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Windsor, Ontario June 11, 2014

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 Valentinis
Councillor Halberstadt

Regrets:

Councillor Maghnieh

Delegations:

Marina Clemens, Chair of Housing Advisory Committee (Item 3)
Leigh Vachon, Executive Director, Victoria Manor (Item 4)
Marion Overholt, Executive Director, Legal Assistance of Windsor (Item 5)
Kirk Whittal, Community Housing Corporation (Item 2)

Also present are the following from Administration:

Jelena Payne, Community Development and Health Commissioner
Janice Wilson, Executive Director, Recreation & Culture
Mary Bateman, Acting Administrator, Huron Lodge
Bruno Ierullo, Executive Director of Employment & Social Services
Debbie Cercone, Executive Director of Housing & Children's Services
Diane Quinn, Employment & Training Initiatives Manager
Rob Oleynik, Administration & Development Coordinator
Ray Mensour, Manager Arenas & WFCU Centre
Sandra Bradt, Executive Initiatives Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 9:02 o'clock a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Valentinis discloses an interest on Item 3 being the report of the Community Development & Health Commissioner entitled "Establish of Local Rules under the Housing Services Act" as he is a Board Member of one of the non-profit housing entities that may be affected.

3. **ADOTPION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Social Development, Health &
Culture Standing Committee held April 9, 2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

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

None requested.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

E-mail from Michael Taylor, Coordinator Community Special Events, dated April 4, 2014 indicating the cancellation of the anniversary Concert Series at the Riverfront Festival Plaza as Caesars Windsor has cancelled the event.

Moved by Councillor Valentinis, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,
THAT the e-mail from the Coordinator Community Special Events, dated April 4, 2014 regarding the cancellation of the Anniversary Concert Series at the Riverfront Festival Plaza as Caesars Windsor has cancelled the event **BE RECEIVED** as information.
Carried.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None presented.

7. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee Report No. 6 (non-voting representation to sit on Transit Windsor Board)

Councillor Halberstadt inquires about the amount spent by the Committee on T-shirt purchases.

Jelena Payne, Social Development and Health Commissioner provides some clarification as to the use of funds for the t-shirts. The t-shirts are for the committee to use as well as distributing them as promotional items.

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT Report No. 6 of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee meeting held April 24, **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee meeting held April 24, 2014

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,
THAT the minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee meeting held April 24, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held March 5, 2014

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held March 5, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Diversity Committee meeting held February 12, 2014

Councillor Halberstadt inquires about the presentation regarding recruiting local youth to the Fire Department.

Jelena Payne explains that the recruitment was for diverse groups within the City for City residents, newcomers and diverse applicants indicating that the Fire Departments is trying to reach several groups within the City.

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Diversity Committee meeting held February 12, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge Long Term Care Home held March 7, 2014

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge Long Term Care Home meeting held March 7, 2014, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Report No. 89 of the Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc. (2013 Annual Report)

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT Report No. 89 of the Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc. (2013 Annual Report) **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc. meetings held February 13, 2014

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc. meeting held February 13, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc. meetings held March 20, 2014

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Willistead Manor Inc. meeting held March 20, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Item 1 Mayor's Arts Awards 2014

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the report regarding the awarding of the Mayor's Arts Awards 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Item 2 Operational Review of Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation

Rob Oleynik, Administration & Development Coordinator, appears before the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee, and provides a brief summary of the report indicating the review was an operational review and not an audit. Community Housing Corporation does some things well and requires improvement/update to other areas. It is guided by Policy and where there aren't policies they are being developed or updated as required. A work plan and timeline has been developed by the CHC.

Councillor Gignac inquires as to the implications to the City of the recommendation to move the Central Housing Registry out of the Community Housing Corporation.

Rob Oleynik indicates that this may have a financial impact on the City but this is still being considered. The issue will be reported back to Council including options.

Councillor Halberstadt inquires as to the housing stock and modernizing the stock consolidation as well as if the Provincial and Federal Governments have been advised and if assistance has been requested.

Rob Oleynik provides details regarding rationalizing the stock and further information will be brought forward for future discussion. Debbie Cercone, Executive Director of Housing & Children's Services, provides details regarding how AMO and FCM are involved in housing programs but not the housing stock issue exactly. Rob Oleynik also provides details on utility costs and whether these costs should be removed from the base rent costs indicating this would issue would require more detailed examination where there are separate meters in use.

Councillor Valentinis comments on the good value received for this consultant report and the detailed information which was received. He also comments on the cost-sharing ratio with the County and notes how the change in weighted assessment has an impact and when the formula can/will be re-examined.

Jelena Payne indicates that this topic has been discussed and is being monitored by Finance along with her team, with discussion and review occurring a short time ago and resulting in continued monitoring.

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,

- a) **THAT** this report from the Executive Director of Housing and Children Services regarding Operational Review Report of Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation (WEHC) **BE ACCEPTED**; and further
- b) **THAT** the Executive Director of Housing and Children Services **BE AUTHORIZED** to operationalize implementation of one or more of the Recommendations made in the report, if necessary, provided that the cost to fund such implementation:
 - c)
 - i) is within the Council approved Housing and Children's Services budget in the respective Fiscal Year in which implementation of the Recommendation is to be funded and;
 - ii) funding the cost of the implementation of any given Recommendation(s) does not create or operate to establish an annualized cost to the City year over year without the prior approval of Council and;
 - iii) if such cost has not been included in an approved Housing and Children's Services budget in the respective Fiscal Year, the Executive Director of Housing and Children Services is required to seek City Council's approval prior to funding the implementation of one or more Recommendations.

Carried.

Item 3 Establish of Local Rules under the Housing Services Act

- Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Halberstadt,
- a) **THAT** this report from the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services regarding the approval of local rules for Windsor Essex pursuant to the Housing Services Act **BE ACCEPTED**; and further
 - b) **THAT** City Council **APPROVE** the attached **Appendix # 2 – Local Rules Windsor Essex 2014** pursuant to the Housing Services Act and Related Regulations for implementation; and further
 - c) **THAT** the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services **BE AUTHORIZED** to take all necessary action to implement the local rules provided further that Administration is required to seek City Council's approval prior to implementing a local rule if the cost of such implementation has not been included in an approved City Budget in the respective Fiscal Year.

Carried.

Councillor Valentinis declares a conflict and abstains from voting.

Item 4 Per Diem Rate Increase for the Housing with Support Homes (former Domiciliary Hostel Program)

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the Community Development and Health Commissioner **BE AUTHORIZED** to increase the per diem rate up to a maximum of 4% over a three (3) year period as follows: 2014-2015 contract year (2%) up to \$50.18; 2015-2016 contract year (1%) up to \$50.69; and 2016-2017 contract year (1%) up to \$51.19. This increase would be effective April 1, 2014 for licensed Housing with Supports Homes (former Domiciliary Hostel Program) currently funded under the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) and under a formal agreement with the City of Windsor; and

THAT this increase also apply to Housing with Supports Homes in the County of Essex under an agreement with the County of Essex; and

THAT Council Resolution M352-2013 which established the previous rate **BE RESCINDED**.

Carried.

Item 5 Update on the Housing Stability Plan, Discretionary Benefits Program, and Integrated Team Pilot Project

Marian Overholt, Executive Director, Legal Assistance of Windsor appears before the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee and provides information on the housing stability plan with types of coverage available, discretionary benefits and one-time funding noting the more strict criteria has had an impact locally in people's lives

in terms of maintaining adequate funding in this area. Emergency situations become strained due to lack of discretionary benefits.

Councillor Halberstadt inquires as to the psycho-social assessment which is not funded by the City currently but is funded by other municipalities.

Marian Overholt, indicates she has spoken to City administration on several occasions reiterating how important it is in the area. She indicates that these assessments often link information from the past and provide a clearer application moving forward to assist the individual. She indicates that there is an external firm who conducts these assessments at approximately \$1200-\$1500 per person.

Councillor Gignac inquires as to what portion of the group in need are new immigrants and whether there is government funding available to cover the costs, if not it should be brought to their attention via FCM or AMO.

Marian Overholt indicates that the lack of adequate assistance is also partially due to medical reports that are lacking necessary medical history or is often times not available. 10%-20% of total applicants might be immigrants. Specific provincial and government funding has not been allocated at this time.

Jelena Payne reiterates that her team has reviewed it, and it would be a diversion of funding from Ontario Works Program to ODSP which would allocate resources more effectively with the ultimate goal of finding the client employment. Some of these clients would have difficulty maintaining the employment.

Bruno Ierullo, Executive Director of Employment & Social Services, appears before the Social Development, Health & Standing Committee indicating they have an agreement in place with the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario who has an agreement with the University of Windsor who provide a preliminary assessment and determine whether they have learning disabilities or other more serious issues. There is also a pilot project currently with a psychologist at the University of Windsor which has been successful in receiving some extra grant funding.

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Gignac,

THAT Administration undertake a cost/benefit analysis in conjunction with Legal Assistance of Windsor regarding psycho-social assessments.

Carried.

The motion is **WITHDRAWN**.

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,

THAT City Council **RECEIVE** an update from the Employment & Social Services and Housing & Children's Services Departments regarding the Housing Stability Plan, the Discretionary Benefits Program and the Integrated Team Pilot Project.

Carried.

Administration will meet with the groups involved and provide a comprehensive report to Council regarding the cost benefits to providing a psycho-social assessment program.

9. **QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Valentinis inquires as to the increase in utility costs relating to Item 5.

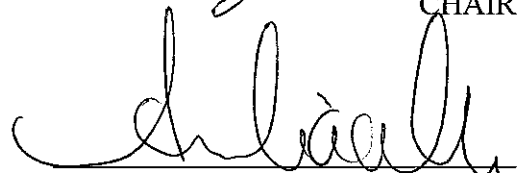
Debbie Cercone indicates that there is a trend of increasing utility costs in all areas across the Corporation and the costs are being monitored.

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

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:06 o'clock a.m. The next meeting of the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee will be held on July 9, 2014 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in Council Chambers.



CHAIR



SUPERVISOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES (A)