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Windsor, Ontario September 10, 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:

Lisa Kolody, Director of Programs and Operations for Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County (MCC)

Also present are the following from Administration:

Jelena Payne, Community Development and Health Commissioner
Janice Wilson, Executive Director, Recreation & Culture
Alina Sirbu, Administrator, Huron Lodge
Bruno Ierullo, Executive Director of Employment & Social Services
Sandra Bradt, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
Renee Marentette, Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership Project Assistant
Agatha Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 9:04 o'clock a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

3. ADOTPION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee held June 11, 2014 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

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

None requested.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Lisa Kolody, Director of Programs and Operations for the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County(MCC)

Lisa Kolody, Director of Programs and Operations for the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County (MCC) provides an overview of the research entitled “Enhancing the Welcoming Capacity of Windsor Essex” outlining; Definition of Welcoming Community; Research Objectives; Limitations; Benchmarks and Avenues for Action; Research Conclusions and Next Steps.

Councillor Halberstadt inquires if a particular community agency will take on the lead role, ensuring that the initiatives outlined in the research will be followed through.

Lisa Kolody states that further funding opportunities through Trillium are being explored. If additional funding is not granted, community agencies would only be able to complete 2 of the initiatives outlined.

Councillor Valentinis notes that the research indicates that Windsor is a difficult City to break into. Immigrants equate employment status as the main indicator.

Lisa Kolody agrees with Councillor Valentinis’s statement, indicating that immigrants do base “breaking into a City” with employment status.

Councillor Gignac inquires how the municipality can focus on one or two initiatives that can be improved on.

Lisa Kolody indicates that a meeting with the community agencies involved in the report and community leaders to review specific issues.

Councillor Sleiman inquires if visitors to Windsor find it difficult to break into the community.

Lisa Kolody indicates that the main barriers are issues surround language and integration.

7. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee meeting held March 19, 2014

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Housing Advisory Committee meeting held
March 19, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

**Minutes of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, Willistead
Manor Inc. meetings held April 10, 2014**

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors,
Willistead Manor Inc. meetings held April 10, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for
information.
Carried.

Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held June 4, 2014

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting held June 4,
2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

**Minutes of the Committee of Management for Huron Lodge Long Term Care
Home meeting held June 6, 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 June 6, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for
information.
Carried.

Minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee meeting held July 30, 2014

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee meeting
held July 30, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

None.

9. **QUESTION PERIOD**

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

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:02 o'clock a.m. The next meeting of the Social Development, Health & Culture Standing Committee will be held on October 8, 2014 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in Council Chambers.



CHAIR



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