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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Anderson attended the meeting at 9:34 AM
Councillor Ashe
Councillor Barton
Councillor Carter left the meeting at 10 AM
Councillor Chapman left the meeting at 10 AM
Councillor Collier
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Drew
Councillor Foster
Councillor Grant
Councillor Highet
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lee
Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor John Neal
Councillor Joe Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Ryan
Councillor Smith
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada
Regional Chair Henry
*** all members of Council, except the Regional Chair, participated electronically**

Absent: Councillor Dies due to a personal matter
Councillor McLean

Staff

Present: K. Allore-Engel, G. Anello, J. Austin, S. Austin, E. Baxter-Trahair, A. Caruso, D. Culp, D. Beaton, B. Bridgeman, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, J. Demanuele, J. Dixon, S. Gill, S. Glover, B. Holmes, L. Huinink, J. Hunt, M. Hutchinson, R. Inacio, R. Jagannathan, J. Kilgour, L. McIntosh, G. Muller, G. Pereira, N. Prasad, J. Presta, A. Robins, S. Siopis, N. Taylor, E. Valant and R. Walton

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

5. Presentations

5.1 Chief Todd Rollauer, Durham Regional Police Services, Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, and Kiersten Allore-Engel, Senior Planner, re: Durham Region Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (2021-COW-29) [Item 7. A)]

Chief Todd Rollauer, Durham Regional Police Services, Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer, and Kiersten Allore-Engel, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the Durham Region Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Highlights of the Presentation included:

- Introduction and Opening Remarks
- Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan
- Community Safety and Well-Being
- Background
- Provincial Legislation
- CSWB Plan Benefits
- Four Levels of Risk Mitigation
- Risk Factors in Durham
- Promotion Milestones
- Priority Risk Factors
- Priority Risk Factor Action Items
- Actions Identified as Priorities for Mental Health
- Foundational Action Item

- Region of Durham Secretariat
- Comparator Municipal Staffing
- Year One Implementation Plan
- Concluding Remarks

E. Baxter-Trahair provided an introduction and opening remarks with regards to the Community Safety and Well Being (CSWB) Plan.

K. Allore-Engel stated that in 2019, legislative amendments to the Police Services Act required communities across the province to develop CSWB Plans. She advised that the province defines community safety and well-being as a place where everyone feels safe, has a sense of belonging, where individuals and families can meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, as well as social and cultural expression. She advised that provincial legislation requires CSWB Plans to have three main components: identify priority risk factors; identify strategies to reduce the risk factors; and set measurable outcomes.

K. Allore-Engel provided an overview of the benefits of the CSWB Plan as well as the four levels of risk mitigation. She also provided an overview of the specific challenges faced by residents of Durham Region and the process involved to develop the Plan as well as the promotion milestones.

K. Allore-Engel stated that the priority risk factors are as follows: mental health; substance abuse; homelessness and basic needs; criminal involvement; victimization; social isolation; and experiences of racism. She advised that the Plan identifies action items for each of the priority risk factors. She also provided an overview of the following foundational action items of the Plan: create a CSWB Plan Secretariat; establish a Citizen Advisory Table; launch the CSWB Plan Information Hub; and the Year One Implementation Plan.

Chief Rollauer provided concluding remarks and advised that the Plan will help Durham Region address the priorities identified by the community.

Staff responded to questions with regards to whether there are plans to increase frontline staff as well as plans for outreach and consultation with residents; whether the Plan provides an opportunity for service providers to streamline services to avoid duplication; whether staff will be looking at resources and/or other models to assist with human trafficking; the use of local community partners to help grow the Plan; and whether there will be training provided to local councillors.

Staff also responded to questions with regards to how staff can work with agencies to deal with situations before involving the police as well as whether this is a province-wide problem; whether the Information Hub is interactive with a live chat function; whether all the priority risk factor action items will be moving forward; and whether there have been discussions with the Ontario government with regards to advocating for funds to implement the Plans.

6. Correspondence

There were no items of communication to be considered.

7. Reports

A) Durham Region Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan - Final Submission (2021-COW-29)

Report #2021-COW-29 from B. Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development, and S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services was received.

Staff responded to questions with regards to the possible duplication of services with the creation of the CSWB Plan Secretariat; the cost to create the Secretariat and the new positions; whether there will there be a detailed plan with deliverables and timelines regarding the Actions Related to Individual Priority Risk Factors; and the resources and additional resources needed to address victimization and human trafficking.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Drew,
(54) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Council endorse Attachment #1 of Report #2021-COW-29 of the Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development, and the Commissioner of Social Services as the Region of Durham's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;
- B) That Report #2021-COW-29 be submitted to the Solicitor General of Ontario as the Region's final submission of the CSWB Plan;
- C) That the Regional CAO be authorized to appoint a new interim Manager to lead the creation of the CSWB Plan Secretariat and commence the recommended Year One Implementation Plan;
- D) That the Regional Chair and Regional CAO continue to advocate for CSWB Plan implementation funding from all levels of government; and
- E) That a copy of Report #2021-COW-29 be sent to Durham MPs and MPPs, Area Municipalities, Durham Regional Police Service, and the CSWB Plan Steering Committee.

CARRIED

B) Update on Construction Cost Estimate for the Proposed Long-Term Care Home in North Pickering (2021-COW-30)

Report #2021-COW-30 from N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, and S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services was received.

Staff responded to questions with regards to financing and funding of the proposed long-term care home; whether the Greater Toronto Area municipalities fund long-term care facilities; the capital and operating costs; access to the proposed long-term care home; the number of people on the waiting list for long-term care in Durham Region and the average wait time; the number of vacancies that come up every year to be filled; eligibility requirements; the level of commitment from the provincial government; and opportunities to advocate for funding from government.

Regional Chair Henry was requested to reach out to the Minister of Long-Term Care and suggest a meeting with the eight local mayors to discuss the rising costs of the long-term care home and what is needed in terms of funding.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, Seconded by Councillor Yamada,
(55) That we recommend to Council:

That staff continue to advocate for additional capital funding from the Provincial and Federal Governments, finalize the business case report to build a 200-bed long-term care home in North Pickering, and report back to Council in advance of the execution of the Development Agreement with the Province.

CARRIED

8. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

9. Other Business

9.1 Durham Region Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan - Final Submission (2021-COW-29)

Councillor Foster requested that Corporate Communications staff provide links and/or social media pieces that may be distributed to council members to be shared on their social media platforms to promote the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
(56) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, Regional Chair

Committee Clerk