Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Community Services Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2015
9:11 a.m.
Regional Council Chamber
150 Frederick Street, Kitchener


Members Absent: D. Craig

Chair G. Lorentz welcomed E. Clarke to her first meeting as a Regional Councillor.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under “The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act”

E. Clarke declared a pecuniary of interest with respect to item 5.1 CSD-CHS-15-13, Provincial Wage Enhancement Initiative due to her employment with the YWCA.

Delegations

CSD-EIS-15-09, Emergency Food Hamper Distribution System


Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Commissioner, Community Services, provided an overview of the report and stated that it is a response to the Committee’s request to consult with agencies funded through the Emergency Food Hamper program to explore options for increased distribution.

Wendi Campbell and Pat Singleton provided a presentation on behalf of the members of the Food Assistance Network. A copy of the presentation is appended to the original 1965193
minutes. P. Singleton provided an overview of the development of the Network. W. Campbell noted that the Network is more than just the food banks and involves numerous community partners throughout the Region that distribute food and refer individuals to needed services. They noted that there are fifty-five food distribution programs, of various sizes, throughout the Region. W. Campbell stated that the network is continuing to look at more efficiencies, increasing partnerships, and improving data collection as a part of their strategic plan.

In response to a question from the Committee, W. Campbell stated that community gardens are a piece of the food distribution network and that they are working with the Community Garden Council and Public Health to support, and expand, community gardens in the Region. Deb Schlichter, Director, Housing Services, stated that there are a number of existing community gardens on Regional Housing properties, and a review has been conducted to identify locations that would be suitable for future gardens.

In response to a question from the Committee, D. Bartholomew-Saunders stated that there are food distribution sites throughout the Region, and noted that there are eight sites in downtown Kitchener. The Committee requested a list of all of the distribution centers in the core areas of the cities.

*B. Vrbanovic entered the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The Committee discussed concerns from the community regarding distribution centers being affected by changes to bus routes. John Neufeld, Executive Director, House of Friendship, stated that these concerns have been largely around the removal of the bus stop in front of their Guelph Street location. He explained that this is not an issue for many individuals and that the House of Friendship is working behind the scenes to ensure that it remains accessible for everyone.

D. Bartholomew-Saunders introduced Carolyn Schoenfeldt, Director, Employment and Income Support.

**Request to Remove Items From Consent Agenda**

S. Strickland requested that item 4.2 CSD-HOU-15-20, Waterloo Region Energy Assistance Program (WREAP) Update be removed from the consent agenda.

**Motion to Approve Items or Receive for Information**

Moved by S. Strickland

Seconded by T. Galloway

That the following items be approved:

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• That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the 2015-16 Ontario Works Service Plan;

And that the approved draft be forwarded to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for approval as outlined in report CSD-EIS-15-11, dated September 15, 2015.

• That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Public Art Advisory Committee, as described in Report No. PDL-CUL-15-14, dated September 15, 2015.

And that the following items be received for information:

• PHE-PSV-15-08, Paramedic Services Performance Measurement Report – January to June 2015 (mid-year)

Carried

CSD-HOU-15-20, Waterloo Region Energy Assistance Program (WREAP) Update

S. Strickland inquired whether the changes to the WREAP noted in the report will be affecting the budget line. D. Bartholomew-Saunders stated that staff are only changing the way the program funding is allocated, in order to align it with the other energy programs. He explained that there has been an increasing number of clients that have been seeking assistance from the program which has necessitated the change. This will allow the program to assist a larger number of clients and minimize the projected cost overage for the program.

In response to a question from the Committee, D. Schlichter explained that the change to the program was communicated to community service providers, past recipients of the funding, and through a memo to Regional Council.

D. Bartholomew-Saunders explained that there are multiple programs that have varying criteria and funding sources. Staff have some flexibility for moving the funding around but he noted that an increase in one pot will result in a decrease in another. The Committee requested that staff present a report explaining how the various energy assistance programs work and are funded; how the programs have been used over the past several years; and how individuals who have required assistance from the programs on multiple occasions will be, or are being, assisted given the eligibility changes.

Received for information.
In response to a question from the Committee, Stephen Van Valkenburg, Director/Chief Paramedic Services, noted that Paramedic Service calls are up in part due to the aging population. He explained that staff are investigating other possible reasons for the consistent increases in call volume. He stated that staff can provide call volume data from comparable municipalities in future reports.

Regular Agenda Resumes

Reports - Community Services

CSD-CHS-15-13, Provincial Wage Enhancement Initiative

The Committee requested a report providing an overview of the average wages and benefits for Early Childhood Educators (ECE) in the private sector compared with Regional ECEs.

Moved by S. Strickland
Seconded by S. Foxton

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo endorse the recommendations for changes to the Provincial Wage Enhancement Initiative as described in CSD-CHS-15-13 dated September 15, 2015;

And that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Minister of Education, the Early Years Division of the Ministry of Education; the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA).

Carried

Reports - Public Health and Emergency Services

PHE-IDS-15-08, Immunization of School Pupils Act Enforcement for the 2015-2016 School Year

Karen Quigley-Hobbs, Director, Infectious Disease, Dental and Sexual Health, provided an overview of the report. She noted that due to the introduction of a new provincial electronic information system and an increase to the number of required immunizations, the number of notices mailed in the 2014/2015 school year was significantly higher than previous years. Due to these changes suspensions were not issued in the 2014/2015 school year. K. Quigley-Hobbs stated that suspensions will resume for the 2015/2016 school year with the exception of students that do not follow up with the meningococcal vaccine requirement.

Received for information.

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Information/Correspondence

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

Other Business

Lucille Bish, Director, Cultural Services, explained that the Committee members have been provided with information on Doors Open Waterloo Region which will be held on September 19, 2015 and will include the refurbished Regional Court House. She also noted that the 2015/2016 education brochures for Joseph Schneider Haus, and the Waterloo Region Museum have been provided to the Committee. Copies of the documents have been appended to the original minutes.

Next Meeting – October 6, 2015

Motion to go into Closed Session

Moved by K. Kiefer
Seconded by S. Foxton

That a closed meeting of Administration and Finance and Planning and Works Committees be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 immediately following Community Services Committee in the Waterloo County Room in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, for the purposes of considering the following subject matters:

a) labour relations and receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege
b) receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege related to an agreement
c) receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege related to an agreement and proposed or pending acquisition of land in the Cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo
d) receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege related to an agreement
e) receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege related to an agreement

Carried

Adjourn

Moved by K. Kiefer

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Seconded by S. Foxton

That the meeting adjourn at 10:07 a.m.

    Carried

Committee Chair, G. Lorentz

Committee Clerk, T. Brubacher
Emergency Food Hamper Distribution in Waterloo Region
I was just glad that it was here for me.

Help other people to see that most people that use the Food Bank need help.
Isn’t it amazing that having like-minded organizations come together in a collaborative way, focused on a specific area of need, can have an impact on our community as a whole; an impact in areas that ultimately make Waterloo Region a better place to live, work and raise a family?

Rosemary Smith - KWCF
Since 2005 Everyone Has A Role to Play

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- **Distribute food**
  - Follow service guidelines
  - Refer participants to appropriate resources
  - Acquire and distribute food via agencies and programs
  - Maintain food supply
  - Respond to member needs and ensure equitable distribution

- **Provide excellent service**
  - Collaborate with Network members
  - Submit Hunger Count monthly
  - Coordinate all food sourcing projects
  - Collaborate with industry and other partners
  - Understand and manage industry trends
COMMUNITY FOOD ASSISTANCE NETWORK

553,000
1 IN 20
PEOPLE IN WATERLOO REGION ARE HUNGRY

The Food Bank of Waterloo Region (yellow) and the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank (red) collaborate to provide food to the more than 100 programs providing food support throughout Waterloo Region.
250 food hampers given out every day in 2013. All food groups equally represented.
Volunteers talk to you and aren’t condescending. I feel good when I leave.
I lost my job.

I was renting an apartment, but got evicted. I stayed with friends and family for awhile, but now I am on the street. The food bank helps. There are lots of people in bad situations. The construction season is almost over now and I’m worried about where I will work.
When you’re hungry, you live with an invisible tension around you. It never goes away. It’s always there, seeping over you. There is nowhere to hide.

We were happiest when the food hampers arrived – it meant we were guaranteed to have a warm dinner that night. We sat around the table like families on TV and the tension would melt away - for awhile.

Today, I am happy, healthy and successful. Today, I am able to support my family. Today, I proudly serve my community as Fire Chief for Waterloo Fire Rescue. All I needed was someone who believed in helping me when I needed it most.

Richard Hepditch,
Fire Chief, Waterloo Fire Rescue
The Doors Open Waterloo Region 2015 sites include both first-time participants and back-by-popular-demand favourites, selected for their architecture, heritage, or for the interesting things going on inside. Some sites have all three!

**Play On! Sports Past, Present and Future**
In 2015, Doors Open events across Ontario are celebrating sport: community clubs and their time-honoured traditions, legendary venues, professional teams, and innovative technologies and facilities. Doors Open Waterloo Region touches all these bases at 10 sport-themed sites. Look for this symbol in the site listings.

**Hands On!**
Four interactive sports sites offer a chance to learn some basics, test your skills, or pick up a little expert advice. Look for this symbol in the site listings.

**Special Talks, Walks, and Tours**
Some sites offer Doors Open "extras" at specific times – special talks, walks and tours – some theme related, some not. Check out the listings for sites #10, #14, #15, #16, #24, #27, #34, and #38.

**Plan Your Visits**
Doors Open sites are in Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo, and in Wilmot (all in New Hamburg) and North Dumfries Townships (the 2016 event will feature Woolwich and Wellesley Townships). Some sites will require more travel than others, but you’ll find all of them well worth a visit. Consult a detailed map, as not all roads are shown in our guide.

Visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/doorsopen for maps, listings, links, feedback forms and more.

**Travel by Bus**
Many Doors Open sites are located on GRT bus lines. Why not use the GRT Family Day Pass ($7.50) to travel between sites? For details on the most up to date routes, schedules, passes and maps, call 519-585-7555 or visit www.grt.ca.

**Photo Sharing and Contest**
Join the Doors Open Waterloo Region Flickr group (www.flickr.com/groups/dowr), and share your favourite event photos! Then enter your best in the Doors Open Ontario (DOO) 2015 Digital Photo Contest by joining their Flickr group: www.flickr.com/groups/doo2015. Waterloo Region photographers have been among the winners each year since 2012. Find contest rules at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca.

**Thank You**
Since its debut, Doors Open Waterloo Region has owed its success to the participation of more than 250 sites, thousands of volunteers and tens of thousands of visitors. The event is funded by the Region of Waterloo and supported by several generous event sponsors (see below).

**Doors Open Waterloo Region 2015**
Saturday, September 19

On the third Saturday of every September you’re invited to tour noteworthy buildings, interesting places and heritage sites in Waterloo Region, many of which are not regularly open to the public.

Since 2003, more than 250 sites have opened their doors to more than 100,000 visits.

Doors Open is a province-wide program supported by the Ontario Heritage Trust. Find similar events in other communities, at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca.

**40 PARTICIPATING SITES**
Use this Map & Guide to plan your visits.

**FREE ADMISSION**
MOST sites open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Several have shorter hours; please read site listings carefully.

Online site listings, maps, photos: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/Events/Waterloo-Region.aspx

For more information:
519-747-5139
doorsopen@regionofwaterloo.ca
www.regionofwaterloo.ca/doorsopen

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EXPLORE THE ‘TANK’ THAT INSPIRES OUR THINKERS
Visit the CIGI Campus

Corner of Erb and Caroline Streets
in Uptown Waterloo

Recipient of the 2014 Conveneurope Camera’s Medal in Architecture in 2014. Home of the Centre for International Governance Innovation, with experts from around the world, and students and faculty of the Balsillie School for International Affairs.
1. Ayrton Labs Inc.

575 Kendall St., Waterloo

www.aytronlaboratories.com

Bath 1970; Roderick Myharm and Lubomir Architects

At this site, the manufactory of small unmanned aerial systems (UAS), which are also referred to as drones, will be open to the public. On Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ayrton Labs will host an open house where visitors can learn about the company's activities and see a variety of drone models. Ayrton Labs is an innovative small unmanned aerial systems manufacturer based in Ayrton, ON. The company focuses on the development, production, and sale of small unmanned aerial systems that are used in a variety of applications, including industrial, agricultural, and defense sectors. Ayrton Labs will be available to answer questions and provide demonstrations of their drones during the open house event.

2. City of Waterloo Museum

222 Museum Drive, Kitchener (Victoria Park)

www.waterloomuseum.com

This museum explores the history and culture of Waterloo region, including the local First Nations people, the history of the town of Galt, and the development of Waterloo as a city. The museum features a variety of exhibits and programs, including temporary exhibitions, educational programs, and public events. The museum is open year-round, with extended hours during the summer months. The museum is located in the historic site of Galt's courthouse, which was built in 1841. The building was designated as a heritage property in 1981 and is now the home of the Waterloo Regional Museum.

3. University of Waterloo: CIGI Campus

511 University Avenue, Waterloo

www.cigionline.org

The CIGI Campus is a hub of international affairs and is home to the Balsillie School of International Affairs, the International Centre for Global Change, and the Centre for International Governance Innovation. The campus is located in the heart of downtown Kitchener-Waterloo and is an important part of the region's innovation and research landscape. The CIGI Campus is open to the public during Doors Open and offers visitors a chance to explore the campus and learn about its history and significance.

4. Centre for Cold Regions and Water Science

Waterloo Region Innovation Centre, 150 King Street East, Waterloo

www.wlu.ca/research/water

The Centre for Cold Regions and Water Science (CCRS) is a research institute that focuses on the study of cold regions and water science. The center conducts research on the effects of climate change on cold regions and the impact of cold regions on climate change. The center is home to a number of researchers and has partnerships with a variety of organizations and institutions worldwide. The CCRS is open to the public during Doors Open and offers visitors a chance to explore its facilities and learn about its research. The center is located in the Waterloo Region Innovation Centre, a hub for innovation and technology in the region.

5. University of Waterloo: The Boathouse

57 Jubilee Dr., Kitchener (Victoria Park)

www.kwboathouse.ca

The history surrounding the Grand River in Galt forms a significant part of Kitchener-Waterloo's heritage. Come celebrate Doors Open in Victoria Park with a guided tour of the Boathouse. The Boathouse is a heritage building and many historical artifacts, along with a glimpse inside the life of a modern, vibrant school of 1,000 students.

6. Former Waterloo County Courthouse and Gaol

20 Bicker St. S. and 7 Queen St. S., Kitchener

www.kitchenergolf.ca

Bath 1914, renovated 2014-2015 (Concession 1635); Humphrey SIMMONS architects

This historic building houses a variety of local government offices and is a significant example of provincial government architecture. The building features a grand entrance, with a large stone arch and stained glass windows. The interior features ornate woodwork and detailed plasterwork. The building is open to the public during Doors Open and offers visitors a chance to explore its history and significance. The building is located on the corner of Prince and Queen Streets in Kitchener.

7. Pelczynski, Former John M. Schinder House

1911 lych-gate. The exposed-timber nave roof has heavy trusses decorated with ornate fretwork – a marvel of wood craftsmanship. The building was designated as a heritage property in 1987.
33. Robson Carpenter L/P, Former Canadian Bank of Commerce

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32. Ayr Financial Services / Former Ayr Carnegie Library

92 Stanley St., Ayr
www/ ayrfinancialservices.com
Built 1911; W.E. Binning, Listowel

34. Elora Mill Historic Site

10 Tannery St., Ayr

Built 1847; W.E. Binning, Listowel

2012 Ayr Financial Services completed a creative interior renovation, preserving many heritage features, including the classical arched entry, pressed-tin ceilings and stained glass. The facade, a great example of grand civic architecture on a small scale, was also preserved. See this excellent architectural gem, and another at 110 Northumberland St. (site #31).

29. Ayr Lawn Bowling Club

10 Tennyson St., Ayr

Bailt 1895

A hand-on Down on the farm site. A warm welcome awaits you at one of Waterloo Region’s oldest continuously operating sports venues, nestled in a beautiful bend in the Nith River and virtually unchanged in 120 years. The club itself is one of the largest-running sports organizations in the region. Enjoy some two or three hours (or the experience may last up to 2 hours). Set the historic bowling green, featuring original chalkboards, brown suitcase photographs and slipcovers, in this farm setting.

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40. Trinity Lutheran Church

23 Church St., New Hamburg
www/trinitylutheran.ca
Built 1910, 1915, 1929

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This Italianate style home was built for the prominent New Hamburg family of William and Ann Miller. The yellow, tall-steeple style is graced by several pairs of arched windows with finely detailed hood ornaments. Inside the house, New Hamburg House (site #35). Tours of the former Ayr City Hall in downtown Ayr feature Her Wilmot on this walk through the heart of New Hamburg’s Historic Conservation District, rich in social and architectural history. See many 19th and early-20th century buildings (over 75 per cent of downtown buildings have been identified as heritage structures), start at the Nith River with a view of the 65 ft. New Hamburg Waterwheel, presented by the New Hamburg Board of Trade.

28. Oxbow Mill

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