

**FINANCE AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT 5B
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**COMITÉ DES FINANCES ET DU
DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE
RAPPORT 5B
LE 8 JUILLET 2015**

**EXTRACT OF DRAFT
MINUTES 5
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE
SERVICES COMMITTEE
18 JUNE 2015**

**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU
PROCÈS-VERBAL 5
COMITÉ DES SERVICES
COMMUNAUTAIRES ET DE
PROTECTION
LE 18 JUIN 2015**

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

CORPORATE PROGRAMS AND BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PROPOSED 2015-2018 TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

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*Referred from the Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting of
2 June 2015.*

*Community and Protective Services Committee Recommendations will be
presented to City Council on 8 July 2015 in Finance and Economic
Development Committee Report 5B*

Steve Box, gave a brief overview of the Section of the Term of Council Priorities for the Community and Protective Services Committee. His PowerPoint presentation is held on file with the City Clerk's office.

Following the presentation the Committee heard from the following delegations:

- 1) *Dr. Lilly Koltun - Former Chair of the Committee for the City's 2013-18 Renewed Action Plan for Culture – Concerned that the 2013 to 2018 Action Plan that she was so heavily involved with is flailing and urges the councillors to find room to keep the plan as an integral part of your plans and priorities for Ottawa.

- 2) Heather Stecher – Feels there is injustice and discrimination in the entire process. People on ODSP cannot afford bus passes and this needs to be fixed. A top up is required by Community and Social Services and is a priority.
- 3) Mike Bulthuis - Executive Director Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa – Stated that the momentum needs to be continued to end homelessness and requires to be more ambitious. It requires to be a top priority and feels we are not building as much housing as before the homelessness plan.
- 4) *Catherine Lindquist, Executive Director The Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa – Spoke on the need to protect the Arts, Heritage and Culture Plan and implement the action plan. There appears to be inconsistent investment and Term of Council Priorities not in keeping with the promises made.
- 5) *Kathy MacLellan, Chair, Board of Directors, Victoria Steele, Executive Director, and Anik Bouvrette, Member, Tara Luz Danse, AOE Arts Council - The Term of Council Priority #41 on Page 110 proposes to add \$106,000 in 2015 over the Base of \$1 million invested by the previous Council and then make no additional investments in 2016 through 2018. If so, the investment in the Action Plan over the 6 years would be \$3.85 million short of its stated goal.
- 6) *Diana Carter, Executive Director Ottawa Museum Network – Spoke to the importance of the Renewed Action Plan For Arts, Heritage and Culture in Ottawa (2013---2018). It was unanimously approved by the City Council in 2012. The OMN was one of the many cultural organization involved in its development. They believe in and support the plan and agree that it should be (as it is) one of Council's strategic priorities.
- 7) Carole Anne Piccinin - Executive Director Ottawa Festivals – Also urged to complete the Arts Action Plan and keep it as a high priority in the Term

of Council. Feels the City is falling behind in its promise.

- 8) *Michele Penney and Lisa Quesnel - Making Votes Count Where We Live (CAWI) - spoke to two strategic priorities: Create new affordable housing options, and advance equity and inclusion for the city's diverse population. They say that building 150 affordable units, and creating 300 new housing subsidies is not enough. They ask that the City increase this number.
- 9) *Peter Beninger for Loretto Beninger – Asks that the Committee withhold their approval of Appendix A, Section 7, Strategic Initiatives HC2 and HC4, of the proposed 2015 – 2018 Term of Council Priorities, because that neither HC2 nor HC4 are reflective of contemporary contexts. Instead, fund 100% of HC4 initiatives for culture, and decrease the funding for the HC2 sports initiatives.
- 10) Luc Ouellette Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres of Ottawa – Feels that there has been a shortfall on any programs and priorities for the vulnerable. Need for increased concerns, priorities and budget on affordable housing, food plans and transportation.
- 11) *Ray Sullivan - Executive Director Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation – Happy to see affordable housing as a priority of the City but feels more can be done. There has been a decrease in affordable rental housing stock in Ottawa. This can't rest only on City and more is needed to push the Provincial and Federal governments to do more and carry their share.
- 12) *David Jeanes - Heritage Ottawa - Would like to register its support for the Strategic Objective HC4---A: Complete development of new Heritage Reference List with online accessibility by end of 2018, (Appendix A, Section 7, p. 106). The updating of this list will go a long way towards supporting good heritage conservation in Ottawa. Heritage Ottawa is a member of the Ottawa Cultural Alliance and they support the communication that has been submitted by the Alliance on investment in

Arts, Culture and Heritage.

- 13) Doug Yonson – Spoke on the need for more money and rehabilitation of the community rinks of which there are about 200. Many of these are manned by volunteers.

*[* All individuals marked with an asterisk either provided their comments in writing or by email; all such comments are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

Following the delegations the Committee members had various questions of staff mainly dealing with Items 31 to 35 on revitalization of recreation services.

- On pages 102 and 103 dealing with Recreational Services and harmonization of fees for consistency and revitalization of recreation centres and structures. Chair Deans introduced a motion on this item through Councillor Egli.

Motion No. 05 \03

Moved by councillor D. Deans

WHEREAS the Term of Council Strategic Initiatives process has identified a need to supplement the renewal of recreation infrastructure with additional funding to accelerate upgrades to facilities,

AND WHEREAS it has been identified that the renewal and upgrade of park amenities should be the focus of strategic investments on parks across the City,

AND WHEREAS funding has been identified in each year of the term of Council to undertake capital improvements to parks,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the following parameters be approved to direct staff in the prioritization of project funding under this strategic initiative:

Priority will be given to projects that-

- **Are park based and address a gap in services for a community or restore a park amenity no longer meeting local needs**
- **Do not attract significant additional operating or maintenance costs for**

the City

- **Leverage other sources of internal or external funding; and**
- **Do not exceed \$400,000 in total costs**
- **Address safety issues**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that staff be directed to canvas each ward Councillor for priority projects to be considered within the parameters outlined above.

The recommendations were put before the Committee and carried as amended.