



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 3, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Brantford City Hall, 100 Wellington Square

1. ROLL CALL

Present: City of Brantford

Mayor Davis
Councillor Weaver
Councillor Sless
Councillor Antoski
Councillor McCreary
Councillor Wall (9:03 a.m.)

County of Brant

Mayor David Bailey
Councillor Bell
Councillor Miller

Absent: Councillor Laferriere

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Antoski noted a conflict on Item 5.1.2 as her family owns a casket manufacturing and funeral products business.

3. SEPARATION OF ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONSENT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES

Moved by Councillor McCreary
 Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT all Items for consideration and consent not separated for discussion purposes BE APPROVED.

All Items were separated for discussion purposes.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS [list, if any, available at the meeting]

There were no presentations or delegations on today's Agenda.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/CONSENT

Moved by Councillor Sless
 Seconded by Councillor Miller

THAT all items for consideration and consent separated for discussion purposes be approved.

Committee then considered the Items there were separated:

5.1 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1.1 Homelessness System Update and Housing Stability Strategy Report [Financial Impact: \$159,250 Gross Cost – City share \$148,421], 2021-63

- A. THAT Report 2021-63 Emergency Shelter Status and Strategy Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with the implementation of a Homelessness Shelter Diversion Strategy as adopted at the December 15, 2020 Council meeting (Report No. 2020-576, Homelessness Shelter Diversion Strategy Pilot) given staff have identified available budget resources for the program through operational savings from COVID relief funding; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to investigate alternate funding solutions for the Housing with Related Supports Facilities, Penmarvian and Kayorie Manor and report back to Social Services Committee by December 2021.

Amendment

Moved by Councillor McCreary
 Seconded by Councillor Sless

THAT Staff REPORT BACK with a revised Table 1 (Shelter System per Capita Comparison by Municipality) to include statistics for the following similar size municipalities; Barrie, Guelph, Kingston, Milton, Peterborough, and Chat-ham Kent and remove data pertaining to Penmarvian and Kayorie Manor.

CARRIED

Item 5.1.1, as amended

CARRIED

5.1.2 Update on Assisted Funeral Services Procurement [Financial Impact: \$50,000 in reduced expenditures (estimated)], 2021-102

- A. THAT Report No. 2021- Update on Assisted Burials and Cremation procurement BE RECEIVED; and,
- B. THAT the necessary by-law to repeal the Indigent Funeral By-Law #93-2010, amended Indigent Funeral By-Law #41-2013 including Schedule "A" in their entirety BE PRESENTED to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

5.2 CONSENT ITEMS

5.2.1 Ontario Works Centralized Intake [Financial Impact: None], 2021-13

That Report 2021-13 Ontario Works Centralized Intake BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Moved By Councillor McCreary
 Seconded by Councillor Sless

THAT the following minutes BE APPROVED:

5.2.2 Minutes

5.2.2.1 Social Services Committee - January 6, 2021

CARRIED

6. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

8. QUESTIONS

Councillor Wall questioned staff if there are City owned properties that are supposed to be used for Affordable Housing sitting vacant?

Councillor Wall questioned staff if constituents are being turned away or declined Social Services if they request help. Councillor Wall also questioned Staff what the best way for constituents to contact Social Services during the COVID19 pandemic is.

Councillor Wall requested if Staff could work with Communications to distribute material to advise the public Social Services is still operating and how constituents can access Social services.

Councillor McCreary requested if staff could circulate a memo regarding City policy and procedure regarding turning over vacant units to new tenants as well as describe the extraordinary circumstances that may lead to us not meeting our own goal.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Councillor Weaver, Chair

Emma Vokes, Committee
Coordinator