Minutes

Community & Public Services Committee
Committee of the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

**Members:**
Regional Councillor G. Gibson – Wards 1 and 5 *(Chair)*
Regional Councillor E. Moore – Wards 1 and 5 *(Vice-Chair, Service Brampton and Facilities)*
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6 *(Vice-Chair, Fire Services)*
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4
Regional Councillor G. Miles – Wards 7 and 8
Regional Councillor J. Sprovieri – Wards 9 and 10 *(Vice-Chair, Transit Services)*
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4
City Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
City Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10 *(Vice-Chair, Recreation and Culture)*

**Staff Present:**
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
H. Schlange, Chief Administrative Officer
Fire and Emergency Services
K. Kane, Deputy Fire Chief
Brampton Transit
S. Connor, General Manager
Community Services
A. Meneses, Commissioner
C. Booth, (Interim) Director, Recreation and Culture
M. Solski, Senior Manager, Service Brampton
V. Wong, Acting Senior Manager, Real Estate Services
Legal Services
D. Squires, City Solicitor
City Clerk’s Office
P. Fay, City Clerk
E. Evans, Deputy City Clerk
C. Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator
The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., recessed at 11:47 a.m., moved into Closed Session at 12:18 p.m. Committee recessed at 1:21 p.m., reconvened in Closed Session at 4:12 p.m., returned to Open Session at 4:57 p.m. and adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   CPS138-2016 That the agenda for the Community and Public Services Committee Meeting of November 16, 2016, be approved, as amended to add the following items:

   5.3 Delegations, re: *Riverstone Clubhouse*
   1. Sandra Micallef-Udovic, Riverstone community resident
   2. Fabio Baldassara, Riverstone community resident

   19.2 Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

   19.3 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

   Carried

   The following supplementary information relates to Item 5.2 on the published agenda and was added in accordance with Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended:

   5.2 Presentation from Arnold Schwisberg, re: *2017 Jazz on the Square Festival Proposal.*

2. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

3. **Consent**

   The following item listed with an asterisk (*) was considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Committee and was approved at this time.

   (10.1)

4. **Announcements**
5. **Delegations**

5.1. Henry Verschuren, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15, re: **Brampton Transit Veteran's Pass**

Henry Verschuren, Parade Commander, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15, provided a presentation entitled, ‘Brampton Transit Veteran Pass Program’. He requested changes to the current Brampton Transit Veteran’s Program policy to recognize that all war Veterans qualify for the transit pass under the program. He suggested that By-law 174-2007 be amended as outlined in the presentation to reflect the changes, and the definition in the current Brampton Transit application be updated and consistent with the amendment.

In response to questions, Mr. Vershuren provided clarification with respect to participation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) who served in a special duty operation, the number of Veterans who may have been denied passes, and promotion of the program.

The following motion was considered:

CPS139-2016 That the delegation from Henry Verschuren, Parade Commander, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15, re: **Brampton Transit Veteran’s Pass**, be referred to Brampton Transit staff and report back to Committee, and that contact Veteran’s Affairs Canada to explore the opportunity for possible funding to offset revenue shortfalls that may result from expanding the Brampton Transit Veteran Pass program.

Carried

5.2. Arnold Schwisberg, Founder and Producer, Jazz On the Mountain Festivals Inc., re: **2017 Jazz on the Square Festival Proposal**.

Arnold Schwisberg, Founder and Producer, highlighted the achievements of Jazz on the Mountain (JOM) Festivals Inc., which included events at various venues across Canada. He explained that JOM delivers world-class jazz music that appeals to the entire community, and provided details of their marketing and communications plan, budget, sponsor benefits and economic impact to cities where they performed. He viewed Brampton as a premier destination to present world-class jazz music free of charge to the public following the CeleBrampton annual event. In addition to in-kind services that would be required from the City, Mr. Schwisberg requested financial support of $65,000 to offset the cost for the event.
In response to questions, Mr. Schwishberg clarified that the event is intended to be inclusive with entertainment for everyone and that JOM frequently assists and promotes local talent. He confirmed the timeline of June 2017 is proposed for the event in Brampton.

The following motion was considered:

CPS140-2016 That the delegation by Arnold Schwisberg, Founder and Producer, Jazz on the Mountain (JOM) Festivals Inc., re: 2017 Jazz on the Square Festival Proposal, be referred to Special Events staff to evaluate the proposal with consideration of a June 2017 timeline and report back to Committee.

Carried

5.3. Delegations, re: Riverstone Clubhouse
1. Sandra Micallef, Riverstone community resident
2. Fabio Baldassarra, Riverstone community resident

Sandra Micallef, Riverstone community resident, advised that the Riverstone Golf Club is an integral part of the community that offers several services such as a fitness facility, restaurant bistro and event space. Residents regard the club as a ‘wonderful institution’ that binds the community and provides a recreational haven for all to enjoy a healthy lifestyle. Ms. Micalleff requested that the needs of the community be considered when making a decision on the future of the clubhouse.

Fabio Baldassarra, Riverstone community resident, expressed concern about the closure or redevelopment of the Riverstone Clubhouse and its impact on the community. He indicated that residents would like to assist in the longterm vision of the area and suggested that the clubhouse be used as a community centre for programs and resources supported by the City. He felt that residents have been kept in the dark regarding the future of the facility and an update from the area Councillors through a Town Hall meeting would be appreciated. He expressed confidence that Council will make a decision that will support the vision of the community.

In response to a question regarding discussion of the matter, Peter Fay, City Clerk, reminded Committee of the Procedure By-law as it relates to a delegation on a subject where there is no staff report on the agenda. The item is referred to staff for review and a report. He further reminded Committee that a property acquisition would be discussed in Closed session.
Clarification was provided regarding comments about a townhouse development on the site. Staff noted that the Planning and Development department has not received any applications for the redevelopment of the site.

The following motion was considered:

CPS141-2016 That the delegation from Sandra Micallef and Fabio Baldassarra, Riverstone community residents, re: Riverstone Clubhouse, be referred to Community Services staff for review and consideration and report back, with direction that staff include community input and an opportunity for consultation with the Ward and other interested Councillors.

Carried

6. **Staff Presentations**

6.1. Alain Normand, Manager, Brampton Emergency Management Office, re: **Lighthouse Program – all Wards**

Alain Normand, Manager, Brampton Emergency Management Office, advised that the Lighthouse program is designed to provide a place of refuge within walking distance from their homes, for residents affected by an emergency. Faith-Based organizations have indicated willingness to enter into an agreement with the City to participate in the program.

Mr. Normand gave the following presentation:

- **Lighthouse Program:**
  - Provide support to the vulnerable populations
  - Public engagement through Faith-Based Organizations
  - Participants to be trained by BEMO

- **Project Plan**
  - Phase – Deliverables – Status
  - Phase 1 – Research
    - Places of Worship and Vulnerable population
      - Legend – places of worship walking distance from population
  - Phase 2a – Relationship Building
    - Progress of potential partners
    - Inclusive of all Wards and participation of all major faith groups
  - Phase 2b – Negotiation
    - Preparation of agreement by Legal Services
    - Standardized document for all FBOs
  - Phase 3 & 4 – Implementation
    - Training and Marketing
• Branding strategy and logo confirmed
  ➢ Phase – Exporting
  • Interest from other municipalities
  • Suggestion of a provincial or national program
  ➢ Protocol – Pre-emergency – during and post emergency
  ➢ Resources – provided by FBOs and City

Items 8.1 was brought forward and dealt with at this time

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:
• Whether it is the responsibility of Peel Emergency and Social Services to respond to vulnerable populations in time of distress
• Availability of personal information to faith-based organizations who may partner with the City to participate in the Lighthouse Program
• Ensuring that information on vulnerable populations is accurate

Mr. Normand clarified that the services proposed by the Lighthouse Program will not duplicate the services provided by the Region of Peel. Municipalities have the first level of responsibility in emergency situations and the Region’s role is to support the municipality if required. Mr. Normand explained that the proposed agreement between the City and faith-based organizations was developed and approved by Legal Services with comments from Risk Management and it follows a complete protocol that encompasses all aspects of privacy of information and safety issues.

A motion was introduced to refer the report back to staff and to direct that staff discuss the program further with the Region of Peel.

Committee discussion continued as follows:
• Opportunity for discussion with school boards to participate in the Lighthouse Program
• Identifying how the City coordinates with the Region of Peel to access the kind of emergency measures support provided to the community
• Suggestion that the Mayor’s Office and representatives from BEMO advocate the Federal and Provincial governments regarding financial support for the program

The following motion was considered:

CPS142-2016  1. That the presentation from Alain Normand, Manager, Brampton Emergency Management Office, to the Community and Public Services Committee meeting of November 16, 2016, re: Lighthouse Program – All Wards, be received; and
2. That the report from Alain Normand, Manager, Brampton Emergency Management Office, dated October 18, 2016, to the Community and Public Services Committee meeting of November 16, 2016, re: **Lighthouse Program, Emergency Support for Vulnerable Populations – Brampton – all Wards**, be referred back to staff for further information identifying relationships and partnerships with the Region of Peel in regard to this program, including input from the Region of Peel, to be addressed in a report back to Committee.

Carried

7. **Recreation and Culture**

8. **Fire Services**


**Dealt with under Item 6.1 Recommendation CPS142-2016**

9. **Transit Services**

9.1. Report from Suzanne Connor, General Manager, Transit, dated October 31, 2016, re: **Affordable Transportation Pilot Program with Region of Peel**.

Committee discussions took place with respect to the following:

- Merits of the pilot program
- Administrative cost of $400,000 payable to the Region of Peel
- Purpose of the funds collected by the Region of Peel

In response to questions, staff explained that the expectation was that the Region of Peel would fully fund the project as it is considered a social service which is the responsibility of the Region. Staff confirmed that the City of Mississauga was also responsible for the administrative cost of $400,000.

A motion was put forward to amend the staff recommendation to direct staff to meet with Region of Peel staff to explore further how an affordable transportation pilot program could be established.
The following motion was considered:

CPS143-2016  

1. That the report from Suzanne Connor, General Manager, Transit, dated October 30, 2016, to the Community and Public Services Committee Meeting of November 16, 2016, re: Affordable Transportation Pilot Program with Region of Peel, be received; and

2. That the General Manager, Transit, monitor the results of the Affordable Transportation Pilot – Phase Two that is currently being undertaken by the Region of Peel and the City of Mississauga and that the results and budget implications of the City of Brampton partnering with the Region in a similar pilot program be considered by Council in the 2018 budget deliberations; and

3. Whereas the Region of Peel and the City of Mississauga have collectively invested over $1.5 million since 2014 in an affordable transportation pilot program launched based on feedback from Peel residents concerned over the increasing costs of public transportation;

Whereas a Motion was brought forward at Peel Regional Council in June 2016 directing Regional staff to include the City of Brampton in this pilot program for which no agreement has yet been reached;

Whereas affordable transportation remains a major issue to Brampton residents, especially youth and seniors;

Whereas Brampton risks losing the potential future benefits of this significant investment by the Region of Peel in affordable transit if the City chooses not to participate in the pilot program;

Therefore, be it resolved that City of Brampton staff be directed to meet with Region of Peel staff to explore further how an affordable transportation pilot program could be established.

Carried
10. **Service Brampton and Facilities**


**CPS144-2016** That the report from Vicki Wong, Acting Manager, Realty Services, dated October 19, 2016, to the Community & Public Services Committee meeting of November 16, 2016, re: *Quarterly Report, Real Estate Transactions Executed by Delegated Authority – Q3 2016,* be received.

Carried

11. **Minutes**

12. **Other/New Business**

12.1. Discussion at the Request of Regional Councillor Gael Miles, re: *Medical Marijuana Grow and Use Provisions Regulated by Health Canada and Implications for the Municipality.*

Regional Councillor Miles provided an overview of meetings held at City Hall that included City staff, Region of Peel, Brampton Hydro, representatives of Members of Parliament, Peel Regional Police and City of Mississauga. She indicated that residents have expressed concerns about the number of marijuana grow operations in residential areas. The attendees at the meeting were unaware of the number of individuals who are licensed in Brampton. Councillor Miles explained that individuals are licensed by Health Canada and municipalities have no jurisdiction to ensure compliance with regulations. However, if complaints are received by the police department, Health Canada will disclose information to them.

A motion was put forward to direct staff to solidify the group as a Committee with the appropriate staff resources to continue the work being undertaken with respect to marijuana grow operations in residential areas for production.

Peter Fay, City Clerk, advised that if the intent is for the group to function as a Committee, a proper terms of reference would be required in accordance with the Procedure By-law.
Mr. Fay further advised that Health Canada released new regulations as of August 2016 that allows persons who are licensed to continue the personal use and production of marijuana for medical purposes subject to being licensed by Health Canada. Municipalities and others do not have the right of access to information, only the police are allowed to access information from Health Canada.

It was suggested that the motion be amended to request that staff report back to Committee on possible restrictions on legal medical marijuana personal grow and use within residential areas.

The following motion was considered:

CPS145-2016 That staff be requested to report back to Committee on possible restrictions on legal medical marijuana personal grow and use within residential areas.

Carried

13. **Referred Matters**

14. **Deferred Matters**

15. **Notices of Motion**

16. **Correspondence**

17. **Councillors’ Question Period**

Regional Councillor Medeiros inquired about the timelines for the Arts Panel. Staff advised that an update is targeted for Q1 2017.

18. **Public Question Period**

19. **Closed Session**

19.1. Report from A. Meneses, Commissioner, Community Services, dated November 9, 2016, re: **Property Acquisition, Ward 8** – a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board
19.2. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

19.3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

The following motion was considered:

CPS146-2016 That Committee move into Closed Session to the deal with matters pertaining to:

19.1 Report from A. Meneses, Commissioner, Community Services, dated November 9, 2016, re: Property Acquisition, Ward 8 – a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

19.2 Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

19.3 A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

Carried

20. Adjournment

CPS147-2016 That the Community and Public Services Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Carried

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Regional Councillor G. Gibson, Chair