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Windsor, Ontario October 7, 2015

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 Borrelli
Councillor Bortolin
Councillor Gignac

Regrets:

Councillor Elliott

Also present are the following from Administration:

Helga Reidel, Chief Administrative Officer
Alina Sirbu, Executive Director LTC, Administrator Huron Lodge
Debbie Cercone, Executive Director Housing and Children's Services
Janice Wilson, Executive Director, Recreation & Culture
Bruno Ierullo, Executive Director of Employment & Social Services
Kelly Goz, Housing Administration and Development Coordinator
Ray Mensour, Manager Arenas and WFCU Centre
Sandra Bradt, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
Anna Ciacelli, Supervisor of Council Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee to order at 9:04 o'clock a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Bortolin, seconded by Councillor Borelli,
THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee held September 9, 2015, 2015 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

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

None requested.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None presented.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Overview of the Homelessness Programs

Kelly Goz, Coordinator of Housing Administration and Development; and Joyce Zuk, Windsor Family Services appear before the Social Development and Health Services Standing Committee and provide an Overview of the Homelessness Program. Some salient points of discussion are provided including the following:

- Funding Allocation
- Overview of Programs in Windsor/Essex
- Overview of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)
- Emergency Shelter Solutions
- Housing with Related Supports
- Fire Sprinkler System Loan Program
- Homelessness Prevention
- Rental Related Assistance
- Utility Related Assistance
- Services & Supports
- Housing Essential Fund
- Trusteeship Program
- Funding Model
- Implementation of Housing First Model
- Integrated Support
- Windsor/Essex Housing Connections
- Collaborative approach working with other agencies.

Councillor Bortolin inquires as to the pressures of considering increasing funding formula vs. number of spots available as well as inquiring about statistics. Debbie Cercone, Executive Director Housing and Children's Services appears before the Social Development and Health Services Standing Committee and indicates that the number of beds has increased as well as the per-diem received. Ms. Cercone also stresses the importance of the program itself as well as the types of referrals that occur. The funding approves the individual applicants not the homes, the individuals then select where they live as permanent housing. There is also private pay for beds including seniors as well as a large number of homes containing subsidized individuals.

Councillor Gignac inquires moving forward will the number of agencies increase as the number of individuals requiring assistance increases and whether the challenges are being highlighted and forwarded to other agencies. Ms. Cercone indicates as the need

increases the response to these individuals also increases and becomes more complex. Data will be collected to inform the Provincial and Federal governments of the needs in the area, potentially resulting in a coordinated more financially viable solution.

Ms. Zuk indicates that the Housing First Initiative helps those individuals that are “broken people” in that they weren’t able to access services before, simply due to the services not being there. These strategies that are being implemented, in terms of receiving intensive support allows these individuals to access services ultimately keeping them out of hospitals/police stations.

Ms. Cercone indicates that a task force has been established compiled of many agency partners, this task force gathers information and considers all aspects of the funding model and what the priorities are. Housing is first then other needs are considered after housing has been taken care of. Councillor Gignac states that Police should be involved in the advisory committee. Ms. Cercone indicates that the police are a part of the task force.

Councillor Borelli stresses the importance of coordination and many calls to police involve individuals with issues that are mental health related concerns and a coordinated approach with police should be considered. Ms. Zuk indicates that the Street Help outreach worker contacts homeless people. They assess the needs of these individuals and assist where possible. A coordinator identifies people in need in different areas in the City as well as the County to engage them and reach out to them to provide assistance. These coordinators are going out to the community and helping people, not waiting for people to come to the office to get help.

An outreach survey was conducted amongst panhandlers and it was discovered that a majority of them weren’t homeless just struggling. The Housing First Strategy is an important step in maintaining housing for the long term.

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,
THAT the presentation by Kelly Goz, Coordinator of Housing Administration and Development; and Joyce Zuk, Windsor Family Services entitled “Overview of the Homelessness Program” **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held June 10, 2015

Moved by Councillor Bortolin, seconded by Councillor Gignac
THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held June 10, 2015 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Minutes of the Diversity Committee meeting held June 23, 2015

Moved by Councillor Bortolin, seconded by Councillor Gignac
THAT the minutes of the Diversity Committee meeting held June 23, 2015
BE RECEIVED for information.
Carried.

Minutes of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held July 8, 2015

Moved by Councillor Bortolin, seconded by Councillor Gignac
THAT the minutes of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee
meeting held July 8, 2015 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

**Report No. 15 of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting (Draft Revised
Mandate and Terms of Reference)**

Moved by Councillor Bortolin, seconded by Councillor Gignac
THAT Report No. 15 of the Seniors Advisory Committee dealing with their
draft revised Mandate and Terms of Reference (September 2015) **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Item 1 Homelessness Partnering Strategy Point in time County and the Canadian
Alliance to End Homelessness 20,000 Homes Campaign Registry Week**

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Borrelli

- a) THAT Council **ENDORSE** the City of Windsor, as the Community Entity and Service Manager for Windsor and Essex County to participate in the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Point in Time Count and the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness 20,000 Homes Campaign Registry Week; and
- b) THAT the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk or their authorized designates **BE AUTHORIZED** to:
 - i. execute and submit applications and related submissions and amendments to secure funding related to the Homelessness Partnering Strategy and any subsequent programs, program extensions, provided they are in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, satisfactory in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in technical content to the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services; and

- ii. execute the Funding Agreements and any related amendments and extensions between the City of Windsor as the Community Entity for the Homelessness Partnering Strategy including any current or subsequent programs and program extensions and Employment and Social Development Canada, provided that the Funding Agreements and any related amendments and extensions are in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, satisfactory in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in technical content to the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services; and
- iii. execute the Mid-Year dialogue, annual work plan, signing officers form and any other documents required by Employment and Social Development Canada to remain in compliance with mandatory reporting requirements under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy provided they are in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, satisfactory in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in technical content to the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services; and
- c) THAT the Community Development and Health Commissioner or their authorized designate **BE AUTHORIZED** to enter into an agreement to participate in the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness 20,000 Homes Campaign; and
- d) THAT as the Community Entity for the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, the Community Development and Health Commissioner or their authorized designate **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute, sign, amend, and terminate agreements with Purchase of Service agencies on behalf of the City provided such agreements and documents comply with the governing program requirements and are in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; satisfactory in financial content to the City Treasurer and satisfactory in technical content to the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services; and
- e) THAT the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services or their authorized designate **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute and submit to Employment and Social Development Canada any required claims, Forecast of Project Expenditure (FPE), Activity Reports and any other such forms as required by Employment and Social Development Canada; and
- f) THAT the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services or their authorized designate **BE AUTHORIZED** to acquire resources and partner to deliver the Homelessness Partnering Strategy and any affiliated programs, at a cost not to exceed the federal funds provided by Employment and Social Development Canada under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy or any amounts allocated to the programs in the approved City budget in each respective year.

Carried.

Livelihood #17953, SS/4274

Item 2 Windsor Express Basketball Licence Agreement Renewal

Dartis Willis, and Gordon Lee, representing Windsor Express Basketball appear before the Social Development Health and Culture Standing Committee regarding the Windsor Express Basketball Licence Agreement Renewal and are available for questions.

Councillor Bortolin inquires about the Spitfires agreement and if they have the same contract as Windsor Express in terms of concession revenue, food and beverage. Jan Wilson, Executive Director of Recreation and Culture appears before the Social Development Health and Culture Standing Committee and indicates that the agreement with the Spitfires includes that they receive a commission percentage on all concessions at all events within the WFCU Centre.

Councillor Gignac inquires as to the original business plan of the WFCU and the impact on the facility should one of the options in the report be decided upon. Ms. Wilson explains the original WFCU business plan didn't include the Windsor Express, only the Spitfires, concerts and other events. The original model was adjusted over the years due to fluctuation in the number of events held at the WFCU, geographic location and other factors. Ray Mensour, Manager of Arenas and WFCU appears before the Social Development Health and Culture Standing Committee and provides some financial details which impact the revenue of the WFCU.

Councillor Bortolin inquires whether the Windsor Express have had an opportunity to provide any correlations/benchmarks with other Cities that have been obtained in terms of their rental fees. Mr. Willis indicates that most other cities have lower rental fees and include other amenities such as the jumbotron fee. Ideally Mr. Willis would like the fee at \$1750 per game including the jumbotron and VIP parking.

Councillor Gignac inquires as to whether there may be a more appropriate venue in the City that would be cheaper and better suited to accommodate the number of spectators that normally attend games. Mr. Willis indicates there isn't another venue in the City that can accommodate all the requirements of the team except for the University of Windsor and the league is hesitant to allow this as it may detract attention away from University level basketball. Councillor Gignac inquires as to the contribution provided by the City of Windsor to accommodate the Windsor Express team at the WFCU centre. Ms. Wilson indicates that the hard court floor was installed and purchased and is used mainly for the Windsor Express and some other events on occasion, at the Cities expense with a value of \$125,000.

Councillor Sleiman inquires as to whether the current/proposed rental/user fees would cover the wear and tear to the facility and whether the initial investment by the City has been recovered. Administration indicates the full cost for the floor has not been recovered through the fees charged.

Councillor Gignac inquires whether a business plan was created at the inception of the team, and whether that business plan has been adjusted. Mr. Willis explains that the initial projected attendance hasn't materialized and the business plan has been adjusted, but attendance and ticket purchases have increased slowly over the years.

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by Councillor Bortolin
THAT the report authored by the Manager of WFCU Centre and Facilities
dated September 17, 2015 entitled "Windsor Express Basketball Licence
Agreement Renewal" **BE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION.**
Carried.

Livelihood #17967, SR/11962

9. **QUESTION PERIOD**

None.

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

There being no further business, the meeting of the Social Development, Health &
Culture Standing Committee is adjourned at 10:00 o'clock a.m. The next meeting of the
Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee will be held on November 4,
2015 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in Council Chambers.



CHAIR



SUPERVISOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES