REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012
1:20 p.m.
Regional Council Chamber
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

Present were: Vice Chair J. Mitchell, L. Armstrong, J. Brewer, T. Cowan, R. Deutschmann, B. Halloran, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, C. Millar, K. Seiling, J. Wideman and C. Zehr*

Members absent: D. Craig, T. Galloway, J. Haalboom and S. Strickland

MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by C. Millar

THAT the meeting reconvene into open session.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None declared

REPORTS – Public Health

a) PH-12-004, Reproductive, Maternal and Infant Health in Waterloo Region: A Health Status Report

Dr. Liana Nolan, Commissioner/Medical Officer of Health introduced the report. Jessica Deming, Epidemiologist, provided a PowerPoint presentation; a copy is appended to the original minutes. The presentation summarized the details of the report, the objectives and the eight (8) key findings. J. Deming stated that the full report is available on the website and that copies will be shared with community stakeholders.

Received for information.

b) PH-12-002, Quarterly Charged/Closed Food Premises Report

Received for information.

c) PH-12-003, Tiered Response Agreement – Police/EMS

In response to a Committee inquiry about potential outcomes if the recommendation wasn’t adopted, John Prno, Director, Emergency Medical Services, advised that Regional Police Services want to use same Emergency Medical Services – Technology Interoperability Framework used by the Region so that resources are efficiently utilized. He stated that if the Region didn’t execute the agreement, it would impact the Region’s ability to respond.
C. Zehr joined the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by R. Kelterborn

THAT the Director, Emergency Medical Services be authorized to execute Tiered Response Agreements with the Chief of Police, Waterloo Regional Police Service, subject to such agreements being satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor, as outlined in Report PH-12-003, dated January 31, 2012.

CARRIED

REPORTS – Social Services

d) SS-12-002, Sunnyside Home: One Time Funding for Resident Equipment

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by C. Millar

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo increase the 2012 Operating Budget for Seniors’ Services by $40,000 gross and $0 net Regional Levy, as outlined in report SS-12-002, dated January 31, 2012.

CARRIED

e) SS-12-003, Employment Ontario Approval of Transition Funds

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by B. Halloran

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo increase the 2012 Operating Budget for Employment and Income Support, Social Services by $44,500 gross and $0 net Regional levy as outlined in report SS-12-003, dated January 31, 2012.

CARRIED

f) SS-12-004, Sunnyside Home Accreditation

J. Mitchell asked that Committee members consider their availability to assist with the accreditation process; C. Millar and J. Mitchell offered their support.

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by J. Brewer

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo appoint Claudette Millar and Jane Mitchell to support the Accreditation process at Sunnyside Home, as outlined in Report SS-12-004, dated January 31, 2012.

CARRIED, as amended
REPORTS – Planning, Housing & Community Services

g) P-12-017, Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario – Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan (PDFP)

Deb Schlichter, Director, Housing, provided an overview of the funding timelines and the requirement for a Council approved plan. She referred to the three (3) focus areas that the proposed plan will address, including the creation of additional housing units to meet set goals by 2013. A report will come back to the Committee on February 28, 2012 to review the outcomes of the Expressions of Interest submissions. She responded to a Committee question regarding operational funding.

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by J. Wideman

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the following with regard to the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario – Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan (PDFP) and program delivery, as described in Report P-12-017, dated January 31, 2012:

a) Endorse the recommended Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan as summarized in Table 2 of Report P-12-017 and the proposed implementation of the PDFP;

b) Authorize staff to forward the recommended Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan to the Provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

c) Authorize staff to develop program details for an Ontario Renovates and Housing Allowance program that are consistent with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing guidelines and community need,

d) Authorize the Director of Housing to submit a business case to reallocate administrative funding to Year 1 to assist in the development of new programs;

e) Authorize the Director of Housing to reallocate funding between the appropriate components within each program year, as needed, to ensure full utilization of the notional allocation;

f) Forward a Request to the Federal and Provincial Ministers responsible for Housing, urging them again to commit to a long-term funding program for affordable housing; and

g) Amend the 2012 capital and operating budget as required ($0 net levy impact) to reflect the new programs as described in Table 2 of Report P-12-017 dated January 31, 2012, to be funded by the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

a) Memo: Respiratory and Enteric Activity in Waterloo Region (as of January 2012)

Received for information.
b) Memo: Joseph Schneider Haus Opens for the 2012 Season

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing and Community Services, encouraged the Committee members to attend the 2012 Folk Artist in Residence events.

Received for information.

c) Memo: 2011 Census of Canada Data Release Schedule

In response to a Committee question regarding the expected quality of data from the National Household Survey, Lucille Bish, Director, Community Services, advised that staff haven’t yet received feedback from Statistics Canada about their assessed quality and the completeness of the survey. J. Brewer suggested that Regional Council send a written request for this information to be received in a timely manner; there was general agreement by the Committee that this follow-up take place.

Received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

NEXT MEETING – February 28, 2012

ADJOURN

MOVED by K. Seiling
SECONDED by J. Wideman

THAT the meeting adjourn at 1:41 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR, J. Mitchell

COMMITTEE CLERK, S. Natolochny
REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL & INFANT HEALTH IN WATERLOO REGION: A HEALTH STATUS REPORT

Jessica Deming, Epidemiologist
Region of Waterloo Public Health
January 31, 2012
Overview

• Introduction
• Vision and scope
• Objectives
• Intended audience
• Project Process
• Key Findings
• Dissemination
Introduction

- **Reproductive health**
  - Physical, mental and social well-being of individuals and families in the context of reproduction (i.e., preconception, preparation for pregnancy, prenatal health, healthy births and newborns, parenthood)

- **Maternal health**
  - Health and well-being of women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period

- **Infant health**
  - Health and well-being of infants up to 1 year of age
Vision and Scope

• Stand-alone document
• Detailed, up-to-date information
• Waterloo Region residents
• Preconception through to birth, as well as selected infant health outcomes
Objectives

- Establish a local baseline
- Use local, current, high quality data where possible
- Identify gaps in local data
- Identify local priority health issues
- Align with and fulfill several requirements in the Ontario Public Health Standards
Intended Audience

- Region of Waterloo Public Health
- Local service providers in reproductive, maternal and infant health
- School boards
- Primary care practitioners and hospitals
- Decision and policy-makers
- Other Regional departments, community partners, academic partners
- Parents, pregnant women and their partners, men and women of reproductive age
- General public
Key Findings

1) Approximately 6,000 babies are born each year in Waterloo Region; this number will increase into the future
Key Findings

Number of live births, by neighbourhood quintile, Waterloo Region, 2010

Key Findings

2) The average age of mothers and fathers is increasing
Key Findings

Age-specific fertility rates per 1,000 females aged 15 to 49 years, by five-year age groups, Waterloo Region 2000 and 2007

3) Many maternal characteristics and infant health outcomes differ by maternal age

For example:

- Healthy body weight prior to pregnancy
- Folic acid
- Smoking during pregnancy
- Multiple births (twins, triplets, etc.)
- C-section delivery
- Feeding method (i.e., breastmilk or formula)
4) There are geographical differences in reproductive, maternal and infant health within Waterloo Region

For example:

- Fertility rates are higher in Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich Townships
- The average age of mothers is higher in the City of Waterloo and North Dumfries Township
- Rates of low birth weight infants are higher in some areas of Wellesley Township, Kitchener, Cambridge and City of Waterloo
5) Most women receive prenatal care from obstetricians and family physicians; most babies are delivered in hospitals

- Obstetricians: provide prenatal care for most births and attend most deliveries
- Family doctors: provide prenatal care but attend few deliveries
- Midwives: attend 10 per cent of hospital births
- Three per cent of births are midwife-attended home births
Key Findings

6) Infant health outcomes are generally good; the causes of poor infant health outcomes are often difficult to modify

For example:
- Six per cent of infants have low birth weight
- Eight per cent are small for gestational age
- Eleven per cent are large for gestational age
- Preterm birth rates are increasing slightly
- Congenital anomalies are rare
Key Findings

7) In general, the health of Waterloo Region mothers and infants is on par with the rest of Ontario and Canada

8) There are still things we do not know about reproductive, maternal and infant health
Dissemination

• **Now available on Region of Waterloo Public Health website**

• **Full report**
  - *Reproductive, Maternal and Infant Health in Waterloo Region: a Health Status Report*

• **Summary document**
  - *Pregnancies and Babies in Waterloo Region*
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Thank you!

Questions?