



Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Community Services Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

12:02 p.m.

Regional Council Chamber

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Present were: Chair G. Lorentz, L. Armstrong, E. Clarke, D. Craig*, S. Foxton, T. Galloway*, D. Jaworsky, H. Jowett, K. Kiefer, J. Mitchell, J. Nowak, K. Redman, K. Seiling, S. Shantz and S. Strickland

Absent: B. Vrbanovic

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

None declared.

Dr. Liana Nolan, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, introduced Sandy Stevens as the new Director, Health Protection and Investigation.

Delegations

a) Lorraine Grenier re: Over Distribution of Needle Supplies

Lorraine Grenier appeared before the Committee to express her concerns regarding the over distribution, and waste of, needle supplies. A copy of her [written remarks](#) is appended to the original minutes. She stated that unused items such as needles and condoms are being discarded due to the volume of supplies that are being distributed.

L. Grenier also expressed concerns with the presence of a harm reduction van beside the washroom at Victoria Park. She recommended decreasing the amount of supplies provided to individuals and establishing checkpoints for the van, outside of parks and

residential areas.

Karen Quigley-Hobbs, Director Infectious Disease, Dental and Sexual Health, informed the Committee that Public Health is working with the Waterloo Region Integrated Drug Strategy to develop a plan in relation to improved needle disposal. She stated that staff are anticipating a report for the Committee in the fall. She also explained that the van supports the safe return of supplies and provides food, health care, and referrals

In response to a question from the Committee, Chris Harold, Manager, Information and Planning, stated that under housed individuals will often store unused supplies in a public location. He explained they encourage people to take enough supplies to last until they will have access again, in order to discourage reuse or sharing of needles.

*D. Craig left the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

C. Harold stated that staff are regularly in contact with L. Grenier and are using her information to assist with their outreach work.

*T. Galloway entered the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items

Request to Remove Items From Consent Agenda

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

J. Mitchell thanked staff for the additional work in relation to rabies prevention education.

Motion to Approve Items or Receive for Information

Moved by S. Foxton

Seconded by L. Armstrong

That the following items be received for information:

- **CSD-SEN-16-02**, Seniors' Services Code of Conduct (Information)
- **CSD-SEN-16-03**, Seniors' Services Awarded the Ontario Association for Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors Innovation and Excellence Award for Workplace Quality (Information)
- **CSD-SEN-16-04**, P2016-12 Pharmacy and Service Supplies Sunnyside Home Results (Information)
- **CSD-CHS-16-11**, Parent Engagement Strategy Report (Information)

- **CSD-CHS-16-12**, Early Learning and Child Care Salary Report (Information)
- **PHE-IDS-16-04**, Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program Report (2011-2014) (Information)
- **PHE-HPI-16-04**, Rabies Prevention and Control Program Update (Information)

Carried

Regular Agenda Resumes

Information/Correspondence

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

Next Meeting – June 14, 2016

Motion to go into Closed Session

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by E. Clarke

That a closed meeting of the Planning and Works Committee be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 immediately following the 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) receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege related to legal liabilities
- b) receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege related to legal liabilities

Carried

Adjourn

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by E. Clarke

That the meeting adjourn at 12:24 p.m.

Carried

Committee Chair, G. Lorentz

Committee Clerk, T. Brubacher

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**HARM REDUCTION
DISTRIBUTION OVERKILL**

MAY 24, 2016

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Lorraine Grenier

Kitchener, Ontario

HARM REDUCTION DISTRIBUTION OVERKILL – MAY 24/2016

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Good Morning: Mr. Chairman and Committee Members

You will see by my VIDEO I was not prepared and did not have gloves, I am very careful. The behavior of discarding and sharing syringes with the unwary PUBLIC marches onward. Victoria Park playground, five syringes in the sand at the swings just recently.

I delegate here today to discuss the waste of tax dollars and OVERKILL of product distribution. Most of these gluts that I have come across have many used syringes, condoms and huge amounts of discarded unused product as you will see. I have collected bags of product still in the wrappers. Counting syringes is paramount in order to grasp the vastness of this danger. Needles in and needles out.

All DIU's that I am aware of, are acquiring drugs from the street and tax payers dollars supply the tools for them to use illegal drugs. The problem with discarded syringes will never leave us until HARM REDUCTION stops harming the PUBLIC and takes back control of the program. Hiring people to locate and collect syringes is a small issue ... it does not change the FACT that syringes and condoms continue to be tossed into our Parks, lanes, playgrounds and trails by DIU's abusing the tools they get for free from us non drug users.

CHASING THE DRAGON, smoking opiates on tinfoil with a lighter and a straw. Naming a HARM REDUCTION VAN `**Chasing the Dragon`**, and parking it in neighborhoods with children and families and of course Victoria Park, is outrageous. With all the problems in this location of the Park, it undermines all the walking and work I have done to bring this issue to the forefront. Three

years to gain some control of discarded syringes, and the mentality of parking a syringe distribution VAN at the side of our Park Washroom (LOCKED) and in front of my home, is not welcomed by the residents of Victoria Park Neighborhood. The City Hall is a much better location Kitchener Central in the core area.

DO WE WANT MORE SYRINGES AND CONDOMS WHERE WE LIVE AND PLAY?

SUGGESTION FOR THE MOBILE VAN

Using a series of regular strategic checkpoints (not Parks and neighborhoods), work directly with IDU's on the street and engage them about their drug use in order to promote safer drug-use habits, for the PUBLIC and themselves.

Connect them with health and other resources prior to distribution of supplies. (200 syringes are too many at one time per DUI) you see what they do with the excess.

<http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/alcohol.aspx>

<https://www.phs.ca/index.php/project/mobile-needle-exchange/>