



Minutes

Community Services Committee

May 15, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Chair Marion Koepke
Vice Chair Jon Farmer
Member Aly Bousfield-Bastedo
Member Morgan Kemick
Member Lloyd Lewis
Councillor Melanie Middlebro'
Member Lance Thurston
Member Janet Walker

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Councillor Travis Dodd

STAFF PRESENT:

Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Bradey Carbert, Manager of Corporate Services
Ryan Gowan, Manager of Arena Operations
Eckhard Pastrik, Manager of Parks and Open Space
Sabine Robart, Manager of Planning and Heritage
Nicole Olmsted, Community Services Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Koepke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

2.a Member Lewis Re: Commemoration for Sharif Rahman

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 4.a Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on April 17, 2024

CS-240515-001

Moved by Councillor Middlebro'

"THAT the Community Services Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on April 17, 2024."

Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 5.a Deputation from Marilyn Struthers and Liz Buckton of The Institute of Southern Georgian Bay Social Finance & Housing Group (Owen Sound Group) Re: Sharing the Search for Innovation in Affordable Housing in our Communities

The Manager of Planning and Heritage joined the meeting.

Marilyn Struthers and Liz Buckton provided a deputation outlining the Search for Innovation in Affordable Housing in our Communities.

In response to a question from Committee, Ms. Struthers noted that the Social Finance & Housing Group explored financial models that create more affordable housing for workers in healthcare, retail, tourism, and hospitality. The idea looks to a community wealth solution that includes social finance and non-market affordable housing along with municipal engagement.

An Affordable Housing Toolkit link was shared on the housing continuum, which includes non-market affordable rentals between affordable rentals and affordable home ownership.

In response to a question from Committee, the Director of Community Services noted that the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) does include programs directed at affordable housing. Owen Sound's CIP mirrors Grey County's, and Grey County is currently updating its CIP. Following the County update, Owen Sound will also update the City's CIP.

CS-240515-002

Moved by Vice Chair Farmer

"THAT in consideration of the deputation from Marilyn Struthers and Liz Buckton of The Institute of Southern Georgian Bay Social Finance & Housing Group (Owen Sound Group), the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to arrange for a similar presentation to be made at a future Council meeting."

Carried.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- 6.a David Porter, owner of the Harrison Park Inn, asked the following question respecting the final draft of the Harrison Park Master Plan:

Will there be further stakeholder involvement before the completion of the Harrison Park Master Plan?

The Director of Community Services advised that a public survey and stakeholder meetings were conducted at the beginning of the process for the draft Master Plan. Ms. Coulter added that no further public input is planned. There is an agreement with the Harrison Park Inn, and if any capital projects are planned for this facility or within the area, consultation will be conducted with the owner.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

Member Bousfield-Bastedo and the Manager of Planning and Heritage left the meeting.

8. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

- 8.a General

- 8.a.1 Report CR-24-052 from the Manager of Corporate Services Re: 2025-2029 Multi-Year Capital Plan

The Manager of Corporate Services provided an overview of the report through a PowerPoint presentation.

In response to a question from Committee, the Director of Community Services noted that the original Weaver's Creek Boardwalk was built by the Scenic City Order of Good Cheer. Ms. Coulter added that due to liability, it is not feasible to utilize volunteers to reconstruct the boardwalk.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Parks and Open Space noted that the inner harbour receptacles only include waste and not recycling.

In response to questions from Committee, Ms. Coulter advised that non-core assets are mandated to be included in the City's Asset Management Plan in 2024. Staff are collecting data on park assets, which will be presented to the Community Services Committee in June 2024. There is also a pending Service Review project regarding park service levels. The Manager of Corporate Services added that staff will complete the summary document for the Asset Management Plan using age-based and fleet-based strategies.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Corporate Services noted that the cost for the Tom Williams washroom building

renovation includes professional design and construction, and the City does not have on-staff designers. Ms. Coulter added that there is a Tom Williams Fund that can be utilized to pay for this project.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Parks and Open Space advised that the City must follow the Canadian Standards Association for refurbishing or replacing playground equipment. The challenge with the playgrounds in the City's inventory is that many are older than 20 years, and getting parts to repair them from the original manufacturer is often difficult.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Corporate Services noted that there is a reserve fund from the Owen Sound Attack ticket surcharge that can be utilized towards the rink board and floor replacement projects.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Parks and Open Space advised that the original surface of the Kiwanis Sk8 Park is an old ice rink. Cracks in the surface allow water to get in and cause imperfections in the pad, which require repairs. Staff will need to assess the condition of the remaining area and determine the options for repairing the concrete pad and structures.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Parks and Open Space noted that a permanent washroom building at Tom Williams Park is a more cost-effective option than porta potties due to third-party contractor costs and the potential for vandalism.

CS-240515-003

Moved by Member Kemick

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-052 respecting the 2025-2029 Multi-year Capital Plan – Community Services, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward a report on the draft multi-year capital plan and incorporate the feedback from Committee regarding the proposed projects."

Carried.

8.b Parks and Open Space

8.b.1 Report CS-24-042 from the Manager of Parks and Open Space Re: Kiwanis Soccer Complex - Capital Priorities Update for 2024

The Manager of Parks and Open Space provided an overview of the report.

In response to a question from Committee, the Manager of Parks and Open Space noted that staff recently collaborated with NeighbourWoods North to plant trees at the Kiwanis Soccer Complex.

CS-240515-004

Moved by Vice Chair Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-042 respecting the Kiwanis Soccer Complex – Capital Priorities Update for 2024, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council approve the reallocation of 2023 funding for Capital Project 23D.57, Kiwanis Soccer Complex Bleachers in the amount of \$10,000 toward the replanting of the trees lost to Emerald Ash Borer in 2024."

Carried.

8.b.2 Report CS-24-041 from the Director of Community Services Re: Harrison Park Master Plan - Final Draft

The Director of Community Services provided an overview of the report.

In response to a question from Committee respecting wading in the canal, the Director of Community Services noted that staff will determine a schedule for water quality testing.

In response to a question from Committee, the Director of Community Services noted that naturalizing and improving the bird waterfowl area will require further expert advice and a subsequent report to Committee.

CS-240515-005

Moved by Vice Chair Farmer

"THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-24-041 respecting the Harrison Park – Final Draft Master Plan, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council:

- 1. Approve the Harrison Park Master Plan, substantially in the form attached to the report; and**
- 2. Approve the use of \$10,000 from the capital reserve and the \$6,500 (approximate) donations to upgrade the waterfowl and bird area subject to a future report with details through the Community Services Committee."**

Carried.

8.c Arena Operations

None.

- 8.d Building
None.
- 8.e Community and Business Development
None.
- 8.f Facility Bookings and Community Programs
None.
- 8.g Planning and Heritage
None.
- 8.h Tourism, Culture and Events
None.

9. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no matters postponed.

10. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

11. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

11.a CSWBP Homelessness Response Steering Committee Housing Individuals and Families in Grey & Bruce County

11.b Memorandum from the Chief Building Official Re: April 2024 Development Update

CS-240515-006

Moved by Vice Chair Farmer

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the May 15, 2024, Community Services Committee agenda, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council receive Items 11.a and 11.b for information purposes."

Carried.

12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

12.a Commemoration for Sharif Rahman

CS-240515-007

Moved by Member Lewis

"THAT the Community Services Committee waives the notice of motion requirement in the City's Procedural By-law in order to discuss a matter relating to a commemoration for Sharif Rahman."

Carried by 2/3.

In response to a question from Committee, Member Lewis recommended that a commemorative tree be placed in front of the YMCA, as Sharif Rahman was a businessman and past Board member at the facility. Member Lewis noted that he has not been in contact with the Rahman family regarding this suggestion.

In response to a question from Committee, the Director of Community Services noted that a tree could be planted as early as September or October 2024 based on planting best practices. This would provide staff with enough time to prepare a report for the Committee at its meeting in June or July 2024.

CS-240515-008

Moved by Member Lewis

"THAT in consideration of Additional Business presented May 15, 2024, respecting a commemoration for Sharif Rahman, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward a report to the Community Services Committee outlining an appropriate commemorative item to be placed in memory of Sharif Rahman on City Property."

Carried.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Koepke adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.