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

Members absent: J. Haalboom

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 4b), PH-13-017, Quarterly Charged/Closed Food Premises Report be removed from the Consent agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS OR RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by J. Brewer

THAT the following items be received for information:

- P-13-051, Waterloo Region Museum – 2012 Highlights and Plans for 2013
- PH-13-018, Waterloo Catholic District School Board School Nutrition Policy
- Memo: 2011-2012 Community Labour Market Analysis
- Memo: Child Care Fee Subsidy Online Application
- Memo: Canada Learning Bond Forums
- Memo: Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Developmental Trauma Conference
- Memo: Won’t You Be My Neighbour: Crime Prevention, Social Capital and Neighbourhood Cohesion in Waterloo Region
- Conestoga College Partners Enhancing Practice Leadership Team Award to Region of Waterloo Children’s Services

CARRIED
PH-13-017, Quarterly Charged/Closed Food Premises Report

The Committee commented that they were pleased that no premises have had any charges in the past quarter. Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, Associate Medical Officer of Health, indicated that it's rare for no charges to be laid and that staff will continue to monitor any emerging trends.

REGULAR AGENDA RESUMES

REPORTS – Social Services

a) SS-13-015, Funeral Rates

Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Commissioner, Social Services, introduced the report.

David Dirks, Director, Employment and Income Support, provided a summary of the report and highlighted the outcome of the consultation meetings with area funeral directors. In response to a Committee question, he advised that the 5.1% rate increase will be accommodated from a contingency budget.

MOVED by K. Seiling
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve a maximum funeral rate of $2,974 plus applicable taxes effective June 1, 2013;

AND THAT any funds provided by family or others for additional services be in addition to any payment made by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, as outlined in report SS-13-015, dated April 30, 2013.

CARRIED

b) SS-13-016, Immigration Partnership – Waterloo Region

D. Bartholomew-Saunders advised that the Region is receiving additional funding with no impact on the Regional levy.

MOVED by J. Wideman
SECONDED by T. Cowan

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve entering into an agreement with the United Way Kitchener Waterloo and Area under the Local Immigration Partnership, dated January 1, 2013, in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Social Services and the Regional Solicitor;

AND THAT the Regional Municipality approve an increase in staff of one temporary full time equivalent;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2013 Operating Budget for Social Planning, Policy and Program Administration be increased by $42,500 and $0 net Regional Levy, as outlined in report SS-13-016, dated April 30, 2013.

CARRIED
OTHER BUSINESS

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

NEXT MEETING – May 28, 2013

ADJOURN

MOVED by G. Lorentz
SECONDED by J. Mitchell

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:53 a.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, S. Strickland

COMMITTEE CLERK, S. Natolochny