Present were: Vice-chair J. Mitchell, L. Armstrong, J. Brewer, T. Cowan, D. Craig, R. Deutschmann, J. Haalboom, R. Kelterborn, G. Lorentz, K. Seiling, J. Wideman* and C. Zehr

Members absent: T. Galloway, B. Halloran, C. Millar, and S. Strickland

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None declared.

REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no requests to remove items from the consent agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS OR RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION

MOVED by J. Haalboom
SECONDED by D. Craig

THAT the following items be received for information:

- PH-13-044, Quarterly Charged/Closed Food Premises Report
- Memo: Ontario Works Caseload: September 2013

CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA RESUMES

REPORTS – Social Services

SS-13-034, Convalescent Care Expansion Update

Gail Kaufman Carlin, Director, Seniors Services, introduced the report. She informed the Committee that this is a follow up to a report that was presented in June 2013. The Provincial government has approved the conversion of fifteen of the long term care beds at Sunnyside Home to convalescent care beds. This will result in a total of twenty-five convalescent care beds. The Province will be providing additional funding for the conversion and an increased per diem for the beds.

In response to a question from the Committee, G. Kaufman Carlin explained that convalescent care beds are used for clients with a higher level of acuity meaning they require more care. These are usually individuals that are coming out of hospital and need time to recuperate before
they are able to go home. The Committee asked if this means that there will be fewer longer term care beds. G. Kaufman Carlin stated that it will mean fewer long term care beds at Sunnyside, but that there are projected to be increases in long term care beds at other homes within the Region that will offset the loss at Sunnyside.

The Committee asked what the long term funding will be if the conversion is approved? G. Kaufman Carlin explained that the per diem that is provided for convalescent care beds is higher than long term care beds. This funding will continue as long as the Province continues to provide the increased per diem.

*J. Wideman entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

MOVED by J. Brewer
SECONDED by J. Wideman

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve an increase to the 2013 operating budget for the Seniors’ Services Division in the amount of $66,426 gross and $0 net Regional Levy for staffing and purchased services related to the conversion of fifteen (15) long term care beds to convalescent care beds, effective November 1, 2013;

AND THAT the Seniors’ Services 2013 operating budget be increased by $100,000 gross and $0 net Regional Levy on a one-time basis for start-up costs related to the conversion of fifteen (15) long term care beds to convalescent care beds;

AND FURTHER THAT an increase of 4.14 full time equivalents (FTE) be approved for the Seniors’ Services Division as of November 1, 2013 to increase the hours of direct care services for the convalescent care residents of Sunnyside Home as outlined in report SS-13-034, dated October 22, 2013.

CARRIED

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

a) There were no items on the Council Enquiries and Requests for Information Tracking List

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, November 12, 2013

ADJOURN

MOVED by J. Haalboom
SECONDED by L. Armstrong

THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:07 a.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR, J. Mitchell

COMMITTEE CLERK, T. Brubacher