



The Corporation of the City of Stratford Social Services Committee MINUTES

Date: Monday, January 24, 2022

Time: 7:10 P.M.

Location: Electronic Meeting

Committee Present in Council Chambers: Mayor Mathieson

Committee Present Electronically: Councillor Henderson - Chair Presiding, Councillor Bunting - Vice Chair, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Clifford, Councillor Gaffney, Councillor Ingram, Councillor Ritsma, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Vassilakos

Regrets: Councillor Burbach

Staff Present in Council Chambers: Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk

Staff Present Electronically: Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, David St. Louis - Director of Community Services, John Paradis - Fire Chief, Anne Kircos - Acting Director of Human Resources, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Chris Bantock - Deputy Clerk, Karmen Krueger - Acting Director of Corporate Services, Alex Burgess – Manager of Ontario Works, Alyssa Bridge – Manager of Planning, Jeff Bannon – Planner, Brad Hernden – Manager of Recreation and Marketing Services

Also Present: Members of the public and media

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Meeting to Order.

Councillor Burbach 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 pecuniary interest were made by a member at the January 24, 2022, Social Services Committee meeting.

3. Sub-committee Minutes

Sub-committee minutes were provided for background regarding the discussion held at the January 11, 2022 Sub-committee meeting.

4. Delegations

None scheduled.

5. Report of the Manager of Children's Services

5.1 Information on Workforce Funding for Child Care and Early Years (SOC22-002)

Staff Recommendation: THAT the report titled "Information on Workforce Funding for Child Care and Early Years" (SOC22-002) be received for information.

Sub-committee Recommendation: THAT the report titled "Information on Workforce Funding for Child Care and Early Years" (SOC22-002) be received for information.

Motion by Councillor Ritsma

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

Committee Recommendation: THAT the report titled "Information on Workforce Funding for Child Care and Early Years" (SOC22-002) be received for information.

Committee Discussion: The Director of Social Services provided an overview of the report regarding Information on Workforce Funding for Child Care and Early Years.

The Chair called the question on the motion.

Carried

6. Report of the Manager of Ontario Works

6.1 2021 Homeless Enumeration Results (SOC22-001)

Staff Recommendation: THAT the report titled "2021 Homeless Enumeration Results" (SOC22-001) be received for information.

Sub-committee Recommendation: THAT the report titled "2021 Homeless Enumeration Results" (SOC22-001) be received for information.

Committee Discussion: The Manager of Ontario Works provided an overview of the report regarding 2021 Homeless Enumeration Results.

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

Committee Recommendation: THAT the report titled "2021 Homeless Enumeration Results" (SOC22-001) be received for information.

Carried

6.2 Coordinated Response for those Unsheltered (SOC22-003)

Staff Recommendation: THAT the report titled "Coordinated Response for those Unsheltered" (SOC22-003) be received for information.

Sub-committee Recommendation: THAT the report titled "Coordinated Response for those Unsheltered" (SOC22-003) be received for information.

Committee Discussion: The Manager of Ontario Works provided an overview of the report regarding Coordinated Response for those Unsheltered.

It was questioned whether cases of homelessness are increasing or decreasing. The Manager of Ontario Works advised that an increase has been seen since the onset of the pandemic. It was further advised that a

large majority of individuals are provisionally accommodated but there has been an increase of unsheltered homelessness.

Motion by Councillor Gaffney

Seconded by Councillor Ritsma

**Committee Recommendation: THAT the report titled
"Coordinated Response for those Unsheltered" (SOC22-003) be
received for information.**

Carried

7. Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Bunting

Seconded by Councillor Sebben

**Committee Decision: THAT the Social Services Committee meeting
adjourn.**

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 7:10 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 7:17 P.M.