



**Minutes Of Joint Services
Steering Committee
June 13, 2013
General Committee Room
City Hall**



The meeting was called to order at 3:49 p.m. by Councillor Mitchell in the General Committee Room, City Hall.

Present:

Mayor Daryl Bennett, City of Peterborough
Councillor Len Vass, City of Peterborough
Councillor Ron Gerow, County of Peterborough
Councillor Andy Mitchell, County of Peterborough, Chair
Councillor Jim Whelan, County of Peterborough

Regrets:

Warden J. Murray Jones, County of Peterborough
Councillor Andrew Beamer, City of Peterborough
Councillor Henry Clarke, City of Peterborough

Staff:

John Butler, Director of Finance/Treasurer, County of Peterborough
Malcolm Hunt, Director of Planning and Development Services, City of Peterborough
Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services, City of Peterborough
Patricia Lester, City Solicitor and Director of Legal Services, City of Peterborough
Sandra Clancy, Director of Corporate Services, City of Peterborough
Mike Gannon, Manager, Employment, Social Services, City of Peterborough
Susan Bacque, Manager of Housing, City of Peterborough
Linda Mitchelson, Manager, Social Services Division, City of Peterborough
Bob English, Chief of Paramedics, Emergency Medical Services, County of Peterborough
John Kennedy, City Clerk, City of Peterborough

Guests:

Karen Wilson, Employment Planning and Counselling
Stephanie Wilson, Northern Lights

Minutes of the Meeting of March 28, 2013

Moved by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Whelan

That the minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2013 be approved.

"CARRIED"

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Minutes for Information

Moved by Councillor Gerow, seconded by Mayor Bennett

That the AHAC (Affordable Housing Action Committee) minutes of February 14, March 14, and April 11, 2013 be received for information.

"CARRIED"

Report CSSSJSSC13-006

Social Assistance Reform

Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services, City of Peterborough

Linda Mitchelson, Manager, Social Services Division, City of Peterborough made a presentation.

Moved by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Gerow

That the Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC13-006, dated June 13, 2013, of the Director of Community Services as follows:

That the report and presentation on Social Assistance Reform be received for information.

"CARRIED"

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Report CSSSJSSC13-007

Social Services – Service Plan

Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services, City of Peterborough

Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services, City of Peterborough provided introductory comments to report CSSSJSSC13-007.

Moved by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Vass

That the Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC13-007, dated June 13, 2013, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the report “Social Services: People Serving People 2013-2014 Service Plan” (Appendix A) be received for information.

“CARRIED”

Report CSSSJSSC13-008

Employment Support Services for Ontario Works Clients

Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services, City of Peterborough

Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services, City of Peterborough provided introductory comments to report CSSSJSSC13-008. Karen Wilson of Employment Planning and Counselling and Stephanie Wilson of Northern Lights, Employment Ontario private partners were introduced.

Moved by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Gerow

That the Joint Services Steering Committee (JSSC) endorse, and recommend to their respective Councils, the recommendations outlined in Report CSSSJSSC13-008 dated June 13, 2013, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

- a) **That as per the January 10, 2013 Joint Services Steering Committee direction, the Peterborough Employment Resource Centre (PERC) office be closed, effective July 31, 2013.**
- b) **That the legislatively required employment support services for Ontario Works Clients be retained in-house and the balance of the employment services be provided by Employment Ontario (EO) service providers.**

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Committee at its meeting of June 13, 2013 made the following recommendation:

- c) **That an update report be provided in six months that includes the City and County's ability to service OW clients and a survey of the private sector's ability to service non-OW clients.**

"CARRIED"

**Purchase of Replacement Defibrillators Peterborough County/City Paramedics
Bob English, Chief of Paramedics, County of Peterborough**

Bob English, Chief of Paramedics, Emergency Medical Services, County of Peterborough made introductory remarks.

Moved by Councillor Gerow, seconded by Mayor Bennett

That JSSC receive and approve of a PCCP budget revision that would enable the transfer of funds from the EMS County/City Shared Reserve to enable the purchase of replacement defibrillators.

"CARRIED"

**Verbal Report
Discretionary Benefits Status Update
Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services, City of Peterborough**

Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services, City of Peterborough, provided an update on a meeting held with provincial representatives and City staff regarding discretionary benefits.

Moved by Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Whelan

That the Mayor and Warden send a letter to the Minister of Community and Social Services, requesting a meeting to discuss discretionary benefits, areas of concern and the urgent need to address the matter.

"CARRIED"

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Other Business

There was no Other Business.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2013.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Vass, seconded by Councillor Gerow

That the Joint Services Steering Committee adjourn at 5:26 p.m.

"CARRIED"

John Kennedy
City Clerk

Councillor Mitchell
Chair