



## Community Services Committee

### Minutes

**Meeting #:** 08  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation

**Present:** Chair Laura Dudas, Vice-Chair Jessica Bradley, Councillor David Brown, Councillor Marty Carr, Councillor Steve Desroches, Councillor David Hill, Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, Councillor Rawlson King, Councillor Wilson Lo, Councillor Stéphanie Plante, Councillor Ariel Troster

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1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public  
Notices and meeting information are attached to the agenda and minutes, including: availability of simultaneous interpretation and accessibility accommodations; *in camera* meeting procedures; information items not subject to discussion; personal information disclaimer for correspondents and public speakers; notices regarding minutes; and hybrid participation details.  
Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.  
Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, in Community Services Committee Report 8.  
The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on Monday, February 26, 2024, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.
2. Declarations of Interest  
No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 CSC Minutes 7 – Tuesday, November 28, 2023

**Carried**

4. Responses to Inquiries

4.1 CSC-2023-06 – Sustainability Fund Budget for 2024

5. Community and Social Services Department

5.1 Accountability Agreements with Ontario Health

File No. ACS2024-CSS-GEN-001 – City-wide

**Report recommendation(s)**

**That the Community Services Committee approve the 2023 Declarations of Compliance that are required under the 2023-24 Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement – Multi Homes and the 2023-24 Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement as detailed in this report.**

**Carried**

5.2 Centre d'accueil Champlain French Designation Request

File No. ACS2024-CSS-GEN-002 – Rideau-Vanier (12)

**Report Recommendation(s)**

**That the Community Services Committee, in its capacity as Committee of Management:**

- 1. Direct staff to apply for full designation of the Centre d'accueil Champlain (CAC) Long-Term Care (LTC) Home under Ontario's *French Language Services Act (FLSA)*; and**
- 2. Approve and adhere to the responsibilities, as the Committee of Management for the City long-term care homes, to maintain the French language services designation for Centre d'accueil Champlain, as listed below in the discussion section;**
- 3. Submit a letter to the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) expressing the intent to seek full designation under the *French Language Services Act* along with confirmation that the City**

**has a French language- services policy, and a statement describing the responsibilities of the Committee of Management and Long-Term Care staff.**

**Carried**

6. Office of the City Clerk

6.1 Status Update – Community Services Committee Inquiries and Motions for the period ending February 9, 2024

File No. ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0021 – City-wide

**Report Recommendation(s)**

**That the Community Services Committee receive this report for information.**

**Received**

7. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

8. Motions of Which Notice has been Previously Given

8.1 Councillor A. Troster – Poverty reduction initiatives for artists and culture workers

File No. ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0159 – City-wide

Councillor A. Troster provided introductory remarks on the motion.

Velvet Wells spoke at Committee in support of the motion.

Dan Chenier, General Manager, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department, answered questions from Committee.

Following discussions, the Committee considered the motion.

**Motion**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee direct staff to explore including poverty reduction initiatives for artists and culture workers as part of the municipal Culture Plan;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these initiatives would support the representation of artists and cultural workers alongside others in**

**precarious employment in the poverty reduction and financial security strategy, which is currently underway and part of the Community Safety and Well-Being plan.**

**Carried**

9. Notices of Motions (For Consideration at Subsequent Meeting)

There were no Notices of Motion.

10. Inquiries

10.1 CSC-2024-01 – Social service providers with religious affiliations

Submitted by Councillor A. Troster:

The City contracts services with many organizations with religious origins or affiliations. To some degree this is inevitable, as the origins of social services are inextricably tied to community work by religious institutions, and many religious institutions are still major landowners. However, it is important to providing equitable and barrier-free services that all City services be free from religious principles or bias. To that end, could staff provide the following information:

What is the City's policy on entering into agreements with religiously affiliated service providers?

How many organizations with active service contracts or development files in the City of Ottawa are faith-based?

How does the city ensure that existing City service standards are met by these service providers?

Are there any exemptions to these standards, either by waiving a requirement, a grandfathered agreement, or other?

10.2 CSC-2024-02 – Update on new municipal Cultural Plan

Submitted by Councillor R. King:

During the 2022 budget deliberations, delegations attended the Community and Protective Services Committee requesting an update on a new cultural plan, including financial support for development. The City's 2022 budget did not include any financial support dedicated to a new cultural plan, which was considered an essential step toward resilience and recovery for the sector after the impacts of COVID-19. The request

for a plan included an outcome report on the “Renewed Action Plan” for Arts, Heritage and Culture (2013-2018), which has still not been made public.

Questions:

1. What is the timeline for releasing a report on the Renewed Action Plan for Arts, Heritage and Culture (2013-2018)?
2. What outstanding items remain from the Renewed Action Plan for Arts, Heritage and Culture (2013-2018)?
3. Will these outstanding items and new areas of interest be included in a new Cultural Plan for the City?
4. What is the timeline for creation of a new Cultural Plan for the City?

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.

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E. Pelot, Committee Coordinator

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Councillor L.Dudas, Chair