

MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Municipal Liaison Committee was held in the Tim Taylor Lounge, Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road, Stratford on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: **City of Stratford:** – Councillor Henderson, Councillor Brown, Ron Shaw – CAO, Bill Tigert - Director of Social Services, Joan Thomson - City Clerk, *Councillor Clifford, Casey Riehl-Recording Secretary

County of Perth: Councillor Forrest, Councillor Wilhelm, Bill Arthur–CAO, Linda Rockwood–Director of Emergency Medical Services, Betty Jo Belton–Archivist, Linda Becker – POA Coordinator, Warden Julie Behrns

Town of St. Marys: Chair presiding - Mayor Steve Grose, Councillor Van Galen, Rob Brindley - CAO

Staff Present: As noted, for report presentation.

MINUTES

Where appropriate, motions contained in the Municipal Liaison Committee Minutes are considered recommendations to the affected municipalities.

1.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Wilhelm, to adopt the November 16, 2011 agenda as printed. Carried.

2.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3.0 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion by Councillor Van Galen, seconded by Councillor Forrest, to adopt the minutes of July 14, 2011 as presented. Carried.

4.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There was nothing new to discuss at this time.

5.0 Social Services Update – 3rd Quarter Report

The Director of Social Services presented his report. In response to a question about the partners budgeting for reserves for emergencies, the Director advised that partners are encouraged to budget.

Councillor Ian Forrest questioned funding. The Director stated that maintenance right now is capitol replacement of stock, which is entirely the responsibility of the municipality. No other funding is received, with the exception of affordable housing. He encouraged partners in setting up reserves.

**Councillor Tom Clifford now present*

Councillor Van Galen asked about rental programs (IAH funding). The Director explained different components that have been identified by guidelines, such as new rentals, home renovations for low-income families, rental supplements and housing allowances. These are the components in the report that will be going to Council. Staff have recommended to Council to use some of it for the affordable rentals at the facility just opened in St. Marys, as well as 60-70 units that will open within county when the program is first developed. With 120 people on the waiting list, there is no way to build facilities to house people with the \$1.9 million funding. Staff recommend looking at rental supplements and housing allowances for people on the waiting list, to be spread out over ten years.

Motion by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brown, that the Social Services Report dated September 30, 2011 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

6.0 Provincial Offences Administration Update – Linda Becker

Linda Becker, Provincial Offences Coordinator, presented her report.

She responded to questions regarding uncollected fines and what municipalities can do differently to collect them. The Coordinator reported that currently there is approximately \$5 million in defaulted fines. Councillor Henderson asked if municipalities could withhold license renewals due to unpaid fines. The Coordinator explained that they do currently suspend licenses for offenses that are permitted for license suspension. As well, parking infractions go to plate denial, not allowing them to renew their stickers. Municipalities could come together to put pressure on Provincial governments to change the laws, strengthening their enforcement powers. An effective collection option would be able to collect fines through tax refunds.

Motion by Councillor Wilhelm, seconded by Councillor Forrest that the Provincial Offences Administration Update dated November 3, 2011 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

7.0 Stratford-Perth Archives Update – Betty Jo Belton

Betty Jo Belton – Archivist, presented her report.

Motion by Warden Behrns, seconded by Councillor Brown that the Stratford-Perth Archives Q3 Update for MLC dated November 3, 2011 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

8.0 Emergency Medical Services Update – Linda Rockwood

Linda Rockwood, Director Perth County EMS, presented her report.

Motion by Councillor Clifford, seconded by Councillor Van Galen that the Perth County EMS report dated October 6, 2011 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

9.0 New Business

There was no new business discussed at this time.

10.0 Budget Meeting Date

Motion by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Wilhelm that Heads of Council and CAO's determine the date for the Municipal Liaison Committee budget meeting. Carried.

11.0 Next Quarterly Meeting Date

To be held on the same date as the budget meeting.

12.0 Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brown that the meeting adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Carried.