



The Corporation of the City of Stratford Community Services Sub-committee MINUTES

Date: August 12, 2021
Time: 3:30 P.M.
Location: Electronic Meeting

Sub-committee Present: Councillor Sebben - Vice Chair Presiding, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Henderson

Regrets: Councillor Beatty - Chair

Staff Present: David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, Michael Mousley - Manager of Transit, Chris Bantock – Deputy Clerk, Danielle Clayton - Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the Meeting to Order.

Councillor Beatty provided regrets for this meeting.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of a pecuniary interest were made by a member at the August 12, 2021, Community Services Sub-committee meeting.

3. Delegations

None scheduled.

4. Report of the Manager of Transit

4.1 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Transit Funding Update (COM21-008)

Staff Recommendation: THAT the Management report titled Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Transit Funding Update (COM21-008) be received for information;

AND THAT staff provide updates on various project status when required for the remainder of the funding stream.

Sub-committee Discussion: The Manager of Transit provided an update regarding the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Transit funding opportunities. He noted that a total of 13 transit projects were applied for and awarded funding from the Federal and Provincial governments that covered the first three years. He outlined the various projects that have been completed and stated the final project of installing 12 accessible bus shelters has begun.

The Manager of Transit stated that a second round of intake for funding was announced. Beginning June 3, 2021, transit agencies can apply for funding for transit projects. He noted the approach for this round of funding will focus on infrastructure upgrades. Most buildings that are utilized by the transit department are in need of upgrades or require replacement to meet today's transit requirements. The Manager of Transit outlined various projects that are being considered for future funding including the replacement of the automated bus wash, electronic bus fare implementation, garage facility upgrades and bus storage expansion.

In response to Sub-committee questioning, the Manager of Transit advised that if the bus size was to be reduced it would be difficult to secure parts and there would be a loss of capacity. He stated that approximately 12-14 bus shelters are replaced each year. Many shelters are between 25-30 years old and are being replaced to ensure that they are made as accessible as possible.

The Manager of Transit stated that the new transit system allows staff to be able to see how popular bus stops are. This data allows staff to track rider usage for specific times, dates and locations. He stated that when bus shelters are replaced, they come with a bench. The Manager of Transit stated that he will be bringing back a report to discuss a bench program for bus stops.

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Sub-committee Recommendation: THAT the Management report titled Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Transit Funding Update (COM21-008) be received for information;

AND THAT staff provide updates on various project status when required for the remainder of the funding stream.

Carried

5. Department Update

Sub-committee Discussion: The Director of Community Services reviewed the July 2021 departmental update and provided the following highlights:

- The Optimist Park playground structure is currently being installed and should be completed within the next week.
- Transit ridership has started to increase. Ridership should continue to increase once students are back in school.
- One ice surface has been installed at the Rotary Complex. Ice rentals began on July 26, 2021.
- The walking track at the Rotary Complex will remain closed until further notice.

In response to Sub-committee questioning, the Director of Community Services stated that the mass vaccination clinic is currently scheduled to continue through the end of August. He advised that all lights at any sport field are on timers and should be automatically turned off by 11 p.m. The steps located in Memorial Gardens were on the repair list and the Director stated that he will follow up with the Parks Department for the repair status.

6. Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes

The following Advisory Committee/Outside Board minutes were provided for the information of Sub-committee:

- Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee Minutes of May 6 and June 3, 2021
- Board of Park Management Minutes of June 7 and June 15, 2021

7. Next Sub-committee Meeting

The next Community Services Sub-committee meeting is Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Clifford

Sub-committee Decision: THAT the Community Services Sub-committee meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 3:30 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 3:55 P.M.