Minutes of the First meeting of the Community Services Committee for 2015, held in the Committee Meeting Room, Council Building, Oshawa Civic Administration Complex, on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Present:  Councillor Chapman, Chair  
          Councillor Neal, Vice-Chair  
          Councillor Kerr, Member  
          Councillor Pidwerbecki, Member  
          Mayor Henry, Ex-Officio

Also Present:  Councillor Sanders  
               M. Pringle, Committee Co-ordinator  
               J. Sharma, Commissioner, Community Services  
               R. Diskey, Director, Recreation and Culture Services  
               G. Simmonds, Director, Operations  
               P. Lyon, Manager, Road Operations  
               J. MacIsaac, Manager, Centralized Recreation Services and Culture  
               B. Mullen, Manager, Business Services  
               B. Slute, Manager, Parks Maintenance Services

Absent:  Councillor Shields, Member

Public Agenda

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Delegations

None.

Delegation Requests (requires 2/3 vote)

None.

Correspondence Requests

None.

Referrals From City Council

None.
Advisory Committee Reports (CS-15-01)

Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee respectfully reports and recommends to the Community Services Committee its Sixth Report.

1. Recommended Amendment to Snow and Ice Removal By-law 92-2009 (OAAC-14-80)

Recommendation

Whereas the intricate wording of the current By-law 92-2009 ‘Snow and Ice Removal By-law’ allows for a potentially indefinite amount of time before snow or ice is to be removed; and,

Whereas snow and ice are barriers to accessibility in the community;

Therefore, the wording of Paragraph 3.1 of By-law 92-2009 ‘Snow and Ice Removal By-law’ be amended to read:

‘Every Owner of a lot shall, no later than midnight of the first day after the fall of snow or any other precipitation which freezes has begun and each subsequent 24-hour period as the aforementioned precipitation persists, clear away and completely remove or cause to be cleared away and completely removed, the snow and ice, including windrows, from any sidewalk on any Highway in front of, alongside or at the rear of the lot’.

Moved by Councillor Pidwerbecki,
“That the Sixth Report of the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory committee be referred to staff for further consideration and a report back.” Carried

Additional Agenda-Related Items (requires 2/3 vote to add)

None.

Public Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Neal,
“That all items listed under the heading of Public Consent Agenda for the January 15, 2015 Community Services Committee meeting be adopted as recommended except Correspondence CS-15-09 and Report CS-15-02.” Carried
Correspondence

CS-15-09  Linda Power – Comments Regarding Oshawa Animal Services

Recommendation  (Referred – See Page 6)

That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Correspondence CS-15-09 dated December 29, 2014 from Linda Powers submitting comments regarding Oshawa Animal Services, be referred to staff for a direct response.

Reports

Animal Services

None.

Fire Services

None.

Operations Services

CS-15-08  Proposed Paid Parking and No Parking Restrictions on Eulalie Avenue from Albert Street to east limit of Eulalie Avenue

Recommendation  (Carried – See Page 2)

That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That Traffic By-Law 79-99, as amended, be further amended to implement a ‘No Parking Anytime’ restriction on the south side of Eulalie Avenue from Albert Street to the east limit of Eulalie Avenue, including the cul-de-sac; and,

2. Paid parking be implemented on the north side of Eulalie Avenue from Albert Street to the east limit of Eulalie Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday at a rate of $1.25 per hour, a daily rate of $12.50, or at a monthly rate of $73.00 + HST.
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Recreation and Culture Services

CS-15-02 Columbus Community Centre
Recommendation (Referred – See Page 6)

That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas Correspondence CS-14-168 was received requesting that the use of Columbus Community Centre by the Columbus Community Coalition be continued with the same schedule as last year of one day a month;

Therefore be it resolved that the Columbus Community Coalition be permitted to use the Columbus Community Centre free of charge, once per month until December 2015 under the same conditions as stipulated in CS-12-47 with a budget not to exceed $1000.

CS-15-03 Feasibility of Downtown Tree Carving Event in Spring 2015
Recommendation (Carried – See Page 2)

That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That Report CS-15-03 concerning the feasibility of a downtown tree carving event, be received for information; and,

2. That staff contact April McGinnis and advise that the City will not be undertaking a tree sculpture carving special event in the Spring 2015.

CS-15-04 Proposed Changes to the Leisure Guide
Recommendation (Carried – See Page 2)

That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the number of printed copies of the City of Oshawa Leisure Guide be reduced by 45% (or 24,000 copies) from 54,000 copies to 30,000 copies commencing with the Fall 2015/Winter 2016 edition, which will be published in August 2015; and,

2. That the delivery of the City of Oshawa Leisure Guide through Oshawa This Week be discontinued beginning with the Fall 2015/Winter 2016 edition, which will be published in August 2015; and,

3. That the Guide and the City’s online registration tool be re-branded to the ‘activeOshawa Guide’ and ‘activeOshawa Online’ beginning with the Spring/Summer 2015 edition, which will be published in February 2015.
CS-15-06 Pan Am Community Celebration Fund Application

Recommendation (Carried – See Page 2)

That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas the City of Oshawa is participating in the Pan Am Games and is hosting weight lifting and boxing at the General Motors Centre; and,

Whereas the City pursued funding from the Toronto 2015 Pan & Parapan American Games Community Celebrations Fund; and,

Whereas the enhancement of the Pan Am Torch Relay End of Day Community Celebration and the creation of a new Pan Am Community Event Outreach Project responds to Goal F.3 of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Strategy – ‘To increase the scope and promotion of community and cultural heritage events and activities’; and,

Whereas the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games responds to the Strategic Goals of social equity and cultural vitality in the Oshawa Strategic Plan and also to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Plan; and,

Whereas the City of Oshawa is not obligated to contribute any additional funding toward the project associated with the Toronto 2015 Pan and Parapan American Games Community Celebrations Fund;

Therefore be it resolved that the grant application for the Toronto 2015 Pan and Parapan American Games Community Celebrations Fund for the Pan Am Torch Relay End of Day Community Celebration and the creation of a new Pan Am Community Event Outreach Project be supported.

CS-15-07 Pan Am Torch Run Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendation (Carried – See Page 2)

That the Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

Whereas the City of Oshawa is participating in the Pan Am Games and is hosting weight lifting and boxing at the General Motors Centre; and,

Whereas City Council approved Report CM-12-56, 2015 Pan Am Games Financial Implications on December 17, 2012 approving the City of Oshawa as a Bronze Level Activation to sponsor the 2015 Pan Am Games; and,

Whereas part of the Bronze Level Activation is to host a celebration in honour of the 2015 Pan American Torch Relay; and,

Whereas Pan Am has asked that a separate Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) be signed by the City of Oshawa regarding the Torch Run Celebration; and,
Whereas the authorization of such an M.O.U. was not considered in Report CM-12-56;

Therefore be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Torch Run Celebration M.O.U. in a form considered acceptable by Legal Services and Finance Services.

Strategic Business Services

None.

Discussion Agenda

Matters Excluded From Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kerr, “That Correspondence CS-15-09 dated December 29, 2014 from Linda Power submitting comments regarding Oshawa Animal Services, be referred to staff for a report.” Carried

Moved by Councillor Pidwerbecki, “That Report CS-15-02, ‘Columbus Community Centre’ be referred back to staff to consider the cost factors related to staffing and report back.” Carried

Items to Be Introduced By Councillors

Councillor Neal commented that Durham Regional Police Services recently conducted a traffic blitz in school zones and the number of drivers ticketed was high.

CS-15-05 Community Animal Care Committee

Moved by Councillor Kerr, “Whereas Oshawa has a number of animal rescue and resident organizations interested in the welfare of animals in our community; and,

Whereas a number of these organizations have a common purpose and initiatives including such things as Trap Neuter Release and Maintain (T.N.R.M.) programs to help address the issues of feral animals and feral cat colonies in particular; and,

Whereas there should be a benefit to having these organizations work together as they are concerned with and addressing similar issues;

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to investigate the creation of a Community Animal Care Committee and report back to Committee with their findings. It is anticipated that staff will discuss this proposal with involved organizations including needs associated with equipment storage, meeting room space, etc. and report back to Committee with appropriate recommendations.” Carried

Closed Portion of The Meeting

None.
Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Pidwerbecki, “That the meeting adjourn.” Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.