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

Members absent: T. Cowan and G. Lorentz

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None declared.

REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

J. Haalboom requested that agenda item 4e), Memo: Ontario Works Caseload: January 2013 be removed from the Consent agenda since she has questions and comments.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS OR RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

MOVED by C. Zehr
SECONDED T. Galloway

THAT the following items be received for information:

- SS-13-009, Waterloo Region Energy Assistance Program Update (Information)
- Ministry of Health and Long Term Care: Public Health Funding Review Update
- Memo: First Response Protocol 2012 Update
- Ministry of Children and Youth Services: The Ontario Early Years Policy Framework
- Accreditation Canada: Sunnyside Home Accreditation

CARRIED

Memo: Ontario Works Caseload: January 2013

In response to a Committee inquiry about the fluctuations in caseload between November 2012 and January 2013, Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Commissioner, Social Services, advised that this is a typical seasonal change that staff note each year.

Received for information

REGULAR AGENDA RESUMES
REPORTS – PUBLIC HEALTH

a) PH-13-007, 2013 School Suspension Update

Dr. Liana Nolan, Commissioner/Medical Officer of Health, advised that the annual process is continuing to be effective and that staff have been successful in achieving the goal of immunizing children, rather than suspending their access to school.

Received for information

REPORTS – SOCIAL SERVICES

b) SS-13-010, Immigration Partnership – Waterloo Region

D. Bartholomew-Saunders stated that the approved funding will be used for marketing activities related to the immigration portal.

MOVED by T. Galloway
SECONDED by C. Millar

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into an agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration under the Local Immigration Partnership, dated February 26, 2013, in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Social Services and the Regional Solicitor;

AND THAT the 2013 Operating Budget for Social Planning, Policy and Program Administration be increased by $20,000 gross and $0 net as outlined in Report SS-13-010, dated February 26, 2013.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

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

NEXT MEETING – March 19, 2013

ADJOURN

MOVED by K. Seiling
SECONDED by R. Kelterborn

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, S. Strickland

COMMITTEE CLERK, S. Natolochny