

CITY OF WATERLOO
SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

Wednesday, March 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, , D'Arcy Farlow (Chair) Councillor Karen Scian, Sadia Arif Gassim, S. Sgt. Mark Bullock, Kaye Crawford,

Regrets: Eunice Abudu, Catherine Fife (Co-Chair), Tracy Jasmins

Note-taker: Kaye Crawford

MINUTES

1. **Agenda accepted and approved. Minutes/notes of February 18, 2009 meeting approved**

2. **Presentation to City Council**

Council starts at 6:30, Monday, March 23, 2009

D'Arcy and Laurie reviewed the presentation with the committee. Catherine will also be part of the presentation. The committee's attendance at the Council meeting would be appreciated.

Discussion occurred on whether to mention the Poverty Reduction Strategy and it was decided that, Councillor Scian's motion could be responded to as follows:

That the Safe and Health Community Advisory Committee support the direction of the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy in principle and recommend that the City develop local solutions by strengthening the capacity of the excellent services and resources that already exist in this community

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Patrick gave an update on the SHOW project. SHOW approached City of Waterloo for an exemption from Development charges for their project. The matter was deferred until April 20, 2009. The Committee discussed whether it had a role to play in supporting this initiative and suggestions were made that perhaps at this point in the life of the Committee it would be better to show Council effective community policies rather than take on individual projects.

Laurie reported on the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council breakfast called "The Key to Safer Municipalities II". It was well attended and represented by the cities and some of the townships in the Region. There were suggestions on how to communicate among the various committees and groups. Also an acknowledgement by one group that they too started out with a big agenda and after 2 year look at issues more strategically with a focus on health. Cambridge has developed a children's charter. Kitchener has developed a little

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black book on all services for youth and the Festival of the neighbourhoods. **Laurie indicated that Waterloo is planning a Festival of the Neighbourhoods.**

ACTION: Laurie will forward the notes of the day to this committee.

Irene and Kaye shared information about the Street Outreach Program in Waterloo where the City of Waterloo is a partner with The Working Centre to provide this service. They were also providing the service to the City of Kitchener and DBA. Since the City of Waterloo partnership began, there have been added partners such as LHIN and City of Cambridge, The Region of Waterloo to provide services for the homeless and chronically ill homeless, predominantly funded by the LHIN at 2.5 million dollars over 3 years. Included in that is more street outreach and a 6 bed, 24 hour care home for the homeless who are chronically ill. This additional funding has allowed the City of Waterloo to continue with the part-time street outreach and also add a drop-in centre in partnership with the Emmanuel United Church at Bridgeport and Albert Streets. As well there is medical assistance now available to residents at Laurel Street where a part-time medical doctor, a nurse and other health related programming. A funding request in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the City of Waterloo was recently denied, largely because of a process that doesn't fit city partnerships and a small amount of money to be spread among many, especially those with grandfathered funding. Council did ask the Grant Committee to review all denied applications for a priority list should Council find funding elsewhere. The report will come back before Council in the spring.

4. New Business for Next Meeting

The City of Waterloo Official Plan is under review and the Committee would like a staff member to make a presentation to the committee on the OP work.

ACTION: Kaye to contact Janice Mitchell for proper timing to do that.

Discussion on Woolwich Healthy Communities and whether we should have Joy Finney attend at a meeting. They have events through April that are very worthwhile.

- A Taste of Woolwich: The 10 mile diet – Monday April 6, 5 -8; St Jacob's Community Centre
- Green Technology Fair: Green Living on a Budget – Saturday April 18, 11 am to 5 pm
- Alternative Energy Tour: Saturday April 18, 1 - 4 pm

ACTION: D'Arcy to see if Joy could come in May

D'Arcy has a presentation about Healthy Communities and the Built Environment that was prepared for the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition. Committee members agreed that they would like to see parts of this presentation at the next meeting (and perhaps a later presentation to the Planning staff involved in the Official Plan.)

ACTION: D'Arcy will bring the presentation to the next meeting.

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Mark Bullock raised a concern about the new public square after meeting with Tracy the programmer hired for the square. He was concerned that the police have had the experience in the Kitchener public square and don't want to make the same mistakes or rely on limited resources of police to monitor the square.

The Committee decided that Mark, Kaye and city staff should meet and if issues were not resolved then the SAHCAC could raise the concerns to Council as a safe and healthy concern.

ACTION: Kaye to arrange meeting with Mark and key city staff.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 – Waterloo Public Library – Lower Boardroom - TBD

Adjourn – 8:30 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