



The Corporation of the City of Stratford Social Services Sub-committee MINUTES

Date: February 11, 2025
Time: 4:30 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Sub-committee Present: Councillor Briscoe - Vice Chair Presiding, Councillor Biehn, Councillor Nijjar, Councillor Wordofa

Regrets: Councillor Henderson - Chair

Staff Present: Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Jeff Wilson - Manager of Housing, Shannon Archer – Business Integration Manager, Kelly Stone – Supervisor of Social Services Housing, Audrey Pascual – Deputy Clerk, Miranda Franken - Council Clerk Secretary

Also present: Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the Meeting to Order.

Chair Henderson provided regrets for this meeting.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

Respectful Conduct Statement

2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were made by a Member at the February 11, 2025, Social Services Sub-committee meeting.

3. **Delegations**

None scheduled.

4. **Department Update**

Sub-committee Discussion: The Director of Social Services provided the following highlights from the department update:

- the update being reflective of December 2024;
- Children Services having an increase in the number of children on the waitlist;
- the Homelessness Report having a decrease of 6 individuals experiencing homelessness to 138;
- the Housing Report having the number of households on the centralized waitlist decrease by 8 families to 590;
- Ontario Works having a decrease to 813 active caseloads;
- staff working on a variance review for the last quarter of 2024;
- at the January 14 meeting a Councillor requested staff review highlighting Stratford centric statics in the updates;
- staff indicating this is possible in most cases but not possible on the Homelessness Report as this population is transient; and
- staff to include this information in upcoming updates.

5. Next Sub-committee Meeting

The next Social Services Sub-committee meeting is March 4, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Nijjar

Sub-committee Decision: THAT the Social Services Sub-committee meeting adjourn.

Carried.

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Meeting End Time: 4:34 P.M.