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

Members absent: J. Brewer, D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, B. Halloran and J. Wideman

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None declared.

REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

J. Mitchell requested that Item 6b, Memo: West Montrose Covered Bridge Update be removed from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED by L. Armstrong
SECONDED by G. Lorentz

THAT the following items be received for information:

- PH-13-003, Influenza Season 2012/13 Update
- Memo: Family Support Unit Consolidation
- Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List

CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA RESUMES

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

6. b) Memo: West Montrose Covered Bridge Update

In response to Committee questions regarding the use of video cameras and enhanced signage; the use of steel supports for the bridge undercarriage; and, the potential for federal funding support, Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning Housing and Community Services, advised that several options are being considered to protect the structural integrity of the bridge. He added that a report will come back to the Committee with several options to address the load restrictions and maintenance of the bridge and that while federal funding has not been secured, staff are reviewing all potential sources.
PRESENTATIONS

a) Ron Hackett, Member, Heritage Planning Advisory Committee (HPAC), gave a presentation to the Committee regarding P-13-002, Regional Heritage Planning Advisory Committee - Highlights from 2012 and Plans for 2013; a copy of the presentation is appended to the original minutes.

He provided an overview of the local projects that members of HPAC have commented on in 2012; the policy work undertaken and the coordination efforts for the Heritage Impact Assessment workshop. He highlighted the advisory committee’s involvement in local events; public awareness campaigns; the public building inventory; the bridge recognition program; and, cultural heritage landscapes policies.

Received for information

REPORTS – Social Services

a) SS-13-001, Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative – Program Approach for 2013/14

Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Commissioner, Social Services, stated that the report provides the Committee with an understanding of the intended approach with the implementation of the program.

S. Strickland commented that additional information will be available during the budget meeting and that this initiative will have no impact on the Regional levy.

MOVED by C. Zehr
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve entering into agreements with agencies as determined by the Commissioner of Social Services from time to time, upon terms and conditions acceptable to Legal Services, subject to receipt of funding from the Province of Ontario or a Ministry or agency thereof for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Program;

AND THAT the 2013 budget implications of one time transitional funding for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative of $1,517,140 gross to be funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services be referred to Budget Committee for consideration, as outlined in report SS-13-001, dated January 8, 2013.

CARRIED

b) SS-13-002, Provincial Budget Approval and New Funding Formula for Children’s Services

D. Bartholomew-Saunders commented that the new funding formula consolidates a number of budget lines and makes the process more streamlined.

Received for information

OTHER BUSINESS

S. Strickland commented that copies of report PH-13-003, Influenza Season 2012/13 Update were distributed during the meeting to Committee members and Senior staff.
NEXT MEETING – January 29, 2013

ADJOURN

MOVED by T. Cowan
SECONDED by C. Millar

THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:25 a.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, S. Strickland

COMMITTEE CLERK, S. Natolochny
The Region of Waterloo

HERITAGE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2012 AND PLANS FOR 2013
Highlights from 2012

Advisory Work
Highlights from 2012

Policy Work

HERITAGE

IMPACT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

[Image of a bridge and a road]

[Image of a covered bridge over a river]

[Image of a rural road and fields]
Highlights from 2012

Collaborative Work With Others
Building Public Awareness of Heritage Resources

Highlights from 2012
Plans for 2013

Public Building Inventory
Heritage Bridge Recognition Program

Plans for 2013
Plans for 2013

Cultural Heritage Landscapes
Thank You

HERITAGE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2012 AND PLANS FOR 2013
REGION OF WATERLOO
PUBLIC HEALTH
Infectious Disease, Dental and Sexual Health

TO: Chair Sean Strickland and Members of the Community Services Committee
DATE: January 8, 2013
FILE CODE: P03-20
SUBJECT: UPDATE - INFLUENZA SEASON 2012/2013

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information.

SUMMARY:

Waterloo Region had an early start to the 2012-2013 influenza season. Influenza activity can vary significantly in intensity from season to season. While this season’s activity remains within what can be expected for a typical influenza season, it represents a level of activity higher than that seen in the past few years. The rate of new cases of influenza in the community, hospitals, long-term care and retirement homes has steadily increased in Waterloo Region since activity began locally the week of October 1, 2012. Increased levels of activity are occurring across the Province. In the last two to three weeks, Waterloo Region’s activity started a decreasing trend; other jurisdictions which began their season later are currently undergoing increasing or peak levels of activity.

REPORT:

Respiratory Activity

As of Dec 29, 2012 there have been 276 laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza reported to Region of Waterloo Public Health and 38 hospitalizations. As of Jan. 7, 2013, there have been 6 influenza-related deaths in the Region (one child and five older adults) where the virus was at least a contributing factor. Each year, hospitalizations and deaths related to influenza are expected, and the numbers experienced to date are consistent with the overall level of influenza activity. Hospitalizations and complications predominantly affect the elderly, those with chronic conditions and the very young.

As of January 7, 2013, there have been 29 confirmed influenza outbreaks in local long-term care and retirements homes and hospitals. Outbreaks have been controlled and are resolving as anticipated.

Provincially, as of Dec 29, 2012, a total of 2712 influenza cases have been confirmed, including 392 hospitalizations. As of a week and a half ago (Dec. 29, 2012), there have been 31 influenza-related deaths in Ontario. Influenza activity level can vary significantly from year to year. While this season’s activity remains within what can be expected for a typical influenza season, it represents a level of activity higher than that seen in the past few years.

Most cases of influenza in the Region have been sub typed as influenza A. A small percentage of cases (20%) are further strain-typed to determine compatibility with this season’s vaccine. Strain typing so far indicates a good match with the 2012-2013 influenza vaccine.
Influenza Immunization Clinics
Prevention and control measures for all strains of influenza are the same. Immunization continues to be the best protection for persons at and over the age of six months and is available free of charge to all residents of Ontario. As per previous years, Region of Waterloo Public Health offered a series of community influenza immunization clinics. A total of 7,148 people were immunized in Public Health clinics offered between November 2011 and January 3, 2013, representing a decrease of approximately 37 per cent over the previous year. For comparisons of numbers of individuals immunized in previous seasons, please refer to Table 1. It is important to note, however, that a majority of individuals in the Region are immunized by a primary care provider, in a hospital, long-term care home or retirement home setting, at a workplace or in pharmacies (as of this season).

Flu immunizations continue to be available in Waterloo Region by visiting family physicians, urgent care / walk-in clinics, and a number of local pharmacies. Region of Waterloo Public Health recently held a community clinic in Waterloo at 99 Regina St offices on January 3 and will be holding a last one, January 10th from 2pm to 8pm in Cambridge at 150 Main St. It is not too late to be immunized, and all citizens at and over the age of six months are encouraged to visit clinics, pharmacies or their primary care provider.

Table 1: Total number of lab-confirmed influenza cases, deaths and persons immunized in Public Health Clinics, by influenza season, Waterloo Region, 2005/2006 to 2011-2012

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*H1N1 influenza pandemic. Due to increased lab testing, and significant changes to immunization system during the pandemic season, the numbers in this season are not comparable to other influenza seasons.

Table 2: Total number of lab-confirmed influenza cases, deaths and persons immunized in Public Health Clinics, Waterloo Region, 2012/13 (cases as of Dec. 29, 2012; deaths as of January 7, 2013)

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Source: iPHIS Ontario and Region of Waterloo Public Health

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN:

This report relates to Focus Area 4: Healthy and Inclusive Communities: Foster healthy, safe, inclusive and caring communities in the 2011-2014 Corporate Strategic Plan.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Region of Waterloo Public Health is reimbursed $5.00 by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for every dose given. The per-dose reimbursement has remained unchanged since the implementation of the influenza vaccination program in Public Health in 2000. It does not fully cover the costs (staffing, supplies, etc.) required to operate the program. While currently managed through existing resources in the program budget, the current delivery model is not sustainable in the long term.

During 2013, the influenza community clinic model will be modified as part of the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program re-design. Staff will continue to advocate to the Province for an adjustment to the per dose reimbursement to reflect actual costs of delivering the influenza vaccination component of the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program.

OTHER DEPARTMENT CONSULTATIONS/CONCURRENCE:

NIL

ATTACHMENTS

NIL

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