



## Community Services Committee

### Minutes

**Meeting #:** 12  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** Andrew S. Haydon Hall, 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, October 30, 2024, in Community Services Committee Report 12.  
The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on Monday, October 21, 2024, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.
2. Declarations of Interest  
No Declarations of Interest were filed.

## 3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 CSC Minutes 11 – Tuesday, September 24, 2024**Carried**

## 4. Responses to Inquiries

4.1 CSC-2024-04 – Requirements for Moveable Soccer Goals4.2 CSC-2024-05 – Exclusion of Centretown as Priority Neighbourhood Criteria

## 5. Postponements and Deferrals

5.1 CSC-2024-03 – City of Ottawa Public Art Program

This response was originally listed on the agenda for the meeting of September 24, 2024. It has been added to this agenda as a discussion item.

There were no submissions and no discussion on this item.

## 6. Community and Social Services Department

6.1 Ottawa's Poverty Reduction Strategy 2025 - 2029

The report for this item was published on October 11, 2024, after the publication of the agenda on October 10, 2024. Committee will consider a motion to approve the addition of the report to the agenda and allow consideration of the item at its meeting of October 22, 2024, pursuant to subsection 89(3) of the *Procedure By-law*.

File No. ACS2024-CSS-GEN-010 – City-wide

Clara Freire, General Manager, Community and Social Services Department, and Sarah Taylor, Director, Community Safety, Well-Being, Policy and Analytics, presented an overview of the report and answered questions from the Committee. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk. Sawsan Al-Refaei, Manager, Strategic Projects, also answered questions.

The following external stakeholders co-presented with staff:

- Rachael Wilson (Ottawa Food Bank)
- Matt Beutel (Lowertown Community Resource Centre)

Committee received the following submissions, and a copy of each is filed with the Office of the City Clerk:

- Marie-Louise Knight (Foster Farm Family House) letter received October 18
- Angela Talbot (Michele Heights Community House) letter received October 21
- Andrea Thompson (Confederation Court Community House) letter received October 21
- EquiTABLE letter received October 21, 2024
- Heron Emergency Food Centre Board of Directors letter received October 21, 2024
- Kristy Fudakowski (Blair Court Community House) letter dated October 21, 2024
- Sylvie Manser (Banff Avenue Community House) letter dated October 21, 2024
- Barbara Carroll (Debra Dynes Family House and Food Bank) letter received October 21
- Erin O'Manique (Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard) submission received October 21
- Lisa Fabian (Care Centre Ottawa) letter received October 22, 2024

The following members of the public spoke before the Committee and provided comments on the report:

- Barbara Carroll (Debra Dynes Family House and Food Bank), slides on file with the City Clerk
- Rebecca Dorris and Kate Veinot (Ottawa Community Food Partnership)
- Beth Tooley (Ottawa Coalition of Community Houses)
- Eugene Williams (Caldwell Family Centre)
- Lucie Larouche (Caldwell Family Centre)
- Yolanda Jones (Pinecrest Terrace Community House)
- Henry Akanko (United Way East Ontario)
- Janet Burrows and Andrea Poncia (Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres)
- Alex Noreau (Ottawa Food Bank)
- Jonathan Rothschild
- Amanda Bonacci (South East Ottawa Community Health Centre)
- Asma Boudhane
- Neil Saravanamuttoo

- Mohamed Sofa (Britannia Woods Community House)
- Yanet Tsehaye (Britannia Woods Community House)
- Chantale Portelance, Nathalie Portelance and Rebecca Dorris (Parkdale Food Centre)
- Michael Marcil (Bruce House)
- Sheila Rao (Just Food)
- Calla Barnett (Action Sandy Hill)
- Robin Browne (613/819 Black Hub)

After discussion on this item, the Committee considered the following:

**Motion No. CSC 2024-12-01**

Moved by J. Bradley

**WHEREAS the report for this item was published on October 11, 2024, after the publication of the agenda on October 10, 2024;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee approve the addition of the report for consideration at today’s meeting, pursuant to subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law (being by-law no. 2022-410) to allow for timely consideration of the matter.**

**Carried**

**Report recommendation(s)**

**That Community Services Committee recommend that Council approve the Poverty Reduction Strategy as outlined in this report and supporting documentation therein to achieve the first step in the Term of Council strategic objective “advance poverty reduction.”**

**Carried**

6.2 Canada-Ontario Community Housing Benefits 2024-2025

The report for this item was published on October 16, 2024, after the publication of the agenda on October 10, 2024. Committee will consider a motion to approve the addition of the report to the agenda and allow consideration of the item at its meeting of October 22, 2024, pursuant to subsection 89(3) of the *Procedure By-law*.

File No. ACS2024-CSS-GEN-014 – City-wide

Kale Brown, Director, Housing, answered questions from the Committee.

There were no submissions on this item.

After discussion, the Committee considered the following:

**Motion No. CSC 2024-12-02**

Moved by J. Bradley

**WHEREAS the report for this item was published on October 16, 2024, after the publication of the agenda on October 10, 2024;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee approve the addition of the report for consideration at today's meeting, pursuant to subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law (being by-law no. 2022-410) to allow for timely consideration of the matter.**

**Carried**

**Report recommendation(s)**

**That Community Services Committee recommend Council approve that the Director, Housing & Homelessness Services continue to administer the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Program in accordance with the provincial guidelines, and the priorities as set out in this report.**

**Carried**

7. In camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

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

There were no Notices of Motion.

9. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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E. Pelot, Committee Coordinator

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Councillor L.Dudas, Chair