



**City Of Kingston
Arts, Recreation & Community
Policies Committee
Meeting Number 01-2012
Minutes
Thursday January 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

Committee Members Present

Councillor Hutchison; Chair
Councillor Neill
Councillor Osanic
Councillor Schell
Councillor Stroud

Regrets

Councillor Boehme

Staff Members Present

Ms. Kenny, Director, Communications & Customer Experience
Mr. Laidman, Director, Housing & Social Services
Mr. Thompson, Committee Clerk
Mr. Wiginton, Cultural Director

Others Present

Members of the public were present

Election of Officers

Moved by Councillor Osanic
Seconded by Councillor Neill

That Councillor Hutchison be elected as Chair of the Arts, Recreation & Community Policies Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Osanic
Seconded by Councillor Neill

That Councillor Schell be elected as Vice-Chair of the Arts, Recreation & Community Policies Committee.

Carried

Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Osanic
Seconded by Councillor Schell

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Neill
Seconded by Councillor Osanic

That the Minutes of Arts, Recreation & Community Policies Committee Meeting Number 07-2017 held Thursday October 26, 2017 be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Delegations

There were none.

Briefings

- a) Danika Lochhead, Executive Director, Kingston Arts Council and Billyann Balay, Board Chair, Kingston Arts Council were present to speak to the Committee regarding the Kingston Arts Council Plan for Administration of Arts Funding for the Corporation of the City of Kingston in 2018.

Ms. Lochhead provided the Committee with background information regarding the annual review of the Kingston Arts Council Plan for Administration of Arts Funding for the Corporation of the City of Kingston.

Councillor Stroud arrived at the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Ms. Lockhead spoke to the proposed revisions to the Plan for Administration of Arts Funding for the Corporation of the City of Kingston.

Ms. Balay noted the importance of accountable reporting mechanisms.

Ms. Lockhead provided information regarding the revised role of the chair and jury. Ms. Balay noted that a staff person will facilitate the process.

Councillor Stroud sought further information regarding the role of members of Council. Ms. Lockhead explained that members of Council participate in the review of the application but are not involved in determining funding allocations as they are ex officio members.

Councillor Stroud questioned in what situations would the jury require staff to provide input. Ms. Lockhead provided the Committee with examples and clarified the role of the jury, board of directors and staff.

Business

a) Approval of the Kingston Arts Council Plan for Administration of Arts Funding for the Corporation of the City of Kingston in 2018

Mr. Wiginton provided the Committee with a summary of the Report.

The Chair afforded members of the public with an opportunity to provide comment.

Mr. Dixon stated that he has confidence in the detailed process outlined in the Report. He suggested that future reports included a diagram which illustrated the process.

Councillor Neill commented that the Kingston Arts Council is doing great work. He stated that he is supportive of the process.

Moved by Councillor Neill
Seconded by Councillor Osanic

That the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee recommend that Council approve the revised 'Plan for the Administration of Arts Funding for the Corporation of the City of Kingston Arts Fund in 2018'.

Carried

Councillor Neill withdrew from the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

b) Report Received from the Arts Advisory Committee

i. Appointment of public members to the Professional Development Working Group

Mr. Wiginton provided the Committee with an overview of the Report.

Moved by Councillor Schell

Seconded by Councillor Stroud

That Angela Elster, Marc Garniss, Elizabeth Hesp, Mariah Horner, Don Mitchell, Ashley Newton, Chantal Prud'homme, Georgina Riel, Dylan Robinson and Michael Wheeler be appointed as public members to the Professional Development Working Group.

Carried

c) Report Received from the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

i. Homeless Services Review Update & Recommendations

Mr. Laidman provided the Committee with a summary of the Report.

Councillor Osanic sought further explanation regarding the motel voucher program. Mr. Laidman responded that the shelters do not support the motel voucher program due to concerns regarding liability and supervision. He commented that ideally the system should be self-sufficient and move people to stable situations.

Councillor Stroud sought further information regarding the RFP. Mr. Laidman explained that the RFI process has been completed. He indicated that Home Base Housing has submitted a proposal to provide a women's shelter. Councillor Stroud spoke to the importance of providing a women's shelter.

Councillor Hutchison requested further information regarding the street outreach partnership. Mr. Laidman provided the Committee with additional information regarding this matter.

Councillor Stroud sought further information regarding mental health services. Mr. Laidman spoke to this issue in relation to the RFP.

The Chair afforded members of the public with an opportunity to provide comment.

Mr. Dixon questioned if there was enough room for everyone needing shelter when it was very cold. He noted that the vacancy rate in Kingston is an issue.

Mr. Laidman stated that there is always space available due to the flexibility of the system. He commented that the vacancy rate in Kingston is a challenge for people receiving social assistance.

Moved by Councillor Stroud
Seconded by Councillor Schell

That the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee recommends as follows:

That Council direct city staff to continue to implement the Housing First service delivery model through the delivery of the following four core services identified in the 10-Year Municipal Housing & Homelessness Plan: Prevention/Diversion, Homelessness Prevention, Housing Assistance/Emergency Shelters and Housing First/Rapid Re-Housing; and

That Council direct city staff to work with the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) funded Housing & Homelessness Service providers to provide daytime services for vulnerable women for the term while Elizabeth Fry Kingston continues to operate as an emergency shelter; and

That Council direct city staff to work with CHPI funded Housing & Homelessness Service providers to provide a short term Housing Liaison Worker to develop a communication strategy and housing resource material inventory for the rural area; and

That Council direct city staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek Housing First/Rapid Re-Housing (HF/RRH) services to replace the services currently provided by Addictions and Mental Health Services – KFLA; it being understood that the RFP seeking HF/RRH services reduce the service capacity by removing one Assessment Worker to allow the Service Manager to adequately resource another program area where gaps have been identified in the system.

Carried

Motions

There were none.

Notices Of Motion

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Correspondence

There was none.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Arts, Recreation & Community Policies Committee is scheduled for March 29, 2018.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Schell

Seconded by Councillor Osanic

That the meeting of the Arts, Recreation, and Community Policies Committee adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Carried