

WRCPC Minutes

February 19, 2016

Luther Village on the Park

139 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo

The Great Hall

Present: Andrew Jackson, Angela Vanderheyden, Barry Cull, Chris Cowie, Courtney Didier, Denise Squire, Don Roth, Doug Thiel, Jane Mitchell, Jennifer Mains, Joe-Ann McComb, John Shewchuk, Liz Vitek, Mark Pancer, Mark Poland, Marla Pender, Michael Beazely, Pari Karem, Peter Rubenschuh, Sharon Ward-Zeller, Shayne Turner, Tom Galloway

Regrets: Alison Scott, Bill Wilson, Bryan Larkin, Derek Haime, Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Felix Munger, Helen Jowett, Irene O'Toole, Sharlene Sedgwick-Walsh

Staff: Christiane Sadeler, Dianne Heise, Juanita Metzger, Mary Anna Allen, Michael Parkinson, Tracy Jasmins

1. Welcome and introductions:

The WRCPC members and guests were welcomed and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by John Shewchuk and seconded by Doug Thiel. Carried

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

4. WRCPC 101.

Staff prepared opportunities for new and returning members of WRCPC to get to know each other alongside an informal way for sharing some WRCPC 101 information.

5. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2016:

Moved by Sharon Ward-Zeller and seconded by Shayne Turner. Carried

6. Approval of Smart Update (consent agenda):

The Social Media Committee is partnering with both school boards to present a one day symposium for parents this fall and not the spring as reflected in the consent agenda.

Tom Galloway asked to pull the Ontario Consultation from the consent agenda for further updates.

**Moved by Peter Rubenschuh as amended and seconded by Pari Karem.
Carried**

7. WRCPC Elections:

Tom Galloway presided over the election of Chair and Vice-Chair of Council. There were no nominations from the floor.

7.1 Chair:

Chris Cowie was acclaimed as Chair.

7.2 Vice-Chair:

Shayne Turner was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

7.3 Facilitating Committee:

Shayne Turner presided over the election of members of the Facilitating Committee. The Facilitating Committee consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Past Chair (Bill Wilson), the Regional Liaison (Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders) plus four Committee members.

There were no nominations from the floor. Peter Rubenschuh, Joe-Ann McComb, Andrew Jackson and Jane Mitchell were acclaimed as members of the Facilitating Committee.

8. WRPS Crime Rates and Calls for Service in Waterloo Region: Deputy Chief Kevin Thaler (Presentation attached)

As proposed by the Chief of Police, Bryan Larkin, and requested by the Facilitating Committee Deputy Chief Kevin Thaler from WRPS provided a presentation of the crime rates and call trends in Waterloo Region. The areas

that were covered were Violent Crime, Property Crime, Other Criminal Code violations and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) violations.

The WRCPC had a brief question and answer period. It was recommended that the discussion be carried forward to the next Council meeting and to ask WRPS to return for a discussion about how to divert some of the calls for non-policing matters to other opportunities in the community since the current volume of demands on police is non sustainable in the longer term. Please see PPT attached.

9. Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy Update: Don Roth, WRIDS Chair and Paul Gregory, WRIDS Coordinator (Presentation attached)

Don Roth and Paul Gregory provided an update to WRCPC about the Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy and the work of each pillar – Prevention, Harm Reduction, Recovery & Rehabilitation, Enforcement and Justice, and Integration. Please see PPT attached.

Michael Beazley (Chair of the Prevention pillar) commented that the local work is often completed in absence of clear Provincial directions and thus that there is a worrisome overreliance on municipal action for issues that go beyond the local context and even capacity.

John Shewchuk suggested that we connect with MP Raj Saini who as a pharmacist would likely have an expressed interest in issue related to problematic substance use and to make the WRIDS part of the update with the MPPs.

Christiane (staff) suggested that while the strategy is now a stand alone initiative Council needed to continue to take some ownership with regards to its sustainability. Council was asked to start to give some thought to future funding for the WRIDS Coordination in preparation for end of 3-year funding from Trillium.

10. Other Business:

Provincial Consultations re Changes to the Police Service Act:

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services will be holding province wide community consultations regarding changes to the Police Services

Act. At this stage in the plan there are no consultations planned for Waterloo Region although consultations are going to be available in much smaller municipalities. There are efforts under way to request that the Province include Waterloo Region specifically given its long time history in crime prevention.

[Post meeting addendum: MPP Kathryn McGarry informed staff that there will be a local opportunity to consult on this issue. Date and other details to follow]

11. Adjournment: Moved by Sharon Ward-Zeller. Carried