



# REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012  
11:47 a.m.  
Regional Council Chamber  
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

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

Members absent: J. Brewer

## **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

None declared.

## **REPORTS – Chief Administrative Officer**

### a) CA-12-011, Progress on the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan

Mike Murray, Chief Administrative Officer introduced the report noting it demonstrates tremendous progress on priorities, goals and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan established by Council. He pointed out section 3.0 Council Priorities for 2013-2014 captures some of the discussion identified by Council for the need to focus more on Economic Development and Job Creation, Inter-City Rail Service to and from Waterloo Region and Efficiency and Value for Tax Dollars. He indicated that the Region and the Area Municipality CAO's have commissioned a study to look at Economic Development in the Region, what's working and what can be improved. A draft report from consultants will be coming this week and staff will be arranging to meet with Regional Council in early January to discuss Economic Development.

M. Murray also directed Committee to visit the website listed on page 11 of the report to follow the progress of the Strategic Plan. He thanked Lorie Fioze, Manager, Strategic Planning and Strategic Initiatives for her hard work in compiling and updating the information for the website.

Committee members inquired about an update on the Creative Enterprise Initiative. M Murray noted that an All Council meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2012 and Creative Enterprise is one of the organizations attending and providing an update.

Committee members highlighted the energy and focus going into rapid transit and GO train in the Cities of Kitchener and Waterloo and asked staff to monitor the expected economic benefits coming out of that to help shape the Regional community to create a balance.

Committee members inquired if there was a plan going forward with respect to Efficiency and Value for Tax Dollars. M. Murray noted that the 2013 budget is proving to be a challenge and staff have clear direction from Council to show options to reduce the budget and highlighted that in 2014 the Corporate Leadership Team will continue to make sure the organization is efficient and continue to provide value for tax payers' dollars.

Received for Information.

**REPORTS - Finance**

- b) F-12-102, Request for Funding – Waterloo Air Show

MOVED by S. Strickland  
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo take no action on the request from Mr. David White and Mr. Richard Cooper for financial assistance to cover fees paid in 2011, in the amount of \$75,431 and costs for Regional Services in 2012 in the amount of \$16,000 for the Waterloo Air Show.

CARRIED

- c) F-12-103, Status of the Waterloo Region Municipalities Insurance Pool

Craig Dryer, Chief Financial Officer introduced the report noting that this a good news story from the perspective of coverage, approach to managing claims and premiums. He highlighted that this is a great example of the 8 municipalities working well together for a common goal.

Received for Information.

**REPORTS – Corporate Resources**

- d) CR-CLK-12-019, Region of Waterloo Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Gary Sosnoski, Commissioner, Corporate Resources briefly introduced the report noting it is a required plan under the legislation that outlines the Region's strategy for legislative compliance.

Committee members inquired about dialysis being considered a disability or a health condition and if dialysis patients qualify for Mobility Plus. Kris Fletcher, Director, Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk explained that disabilities can be permanent or be temporary and depending if the patient is able to take traditional means of transportation to their appointments. K. Fletcher indicated that GRT and the taxi industry are currently looking at how to provide better services to people with disabilities whether they are temporary or permanent.

Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services explained the eligibility criteria for Mobility Plus.

MOVED by T. Cowan  
SECONDED by J. Haalboom

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be adopted;

AND THAT the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan attached to Report CR-CLK-12-019 be sent to the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

CARRIED

**REPORT FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- a) Minutes of the Audit Committee

MOVED by J. Wideman  
SECONDED by K. Seiling

THAT the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on November 6, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Council Enquires and Requests for Information Tracking List was received for information.

**NEXT MEETING – December 11, 2012**

**ADJOURN**

MOVED by L. Armstrong  
SECONDED by B. Halloran

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:07 p.m.

CARRIED

**COMMITTEE CHAIR, *T. Galloway***

**COMMITTEE CLERK, *E. Flewwelling***