

CITY OF WATERLOO
SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 2009
WPL – Lower Board Room
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Lynda Gale, Patrick Germann, Glen Polson, D’Arcy Farlow (Chair)
S. Sgt. Mark Bullock, Kaye Crawford, Irene O’Toole, Sadia Arif Gassim, Laurie Strome (Co-Chair), Tracy Jasmins,

Regrets: Councillor Scian, Catherine Fife,

Absent: Eunice Abudu,

Note-taker: Kaye Crawford

MINUTES

Agenda accepted and approved.
Minutes/notes for April 22, 2009 meeting not available.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Follow-up to Public Square – Mark & Kaye

Comments drafted by D’Arcy, Kaye and Mark were sent by Mark by email to Simon Farbrother, CAO for City of Waterloo and Councillor Scian. Opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2009.

Discussion about responses to inquiries/media

When does the Committee pursue issues, when does committee work with staff etc.

Confirmed that all inquiries regarding Committee would be raised and responded to by the Chair.

The Chair will delegate specific responsibilities in this regard to the Co-Chairs as is appropriate.

This will give unified voice to messages.

Is the Committee in an advocacy role? When to get involved will be explored on an issue basis until a more specific role is decided or directed by Council.

Poverty Reduction Conference

D’Arcy was able to secure reduced registration fees. Kaye was able to secure funding for the registrations out of a one-time funding account. Therefore 4 registrations are available in D’Arcy, Laurie, Patrick, and Irene’s name. These registrations can be shared among the committee should someone else be interested and able to attend. Registrants and other committee members to work out the specific times and dates of attendance.

Poverty Reduction – Tamarack Conference

Participants of conference are to prepare recommendations for Council.

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Presentation on How to Create Guiding Principles for Council's Decision Making

Joy Finney Presentation

Joy made an excellent and informative presentation on the history, process and outcomes of Council and the community using guiding principles to achieve a healthy community.

New Business

Waterloo Park Master Plan

No need for a presentation from staff. Committee urged to review presentation as forwarded by Pastrock Eckhard and send comments to him. Council will be prioritizing upgrades and changes to the park as the funding permits.

Pedestrian Charter Steering Committee

There are Rapid Transit public meetings available to the public – May 25 and May 26 – see Region of Waterloo website for specifics. Questions and comments might be, does it connect to main support such as VIA and GO, is it convenient, friendly and accessible to everyone

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – Waterloo Public Library – Lower Boardroom – 6:30 p.m.

Confirm that Janice Mitchell will attend to discuss City of Waterloo Official Plan Review

Adjourn – 8:30 p.m.