

CITY OF WATERLOO
SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

Wednesday, Feb 18, 2009
WPL – Lower Board Room
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Laurie Strome (Co-chair), Lynda Gale, Patrick Germann, Glen Polson, Irene O'Toole, Tracy Jasmins, D'Arcy Farlow (Chair)

Regrets: Councillor Karen Scian, Eunice Abudu, Sadia Arif Gassim, S. Sgt. Mark Bullock, Kaye Crawford, Catherine Fife (Co-Chair)

Guest: Debi LucasSwitzer, City of Waterloo, Recreation & Leisure Services

Note-taker: Henny Bruce

MINUTES

1. **Agenda accepted and approved. Minutes/notes of Jan. 21st meeting approved**

2. **Recreation & Leisure Services Master Plan – Debi LucasSwitzer**
Debi LucasSwitzer, Special Projects attended and did an overview of the R&LS Master Plan. The Master Plan was approved at Council on Nov. 17, 2009 which was also the same day that the new General Manager for R&LS started, David Smith. This is a different type of Master Plan compared to other ones. It is very high level and is more on how the City provides services/programs than on facilities. Now that David has had a few months with us and an opportunity to become familiar with the Master Plan, we will be moving ahead on bringing the Master Plan to life. There will be public engagement during the creation of the Implementation Plan.

Committee members had a number of questions and suggestions about the community development and engagement aspects of the proposal.

Debbie mentioned that some staff training may be needed. D'Arcy volunteered to do some Community Capacity Building lunch n' learns if wanted, and wondered if other committee members might wish to volunteer their knowledge given the expertise around the table.

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
Presentation to Council on March 23, 2009 (follow up motion at last meeting)

Want to provide a comprehensive review of who we are, background history of our members, key areas to focus on in the future, every city department has a role in the creation of a safe and healthy Waterloo.

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Presentation will be broad strokes, tied back to the original goals. We will mention our endorsement of the “25 in 5” report and ask Council to provide their endorsement as well. The committee has a lot of research and evidence on what creates safe and healthy communities; these are solid facts. Need to keep the “25 in 5” report on the agenda and have a champion of this as we have been asked to report to Council specifically on this program.

Other aspects of the discussion included: Healthy Communities and the Built Environment and when to be pro-active/when to be re-active (e.g. three possible areas of pro-active focus might be: Livable Communities; Partnerships with other initiatives; Neighbourhoods)

Action: Henny to connect with Clerks to change date from Mar. 2nd as originally booked.

Catherine Fife – could she be the Champion?

Invitations to March 11th Breakfast (Laurie)
Laurie distributed invitations to the breakfast.

Action: Please RSVP to Mary Anna Allen 519-886-2304 or email amaryann@region.waterloo.on.ca if you are planning on attending.

4. New Business/Info Sharing

SHOW (Patrick)

Launched last week at St. Louis Church. This program has Federal, Provincial and Regional support. This group is asking City of Waterloo to waive the development charges. Patrick is asking if this committee would support their request and bring this to Council’s attention?

Comments – our mandate is to advise Council so it may be better to advise Council on how this project is an example of a “safe and healthy Waterloo”.

Could ask Karen S to ask Council to bring this project back to this Committee for their review and comment.

Action: Patrick to follow up with Karen Scian.

Street Outreach (Kaye)

Feb. 25th a Homeless Drop In Program will start at Emmanuel Church and there will also be a clinic on Thursdays at the Laurel Street location for tenants..

Would like to inform Council of this program but do not think a lot of publicity is what is needed.

Crime Prevention has a table at the Justice Dinner on April 23, 5:30 p.m. – Irene has 11 seats. Glen, Patrick, Lynda and D’Arcy?

Action: If you would like to attend please confirm with Irene O’Toole 519-579-6930.

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- 5. Next Meeting**
Wednesday, Mar. 18 – Waterloo Public Library – Lower Boardroom

Next Meeting:
Budget issue

Adjourn – 8:45 p.m.

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Action Items

Item	What	Who	When
Future Meeting Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Invite Christine Bird from Alliance for Children and Youth · Invite someone from the Universities to speak to New Settlement concerns 		
The Region Official Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · committee should participate in the public consultation process now. 		
Woolwich Township Tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · tool that Woolwich Township has created, 9 questions on "how does this" 	Darcy	bring to a future meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Want to create some type of lens/filter for Council to use 		Worked on this at the Nov. 18th meeting