



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 11, 2011
11:52 a.m.
Regional Council Chamber
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Present were: Chair T. Galloway, L. Armstrong, J. Brewer, T. Cowan, D. Craig, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell, K. Seiling, S. Strickland, J. Wideman and C. Zehr

Members absent: R. Deutschmann, B. Halloran, and C. Millar

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None declared.

REPORTS – Chief Administrative Officer

a) CA-11-001, 2011-2014 Proposed Strategic Planning Process

Mike Murray, Chief Administrative Officer, gave an overview of the report which proposes a process for developing the Region's strategic plan for the 2011-2014 period. A strategic planning session for Council is slated for February 18, 2011, and staff would envision Council reaffirming the Region's vision, mission and values during this process.

The Committee suggested building in time during the Council planning session to go beyond corporate planning and to examine Council priorities for the 2011-2014 term.

MOVED by C. Zehr

SECONDED by J. Wideman

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo endorse the proposed approach for developing the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan, as outlined in Report CA-11-001.

CARRIED

REPORTS – Corporate Resources

b) CR-FM-11-002, Public Art for WRPS Division #3

Gary Sosnoski, Commissioner, Corporate Resources, provided an overview of the report and noted that the expenditure of \$109,000 is consistent with other buildings of this scope and scale.

Chair T. Galloway noted that the Police Services Board approved the art, and that the building is owned by the Region.

The Committee observed a maquette of the proposed public art.

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by J. Brewer

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the proposed public art concept for Waterloo Regional Police Division #3 entitled The Lion and the Lamb as outlined in report CR-FM-11-02 dated January 11, 2011.

CARRIED

REPORTS – Finance

c) F-11-001, Grant Advances for Core Arts and Culture Organizations

MOVED by K. Seiling
SECONDED by C. Zehr

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo authorize staff to provide 2011 grant advances for core funded arts and cultural organizations that receive an annual grant from the Region in amounts up to one-half of the organization's approved 2010 grant.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

a) Finance – Overview of Major Issues and Priorities

Larry Ryan, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation to the Committee with an overview of major issues and priorities for the Finance Department in the upcoming council term, including:

- Processes
 - Integration of TCAA and performance management into budget process
 - Water billing in Wellesley
 - Green procurement
 - Upcoming requests for proposals – audit, banking
- Policy activity
 - Tax policy – consider elimination of capping
 - Hedging policies
 - Review of parking issues
- Funding strategies
 - Long term funding for Regional Transportation Master Plan and for Rapid Transit
 - Review of development charges
 - Brownfield Funding Strategy
- Internal / administrative improvements

The presentation is attached to the original minutes.

A member of the Committee asked how often a request for proposals is put out for the Region's benefit provider. Staff will review the history and provide a response to the member.

L. Ryan affirmed that for a review of the Region's development charges, a working group with Councillors will be convened.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Staff parking

Chair T. Galloway asked the progress of examining options for staff parking. M. Murray indicated that staff is looking at options for employee-paid parking, and L. Ryan indicated that a report would be coming in Spring 2011. M. Murray observed that budget implications would most likely begin in 2012.

b) Police redeployment

The Committee observed that Chief Matt Torigian would be coming to Council on February 2nd to present details of the proposed redeployment of police officers.

Some members of the Committee expressed concern that the redeployment was being undertaken without proactive communication with Regional Council. Chair T. Galloway indicated that the redeployment is considered an operational matter which does not require approval from the Police Services Board nor Regional Council.

J. Brewer observed that an excellent report on the subject was received by the Police Service Board. The Committee directed staff to circulate the report to Councillors.

c) Council Enquiries and Request for Information Tracking Sheet was received for information.

NEXT MEETING – January 25, 2011**ADJOURN**

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by J. Brewer

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:16 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, T. Galloway

COMMITTEE CLERK, M. Grivicic