

## Minutes

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

**Via Zoom at 4:00 p.m.**

### **Attendance:**

Councillor Bill Phillips, Chair  
Councillor Greg Miller  
Councillor Sal Sorrento ~ arrived at 4:15 p.m.  
Jeanette Pillitteri, Director of Corporate Support Services  
Phil Cristi, Director of Community, Recreation and Cultural Services  
Haley Bateman, Chair, Equity & Inclusion Advisory Committee ~ arrived at 4:25 p.m.  
Gail Riihimaki, Vice-Chair, Older Adults Advisory Committee  
Jim Richardson, Chair, Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee  
Michelle Sanders, Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Saleh Waziruddin, Chair, Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

### **Guests:**

Deanna Chakarova, Community and Market Coordinator ~ left at 4:08 p.m.  
Lori Mambella, Manager, Programs and Culture Services

### **Staff Liaisons:**

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, LGBTQ2+ Advisory  
Cindy Pfeffer, Anti-Racism Advisory  
Eric Lamothe, Recreation Master Plan Advisory  
Karen Doyle, Town and Gown Advisory Committee  
Megan Detlor, Accessibility Advisory  
Melissa Wenzler, Equity and Inclusion Advisory  
Leanne Kurek, Social Pillar

### **Absent:**

Brody Longmuir Chair, Town and Gown Advisory Committee  
Koby Vanyo, Older Adults Advisory (staff liaison)

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1. **Call meeting to order (Councillor Bill Phillips, Chair)**  
4:00 p.m.

2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**

Councillor Phillips acknowledged that the land on which the Social Sustainability Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

### **3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**

Additions:

#### **8.5 – Request to Council through the Social Pillar Committee from the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee**

#### **4. Motion to approve the agenda**

*That the Social Sustainability Committee adopt the agenda as amended.*

Moved by: J. Richardson

**Carried**

#### **5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

**Motion to adopt the SSC minutes, June 18, 2020.**

Moved by: S. Waziruddin

**Carried**

#### **6. Presentations (invited guests)**

NA

#### **7. Business arising from the minutes**

NA

#### **8. Business**

##### **8.1 Waiving of Fees Applications ~ Deanna Chakarova**

**Motion to approve the request for waiving of fees in their applications for the following organization:**

*Motion to approve to waive \$357.45 for The Great Holiday Food Drive- Community Care St. Catharines Thorold / Bell Media*

**Moved by:** J. Richardson

**Carried**

Social Sustainability Committee then proceeded to Item 8.3

## **8.2 Review of applications for Equity and Inclusion (vacancy) and make recommendation.**

### **Motion to go In Camera at 4:42 p.m.**

*That the Social Sustainability Committee go In Camera for personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees*

Moved by S. Waziruddin

**Carried**

**In Camera** ~ Review applications for the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (vacancy)

### **Motion to move to Open Session at 4:48 p.m.**

That the Social Sustainability Committee move to Open Session

Moved by S. Sorrento

**Carried**

*That the Social Sustainability Committee approve the recommended name for the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee as discussed in the In Camera Session and for the recommendation to be referred to council.*

Moved by H. Bateman

**Carried**

Social Sustainability Committee then proceeded to Item 8.4

## **8.3– Proposed Amendments to City of St. Catharines FADS**

- Section 4.2.7 Universal Washrooms
  - That a lift and lift ceiling track be provided in all universal washrooms, that takes the user from the change table to the toilet within that universal washroom, where possible.
  - That at least one universal washroom be provided in all public buildings and assembly buildings, in addition to any accessible public use or common use toilets regardless of the number of common or public use washroom facilities containing toilets.

- Section 4.5.2 Outdoor Recreational Facilities – Playgrounds
  - That a paved pathway (made of hard, smooth materials that do not separate under pressure) connect playgrounds to the main sidewalk and/or parking lot and/or main access area for that play space, thereby creating an accessible route.
  - An accessible swing be provided.
  - A minimum of three 'at grade' play components be provided as a standard.
  - That partially ramped portions of playground structures be incorporated in the design of the play space to foster and encourage inclusion in play in city wide parks, and where possible in neighbourhood parks

**Motion to endorse the recommended amendments:**

*That the Social Sustainability Committee endorse the proposed amendments to the City of St. Catharines FADS in Sections 4.2.7 and 4.5.2 by the Accessibility Advisory Committee and that City Council direct staff to produce a report on amending FADS in the above sections.*

Moved by M. Sanders  
**Carried**

Social Sustainability Committee then proceeded to Item 8.2

**8.4 Recreation Master Plan Advisory work plan presentation ~ Jim Richardson**

- 2021 Work plan presented (attached)

**Motion to approve the work plan and presentation from the Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee**

Moved by J. Richardson  
**Carried**

### **8.5 Request to Council through the Social Pillar Committee**

- That Council request a report from staff on the current protections in place to deal with harassment directed at Mayor and members of Council and the resources it would require to provide further support to Mayor and members of Council who are subject to harassment, intimidation and threats.

#### **Motion to receive and endorse request:**

*That the Social Sustainability Committee receive and endorse the request from the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee for the request to be referred to council through the Social Pillar.*

**Moved by:** H. Bateman

**Carried**

### **9. Other Business**

- **LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee – Bonnie Nistico-Dunk**
  - Committee lost four members
  - Recruitment has been posted and Social Pillar will review applications for the vacancies at the December 9, 2020 meeting.

#### **Action item:**

- Leanne to send link for LGBTQ2+ committee application to Social Pillar Committee.

### **10. Date of next meeting**

December 9, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

### **11. Motion to Adjourn**

*That the Social Sustainability Committee be adjourned at 5:24 p.m.*

**Moved by:** G. Miller

**Carried**

#### **Attachment:**

- Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee 2021 Work Plan