

MUNICIPAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Municipal Liaison Committee was held in the Avon Room, Stratford City Hall Annex, 82 Erie Street, Stratford - Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: **City of Stratford:** – Mayor Dan Mathieson-Chair Presiding, Cindy McNair-Deputy CAO, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Clifford, Heather Lovie-Manager, Ontario Works, Casey Riehl-Recording Secretary

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

Town of St. Marys: Kevin McIlwain-CAO/Clerk, Councillor Van Galen

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 Bob Wilhelm, seconded by Tom Clifford, to adopt the April 19, 2012 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 Julie Behrns, seconded by Ian Forrest to adopt the minutes of February 16, 2012 as presented.
Carried.**

4.0 Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

None.

5.0 2012 Financial Reports – 1st Quarter

5.1 Social Services Update

Heather Lovie - Manager, Ontario Works presented the Social Services 1st Quarter Report.

Ms. Lovie circulated a sample “comfort kit” for everyone to view, as well as a copy of the annual resources program.

Don Van Galen questioned when they might hear back with a response regarding the request from the Town of St. Marys to explore a daycare centre at the Pyramid Centre. Ms. Lovie explained that a date to meet has not been set.

Ian Forrest questioned Ms. Lovie about budget allowances for dealing with recent reports in the newspapers with regards to housing issues and the charter of rights. She reported that this is the first time the housing division has faced an issue such as this. They are proceeding with the utmost thoroughness, and to date the only expenses have been staff time and a small amount of legal advice.

Mr. Forrest also asked about the current staffing vs. caseloads. If the caseloads are still high, if more staff is still required. Ms. Lovie agreed and explained that caseloads are still remaining high at about 700.

Motion by Bob Wilhelm, seconded by Ian Forrest, that the Social Services Report dated March 30, 2012 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

5.2 Provincial Offences Administration Update

Linda Becker - Provincial Offences Coordinator, presented the 1st Quarter Provincial Offences Administration Update.

Ms. Becker reported that they currently have a co-op student from Conestoga College working for them for a 3-week unpaid placement.

Motion by Julie Behrs, seconded by Tom Clifford that the Provincial Offences Administration Update dated April 19, 2012 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

5.3 Stratford-Perth Archives Update

Betty Jo Belton - Archivist, presented the 1st Quarter Stratford-Perth Archives Update

Motion by Bob Wilhelm, seconded by Bonnie Henderson that the Stratford-Perth Archives Q1 2012 Update dated April 19, 2012 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

5.4 Emergency Medical Services Update

Linda Rockwood - Director of EMS, presented the 1st Quarter Perth County EMS Update

Motion by Tom Clifford, seconded by Bob Wilhelm that the Perth County EMS report dated April 19, 2012 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

6.0 New Business

Dan Mathieson reminded everyone that next Thursday, April 26th is the Annual Perth Municipal Night, which is held at the Mitchell Golf & County Club.

7.0 Next Meeting – July 19, 2012 (County of Perth)

8.0 Adjournment

**Motion by Bob Wilhelm, seconded by Don Van Galen that the meeting adjourn.
Carried.**

Time: 2:50 p.m.