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

Members absent: J. Wideman

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None declared.

DELEGATIONS

a) Lauris de Costa, Chloe Callender and LaFerne Clarke, members of the Coalition for the Success of African-Caribbean Youth, addressed the Committee on the issue of African-Caribbean youth at risk in the community and the program they have developed to address this matter. They advised that the project receives Trillium funding with the K-W Multicultural Centre as the lead agent; three other cultural organizations involved in the project include the African Women’s’ Alliance; the Congress of Black Women - Waterloo Chapter; and the Caribbean-Canadian Association of Waterloo Region.

The Coalition is concerned about youth at risk and strive to reduce systemic barriers which may result in youth dropping out of school and various high-risk behaviours. The program employs culturally relevant methods of intervention including interpersonal communications and home visits. The community-driven program provides information to youth on how to access community services. The delegation members stated that their program has a successful model and seeks to develop community engagement and partnership with local schools. The program has been successful in addressing the challenges faced by newcomers and refugees in our community.

In response to questions from the Committee about local partnerships, the delegation advised that they are working with local school boards and the Region of Waterloo Crime Prevention Council. The program has been in existence since September 2010 and is currently assisting 29 local youth at risk.

PRESENTATIONS

a) Ron Hackett, Board Member, Heritage Planning Advisory Committee, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee regarding P-11-017, Heritage Planning Advisory Committee – Highlights from 2010 and Plans for 2011; a copy is appended to the original minutes. He shared the past year successes, which include the Heritage Bridge Recognition Program, collaboration with local post-secondary schools, the scenic roads resource and the advisory committee’s participation in local heritage events. He stated that in 2011, the committee will continue to identify and recognize heritage bridges in the Region, will undertake a public
building inventory and will organize a heritage workshop in cooperation with other heritage groups. Mr. Hackett thanked Regional staff for their support and encouraged the Committee members to visit the Wellesley Heritage and Historical Society.

The Committee took a recess at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:57 p.m.

D. Craig, T. Galloway and G. Lorentz didn’t return for this portion of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

b) Planning, Housing & Community Services – Overview of Major Issues and Priorities related to Community Services and Housing was deferred to the next Committee meeting.

REPORTS – Planning, Housing & Community Services

a) P-11-016, Arts, Culture, Heritage Master Plan Implementation – 2010 Highlights

Received for information.

b) P-11-020, Provincial Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program – Renewable Energy Initiative (SHRRP-REI) Update

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing & Community Services, stated that the report offers a positive update and indicates where the funding was allocated throughout the municipalities in the Region.

In response to a Committee inquiry about 95 Concession Street in Cambridge, Deb Schlichter, Director, Housing, advised that this building is the previous Ontario Housing Corporation site; staff will confirm the address.

Received for information.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a) PH-11-006/P-11-019, Smoke-Free Policy for New Leases and Transfers in Regionally Owned Community Housing – Follow-Up Report

R. Horne introduced the report stating that the implementation of the policy has been successful to date. He advised that the policy doesn’t apply to existing tenants and that there have been no issues raised by prospective tenants

In response to a Committee inquiry about the prospect of full implementation, R. Horne stated that the intention is that the policy will be fully implemented at all Regionally owned housing properties. D. Schlichter advised that the timeline is dependent on tenant turnover and therefore couldn’t provide a specific date for full implementation.

Dr. Liana Nolan, Commissioner/Medical Officer of Health responded to an inquiry about tenant participation in the smoking cessation programs, advising that, while response has been minimal, staff continue to offer and promote the program, and to monitor participation levels.

Received for information.
REPORTS – Public Health

a) PH-11-007, 2010 Vector-Borne Disease Program Summary

Dr. Nolan stated that this cost-shared program has focused on public education and environmental monitoring. In 2010, there were no reported cases of West Nile Virus or Lyme disease in Waterloo Region.

In response to Committee questions about the larviciding program and predictions for the current year, Dr. Nolan advised that the larviciding program has had a positive impact, as have weather patterns. She stated that climate change may have an impact on other vector-borne diseases and that Public Health will follow the provincial lead in planned activities.

Received for information.

REPORTS – Social Services

a) SS-11-008, Quality and Compliance Monitoring – Sunnyside Home

Gail Kaufman Carlin, Director, Seniors’ Services, summarized the highlights of the report, which include the new provincial inspection system, the quality improvement initiative, the impact of the key governance requirements, and an overview of the Ombudsman’s report. She stated that a number of policies and procedures will be addressed to ensure compliance with the new inspection process, which is expected to occur in December 2011. She reminded the Committee of their role and obligations as the board for Sunnyside Home. She also advised that a Seniors’ Advisory body will be established later this year; the Terms of Reference will be provided to the Committee for approval as will reports on quality outcomes and initiatives.

Received for information.

b) SS-11-009, Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts Seniors' Services (Sunnyside Home)

MOVED by B. Halloran
SECONDED by C. Millar


CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

a) Memo: Joseph Schneider Haus Opens for the 2011 Season

Received for information.

b) Memo: First Response Protocol 2010 Update

Received for information.
c) Memo Ontario Works Caseload: January 2011

In response to a Committee question about the budget for current year caseloads, Michael Murray, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that we have 2000 cases per month over the budgeted figure. Lee Parent, Manager, Budgets & Financial Services, indicated that the base budget for Ontario Works caseload is 6400 and that the variance between forecasted and actual will be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List

Received for information.

b) Chair Strickland advised that the Planning and Works River Road Extension Public Consultation Centre, planned for February 22, 2011, has been cancelled.

c) J. Haalboom applauded staff for their 2010 One Book, One Community book selection, noting that the novel, *Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis, was selected as the winner of CBC’s Canada Reads 2011 contest.

NEXT MEETING – March 8, 2011

ADJOURN

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by J. Brewer

THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, S. Strickland

COMMITTEE CLERK, S. Natolochny
The Region of Waterloo

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Bridgeport Bridge, Kitchener
Highlights from 2010

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Heritage Workshop
Thank You

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