

MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Municipal Liaison Committee was held in the Council Chambers, Perth County Courthouse, 1 Huron Street, Stratford Ontario on Thursday February 16, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: **City of Stratford:** Mayor Mathieson; Councillor Henderson; Councillor Brown; Councillor Clifford; Cindy McNair, Deputy CAO; Bill Tigert – Director of Social Services

County of Perth: Warden Forrest; Councillor Behrns, Bill Arthur, CAO; Linda Rockwood, Director of Emergency Services; Betty Jo Belton, Archivist; Linda Becker, POA Coordinator; Renato Pullia

Town of St. Marys: ~~Mayor Steve Grose~~; Councillor Van Galen

Others:

MINUTES

1. Adoption of Agenda

**Moved by Bonnie Henderson, seconded by Julie Behrns,
That the February 16, 2012 Municipal Liaison Committee Agenda be adopted as
circulated; CARRIED.**

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest (and general nature thereof)

None Declared

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes – November 16, 2011

**Moved by Tom Clifford, seconded by Don Van Galen.
That the minutes of the November 16, 2011 Municipal Liaison Committee meeting
be adopted as presented; CARRIED.**

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

No new business.

5. 2011 Fourth Quarter Reporting and 2012 Budget Presentations

5.1 Perth District Health Unit – Randy Brown, Business Administrator presented the 2012 Perth District Health Unit Budget, accompanied by Joan Facey, Board Chair and Tracy Allan-Koester, Director of Community Health.

Randy Brown noted that the 3.7% budget increase is attributed to the downloading of the Small Drinking Water System program from the Ministry of the Environment and increased OMERS premiums.

A budget report was circulated with the Agenda.

Randy Brown noted a number of recommendations included in the “Drummond Report” just released by the Province of Ontario that, if implemented could impact the Health Unit.

**Moved by Julie Berhns, seconded by Don Van Galen
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective Councils
the 2012 budget, as presented by the Perth District Health Unit; CARRIED.**

5.2 Spruce Lodge – Peter Bolland, Administrator presented the 2012 Spruce Lodge Budget accompanied by Lorraine Wheal, Business Manager.

Peter Bolland noted that the operating budget includes a \$ 20,602 increase to the municipal contribution. The operating budget increase can be attributed to staffing requirements (attached o enhanced Ministry funding), increased employee pension premiums, and costs associated with the Ministry’s resident first quality improvement initiative.

Peter Bolland reviewed the 2012 Capital Plan, Capital Reserve Fund Projections and a detailed 15 year Capital Plan (4-year phase in).

A budget report was circulated with the Agenda.

**Moved by Tom Clifford, seconded by Don Van Galen
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective Councils
that 2012 budget as presented by Spruce Lodge; CARRIED.**

5.3 Social Services - Bill Tigert, Director of Social Services presented the “2011 Fourth Quarter Updated for the Social Services Department” and the “2012 Operating Budget Notes” as circulated with the Agenda.

Ontario Works – Bill Tigert noted that 2012 marks the implementation of a new Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Stratford and County of Perth (48.28% City, 51.72% County). The Town of St. Marys pays based on caseload (4% of the budget). Ontario Works caseload continues to increase (2.7% caseload growth projected). The Province of Ontario funding announcement will reduce the municipal share for Ontario Works

benefits (17.2% 2012, 14.2% 2013, 11.4% 2014, 8.6% 2015 and 5.8% in 2016).

Discussion occurred regarding increasing expenditures at the same time as the Province of Ontario continues to upload social assistance expenditures.

Bill Tigert reviewed the 2012 budgets for Housing, Child Care and 100% Municipal Programs. A discussion occurred regarding the age of the housing stock, upgrading of units, building of new units (cost prohibitive), and eligibility for Ontario Works (i.e. CAS temporary placements, individuals waiting for EI benefits).

**Moved by Tom Clifford, seconded by Dan Mathieson,
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective Councils
the 2012 budget as presented by Social Services; CARRIED.**

- 5.4 Emergency Medical Services** – Linda Rockwood, Director of Emergency Services presented the 2012 Operating Budget as circulated with the Agenda. Adjusted budget figures were circulated at the meeting, as a result of discussions at Perth County Council earlier in the day. The budget increase to date is 1.4%.

**Moved by Dan Mathieson, seconded by Julie Behrns,
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective Councils
the 2012 budget as presented by Perth County Emergency Medical Services;
CARRIED.**

- 5.5 Provincial Offences** – Linda Becker, Provincial Offences Coordinator presented the 2012 Operating Budget as circulated with the Agenda. Adjusted budget figures were circulated at the meeting as a result of discussions at Perth County Council earlier in the day. The budget decrease to date is 4.1%.

**Moved by Dan Mathieson, seconded by Bonnie Henderson,
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective Councils
the 2012 budget as presented by Perth County Provincial Offences (POA);
CARRIED.**

- 5.6 Stratford Perth Archives** – Betty Jo Belton, Archivist presented the 2012 Operating Budget as circulated with the Agenda. Adjusted budget figures were circulated at the meeting as a result of discussions at Perth County Council earlier in the day. The budget decrease to date is 1.4%. It was noted that Perth County Facilities Committee has given provisional approval to purchase land and design a new purpose-built Archives building for the Stratford Branch in 2012 with construction planned for 2013.

**Moved by Bonnie Henderson, Seconded by Tom Clifford,
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee recommends to their respective Councils
the 2012 budget as presented by the Stratford-Perth Archives; CARRIED.**

6. Municipal Night

Host: County of Perth
Date: April 26, 2012
Time: Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner to Follow
Location: Mitchell Golf & Country Club, Mitchell

7. Correspondence

7.1 Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board – January 10,
2012 – Funding for Social Housing (attached)

**Moved by Dan Mathieson, Seconded by Bonnie Henderson,
THAT the correspondence received from the Rainy River District Services
Administration Board, dated January 10, 2012 regarding Funding for Social
Services be received; and
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee support the recommendation;
CARRIED.**

8. New Business – none

9. 2012 Meeting Schedule (set quarterly schedule and 2013 Budget meeting date)

April 19, 2012 (City of Stratford)
July 19, 2012 (County of Perth)
October 18, 2012 (City of Stratford)
February 21, 2013 (County of Perth)

Discussion occurred regarding moving the annual budget discussion earlier in
the year. The CAOs will discuss a budget schedule and provide a report.

10. Adjournment

**Moved by Don Van Galen, seconded by Bonnie Henderson,
THAT the Municipal Liaison Committee adjourn at 3:35PM;
CARRIED.**