4 years.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether there have been conversations with upper levels of government regarding ongoing operating funds through grants. Ms. Paladino responds that the cost is shared with the County of Essex. The cost of the program compared to the grant funding is a good ratio. Over \$4 Million in grant funding has been received over the last 4 years. We continue to advocate to upper levels of government for additional funding.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires as to how we can encourage our partners to do their part. Ms. Paladino responds that there is a legislated requirement for this initiative. Our community partner groups are not directly funded by the City. A lot of the work is funded by grants that they receive. There is a process that we all must follow to do our parts, as legislated by the ministry.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether there is currently an initiative for youth crime prevention, a working group or advisory committee. Ms. Oake responds that there is not currently a youth crime prevention council. There is a regional crime prevention council with multi-sector members. Ms. Oake adds that they would like to develop a more youth-focused group with this new plan.

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Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSSC 300**

THAT the report of the Project Lead, dated October 20, 2025, entitled "Windsor Essex Community Safety & Well-Being Plan 2026-2029" **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

THAT Appendix A – Windsor Essex Community Safety & Well-Being Plan 2026-2029 **BE APPROVED**; and,

THAT administration **BE DIRECTED** to inform the Ministry of the Solicitor General that the Community Safety and Well Being Plan has been updated and is available on the website in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

Carried.

Report Number: C 142/2025

Clerk's File: SS/14026

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge of its meeting held June 12, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **CSSC 295**

THAT the minutes of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge meeting held June 12, 2025 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 263/2025

Clerk's File: MB2025

7.2. Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge of its meeting held September 9, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **CSSC 296**

THAT the minutes of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge of its meeting held September 9, 2025 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 296/2025

Clerk's File: MB2025

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7.3. Minutes of the Meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc., held September 11, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **CSSC 297**

THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc., held September 11, 2025 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 310/2025

7.4. Report No. 124 of the Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc.

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSSC 298**

THAT Report No. 124 of the Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc. indicating:

That the following individuals **BE RE-APPOINTED** to the Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc. for a two-year term ending August 17, 2027:

A. Abu-Zahra

J. Evans

R. Gauthier

E. Morasset

D. Sanborn

BE APPROVED.

Carried.

Report Number: SCM 311/2025

7.5. Minutes of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee of its meeting held September 16, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **CSSC 299**

THAT the minutes of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee of its meeting held September 16, 2025 **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

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8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.2. Windsor Essex Housing Connections (WEHC) - Integrated Support Team (IST) Program Update (City Wide)

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSSC 301**

THAT the report of the Supervisor, Housing First, dated October 20, 2025, entitled "Windsor Essex Housing Connections (WEHC) - Housing First Integrated Support Team (IST) Program Update" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report Number: C 144/2025

Clerk's File: GH/11710

9. QUESTION PERIOD

None registered.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee is adjourned at 9:30 o'clock a.m. The next meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee will take place on December 3, 2025

Carried.

Councillor Sleiman (Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services