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

Members absent: L. Armstrong, R. Deutschmann and C. Millar

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None declared.

DELEGATIONS

Mary MacKeigan, Executive Director, Opportunities Waterloo Region, addressed the Committee providing an update on the financial situation of the organization and the fundraising efforts to continue operation; a copy of her presentation is appended to the original minutes. She made a request for one-time funding of $59,000. In response to a Committee question regarding duplication of services, she stated that Opportunities Waterloo Region is the only organization in the Region that focuses on poverty reduction exclusively.

* T. Cowan joined the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

In response to J. Mitchell’s request to bring forward a motion to support the request, Craig Dyer, Chief Financial Officer, advised that the Region’s Contingency Fund has $50,000, which could be allocated in response to this request.

The Committee discussed alternative funding options and the concern for setting precedent should the request be approved.

MOVED by J. Mitchell
SECONDED by B. Halloran

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the one-time allocation to Opportunities Waterloo Region in the amount of $59,000;

AND THAT the funding be drawn from the Region’s Contingency Fund.

CARRIED

REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

T. Galloway requested that item 4c), CPC-13-003, inREACH- One Time Funding Request: Building Sustainable Street Gang Prevention in Waterloo Region, be removed from the Consent agenda.
MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS OR RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT the following item be approved:

- THAT The Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the proposal of G.D.G. Environnement for Region of Waterloo Public Health West Nile Virus Surveillance/Monitoring & Larviciding/Abatement Services, for a three year term at a total cost of $499,957.20 including all applicable taxes, with the option to renew for two additional one year periods. [PH-13-013/F-13-016]

AND THAT the following items be received for information:

- PH-13-012, Update - Influenza Season 2012/2013
- Memo: Reducing Opioid-Related Morbidity and Mortality
- Memo: Ontario Works Caseload: February 2013
- Memo: Financial Inclusion Inventory

CARRIED

A full copy of the Financial Inclusion Inventory will be made available in the Councillors’ Library.

CPC-13-003, inREACH- One Time Funding Request: Building Sustainable Street Gang Prevention in Waterloo Region

T. Galloway spoke in support of the request summarizing the actions taken by Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council to secure senior level government funding. He stated that area Members of Parliament are continuing to solicit support for the program.

In response to Committee inquiries about the feasibility of allocating funds from the Hospital Reserve Fund, C. Dyer advised that there is $3.8 million in uncommitted funds. S. Strickland stated that there are specific rules about how monies from this reserve fund can be administered for one-time funding.

The Committee discussed options for a payment schedule and agreed to allocate the funding as a lump sum to ensure organizational stability and agreed that efforts continue to urge the Federal government’s support of the program.

MOVED by T. Galloway
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve a one-time allocation to the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council inREACH program of up to $426,770 from the Hospital Reserve Fund, to be reduced by any amount still being considered by the Federal government. [CPC-13-003]

CARRIED
REGULAR AGENDA RESUMES

REPORTS – PLANNING, HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

a) P-13-028, Region of Waterloo Affordable Housing Strategy and Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario – Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan Progress Update

Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Housing and Community Services, introduced the report.

Jeffrey Schumacher, Supervisor, Housing Supply Initiatives, gave a presentation summarizing the report; a copy is appended to the original minutes. He responded to a Committee question regarding the creation of affordable housing in the core area. R. Horne also advised that Area Municipalities have the option to apply for density bonuses.

MOVED by G. Lorentz
SECONDED by T. Cowan

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-13-028, dated March 19, 2013:

a) Endorse the recommended revised Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan as summarized in Table 2 of Report P-13-028 and the proposed implementation revisions of the PDFP; and

b) Forward a copy of report P-13-028 to Federal and Provincial Ministers responsible for housing, local Members of Parliament and local Members of Provincial Parliament to advise them of the need for a new long term affordable housing agreement, as the CMHC-Ontario Agreement for Investment in Affordable Housing 2011-2014 is set to expire in 2014.

CARRIED

REPORTS – PUBLIC HEALTH

b) PH-13-009, Public Health 2012 Year-End Accountability Agreement Indicator Results

Dr. Liana Nolan, Commissioner/Medical Officer of Health, provided highlights of the report.

Received for information

c) PH-13-011, Highlights From Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer Of Health 2011 Annual Report

Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, Associate Medical Officer of Health, provided comments about the report and stated that the Region’s rates are similar to or better than the provincial rates. She responded to a Committee inquiry about obesogenic environments.

Received for information

d) PH-13-014, The 2013 Vector-Borne Disease Program Plan

Dr. Nolan stated that there was an increase last year, as there was province-wide but that staff are monitoring.

Received for information
OTHER BUSINESS

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

NEXT MEETING – April 9, 2013

ADJOURN

MOVED by G. Lorentz
SECONDED by J. Haalboom

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:11 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, S. Strickland

COMMITTEE CLERK, S. Natolochny
Opportunities
WATERLOO REGION

MOBILIZING SOLUTIONS TO POVERTY

Engage     Ignite     Facilitate     Connect     Link     Support

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Let Laughter Lighten the Load: Poor Boy Lunch and Laugh

Join us! on Thursday, April 25th for a luncheon and entertainment featuring, stand-up comedian Judy Suke!

When: Thursday, April 25, 2013. 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Where: Embassy Room, Bingemans Conference Centre
Emcee: Glenn Pelletier, Morning News Anchor, 570 News
History: Inaugural Event

Special Menu Featuring: Mac & cheese; wieners & beans; coffee/tea and popsicles!
Tickets: $30.00 per person; $300.00 corporate table (includes table signage)
To buy tickets, go to http://bit.ly/BingemansTicketOrder.

In this extremely humorous presentation, hear Judy Suke, DTM, award-winning motivational humorist, professor, coach, author, mother, and business owner as she shares her ideas for handling the stress of our hectic world.

Judy Suke has a reputation for being inspiring, entertaining and memorable.
www.triangleseminars.com – Bringing humour and hope to the world.

The Lunch and Laugh is the kickoff event for a four-day fund/awareness raiser called Dishing It Out for Opportunities.
Dishing it out for Opportunities!

Join the Charcoal Steakhouse, del Dente and Martini’s restaurants and try their new signature dish created by their chef especially for Opportunities Waterloo Region!

- hosted by the Charcoal Steakhouse, del Dente, and Martini’s restaurants.

- Starting April 25th for four days the restaurants will feature a signature entrée. When you order this choice, a generous donation will be made to Opportunities Waterloo Region.

When: Thursday, April 25 to Monday, April 29, 2013

All three restaurants are located at: 2980 King St E, Kitchener, ON

Rogers Daytime April 6th - chef will create the dish
Thank you.
## Projects and services

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<td>- e-newsletter 4 times per year; Twitter; Facebook; presentations; other media</td>
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Other services include:

- Consultants (Regional Poverty Reduction Approach; Social Assistance Review)
- Group memberships (Poverty Free Waterloo Region, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee with WRDSB; National Poverty Reduction Summit – Vibrant Communities)
Region of Waterloo
Affordable Housing Strategy: Our Collective Success

Community Services Committee
March 19, 2013
Regional Council's goal is to create at least 500 new units of sustainable affordable housing by 2013.
Measures of Success

• **Priority 1**: 40% of all new rental units affordable to lowest income households
  
  **Progress**: 121 units (42%)

• **Priority 2**: 100 units of supporting housing
  
  **Progress**: 81 supportive housing units
Measures of Success

- Every $1 invested by Region has leveraged $9 from other sources
- Estimated 699 years worth of employment
- $54 million in capital investment
- $22.4 million in home purchases
- 54 new accessible and/or adaptable units
- 3 brownfields remediations
Innovative AHS Developments

- MennoHomes – Pondview Drive
- Supportive Housing of Waterloo
- Heartwood Place on Ainslie
- Elmira District Community Living
- Sunnyside Seniors Supportive
AHS Progress

Significant progress made in working toward the goal:

- 404 units at the end of 2012
  + 26 units under construction
  + 50 units allocated
  + 14 - 18 units from $1.75 million to allocate
  + 10 – 24 new home ownership units

= 503 – 522 total units estimated by end of 2013
  (But, still over 3,000 households in need!)
## AHS 2001 – 2012

### Collective Successes

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<td>170</td>
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<td>286</td>
<td>118</td>
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<td>1,322</td>
<td>288</td>
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In addition 2012 IAH funding helped:

- **Ontario Renovates:** 44 households
- **Housing Allowance:** 55 households
Subject to Regional Council Approval of the revised Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan;

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<td>2.</td>
<td>Table proposals for Regional Council consideration</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Develop proposed new AHS goal for Regional Council consideration</td>
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Considerations for next Affordable Housing Strategy:

- Shifting community needs
- Pressures as a result of OW/ODSP caseload, discretionary benefits, funding shortfall
- Integrating with other Regional Initiatives (LRT, Community Building Strategy, Revitalization of Regionally-owned Community Housing sites)
- Senior government funding