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City of Burlington

Community Services Committee Report No. 11-13

Recommendations to City Council Meeting: November 4, 2013

Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 23, 2013

Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, Level 2, City Hall at 6:30 p.m.,
8:53 p.m. (recessed), 8:58 p.m. (reconvened)

Members Present: Councillors Paul Sharman (Chair), Blair Lancaster,
Rick Craven, Marianne Meed Ward, John Taylor,
Jack Dennison and Mayor Rick Goldring

Staff Present: Kim Phillips, Chris Glenn, Tony Bavota, Denise
Beard, Donna Kell, Angela Papparizo, Doug Pladsen,
Jackie Isada, Amir Aazam and Denis Farr (Clerk)

Others Present: Maureen Barry—Chief Executive Officer at
Burlington Public Library, Ian Ross – President/Chief
Executive Officer, Burlington Art Centre,
Barb Teatero—Director of Museums, Burlington
Museums, Brian McCurdy—Executive Director,
Burlington Performing Arts Centre, Jeremy
Freiburger—CoBALT Connects

Declarations of Interest: None

Recommendations:

Two Items for Consideration:

APPROVAL OF JOINT VENTURE FINANCING TO BURLINGTON YOUTH
SOCCER CLUB FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOME 3 AT SHERWOOD
FOREST PARK

Approve the Burlington Youth Soccer Club's application for joint venture
financing to an upset limit of \$738,000 related to the construction of a third
indoor soccer facility at Sherwood Forest Park as contained in Appendix A

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in parks and recreation department report PR-34-13-1 in accordance with the City of Burlington's Joint Venture Policy; and

Direct the City Clerk to prepare the necessary debenture by-law and obtain necessary approvals for a 10-year non-tax supported debenture to be fully repaid to the City of Burlington by the Burlington Youth Soccer Club; and

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign any required agreements prepared to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, Director of Parks and Recreation and Director of Finance for the financing and operation of the third indoor soccer facility at Sherwood Forest Park. (PR-34-13-1)

REFERRAL OF REPORT REGARDING THE CITY OF BURLINGTON'S CULTURAL ACTION PLAN TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Refer parks and recreation department report COMMSERV-3-13-1 regarding approval of the City of Burlington's Cultural Action Plan to a Community Services Committee meeting on Monday, November 4, 2013 (COMMSERV-3-13-1)

One Staff Direction:

DIRECTION TO REPORT BACK ON JOINT VENTURE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION LEVEL ENGINEERED DESIGN AT LASALLE PARK MARINA

Direct the Director of Parks & Recreation to report back to Budget and Corporate Services Committee during the 2014 Capital Budget regarding 50% co-share funding for the construction level engineered design for the permanent wave break at La Salle Park Marina; and

Direct the Director of Parks & Recreation to continue to support the LaSalle Park Marina Association in their efforts to pursue federal and provincial funding. (SD-25-13, October 23, 2013) (Councillor Craven)

Nine Items for Receipt:

Receive and file the following nine items, having been given due consideration by the Community Services Committee:

- Report regarding the 2012 Burlington Fire Department Annual Report. (BFD-01-13, October 11, 2013)

- Report providing an update on the Environmental Assessment for a permanent wave break at LaSalle Park Marina. (PR-33-13, September 25, 2013)
- Correspondence from Burlington BG's Gymnastics Club, providing update on the club's activities. (CSC-23-13, October 8, 2013)
- Presentation by Hugh McCully regarding an update on the Environmental Assessment for a permanent wave break at LaSalle Park Marina. (PR-33-13-2, October 23, 2013)
- Presentation by John Birch regarding an update on the Environmental Assessment for a permanent wave break at LaSalle Park Marina. (PR-33-13-3, October 23, 2013)
- Correspondence from Liz Benneian regarding an update on the Environmental Assessment for a permanent wave break at LaSalle Park Marina. (PR-33-13-4, October 23, 2013)
- Confidential Appendix B to parks and recreation report PR-34-13-1, regarding joint venture financing to Burlington Youth Soccer Club for the development of dome 3 at Sherwood Forest Park. (PR-34-13-2, October 23, 2013)
- **PowerPoint presentation provided by Kim Phillips, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services Division, and Ian Ross, President and CEO of Burlington Art Centre, on the Cultural Action Plan. (COMMSERV-3-13-2, October 23, 2013)**
- **Confidential Appendix C to parks and recreation report PR-34-13-1, regarding joint venture financing to Burlington Youth Soccer Club for the development of dome 3 at Sherwood Forest Park. (PR-34-13-3, October 23, 2013)**

Delegation(s):

Report recommending approval of joint venture financing to Burlington Youth Soccer Club for the development of dome 3 at Sherwood Forest Park. (PR-34-13-1, September 24, 2013)

- Graham Cocking, Burlington Youth Soccer Club, outlined the club's activities and strong relationship with the City of Burlington. (CC-43)

Correspondence from Burlington BG's Gymnastics Club, providing an update on the club's activities. (CSC-23-13, October 8, 2013)

- Alf Zeuner, President, Burlington BG's Gymnastics Club, thanked the City of Burlington for supporting the BG's over the past 30 years. Mr. Zeuner also introduced members of the BG's who will be headed to the World Championships in Bulgaria and advised that 5 of the 7 members from Team Canada's tumbling team are from Burlington BG's. (CC-42)

Report providing an update on the Environmental Assessment for a permanent wave break at LaSalle Park Marina. (PR-33-13, September 25, 2013)

- Hugh McCully, representing the Burlington Sailing and Boating Club, spoke in support of the report and recommends a safe harbour at the shore of LaSalle Park Marina. A safe harbour will enhance the safety and quality of life associated with the established programs at the Burlington Sailing and Boating Club. (CC-44)
- Michael Jones, representing Burlington Green, spoke in opposition to the report and believes that the city should not be funding the detailed design construction for the wave break, especially considering that an environmental assessment has not yet been completed. Mr. Jones also expressed concern about risk to trumpeter swans in the area. (CC-45)
- John Birch, President of the LaSalle Park Marina Association, spoke about the benefits of a safe harbour marina and advised that every safe harbour ever built has been municipally-driven and received third party co-funding. Due to increasing costs and regulatory barriers, Mr. Birch hopes that the City of Burlington will support the marina in its efforts to construct a permanent wave break for a safe harbour. Mr. Birch further believes that Burlington will receive a significant asset which will benefit all in the community. (CC-46)

Report recommending approval of the City of Burlington's Cultural Action Plan. (COMMSERV-3-13-1, October 8, 2013)

- Trevor Copp, representing The Arts & Culture Collective of Burlington, spoke in support of the report and endorsed the Cultural Action Plan (CAP) on behalf of its 250 members. Mr. Copp believes that the CAP will put an end to the history of silos in Burlington's arts & cultural community and will ensure that the city can maximize its existing resources, investments and talents in the community. (CC-47)

- Teresa Seaton, representing Art in Action Burlington Studio Tour, spoke in support of the report and believes that the Cultural Action Plan will address the insular climate that currently exists amongst the arts and cultural community. Ms. Seaton hopes that the city's proposed cultural department will take ownership to influence the attitudes of all those directly affected by the Plan and foster a language of inclusivity and diversity. Ms. Seaton added that, if the city agrees that it is in its best interest to promote the arts and culture, this department needs to become a champion and work collaboratively with the community and other departments, agencies and levels of government. (CC-48)
- Rossana Dewey, Ward 4, spoke in support of the Cultural Action Plan (CAP) and commended staff for engaging in so much dialogue with the community to create the CAP. Ms. Dewey suggested that in order for the CAP to be successful, it will need to interrelate with other city action plans. Ms. Dewey hopes that the city's strategic action plan will become more inclusive and that councillors will champion inclusivity. (CC-49)
- Ancilla Ho-Young, representing the Burlington Caribbean Connection and the Arts and Cultural Collective of Burlington, spoke in support of the report but feels that the Cultural Action Plan (CAP) does not address diversity in culture. Ms. Ho-Young advised that the CAP did not mention any events from the diverse community such as those events held by the Black History Committee. Ms. Ho-Young suggests that the CAP be more inclusive and representative of Burlington's diverse community. (CC-50)
- Michael Rigby, Ward 1, spoke to the recommendations in the report and advised that there needs to be more focus on the local arts and culture community. Mr. Rigby supports the creation of a local database as outlined in the Cultural Action Plan, as he feels it will enable the local arts and culture community to better interact with one another. Mr. Rigby also suggests that the city consider reviewing its fees, bylaws and permits as this is what often prohibits local arts and culture community members from succeeding. Mr. Rigby advised that the local arts and culture community is currently not aware of the resources available to them and hopes that the city will start supporting and celebrating accomplishments from the local arts and culture community. (CC-51)
- Walter Mulkewich, Ward 1, spoke in general support of the report and advised that, with a grassroots movement currently in place by The Arts and Cultural Collective of Burlington, the city must do something now or else it will lose another decade of cultural and community development.

- Mr. Mulkewich provided specific recommendations to improve the Cultural Action Plan, including: change in language, additional staff resources, external arts and culture body funded by the city, and the development of cultural nodes beyond Downtown Burlington. (CC-52)
- Rainer Noack, Ward 2, spoke in support of the Cultural Action Plan and shared a personal story about how his life had been inspired and impacted by the arts. Mr. Noack created the Student Theatre in Burlington, a place which started in 1978 and continues to thrive today. Mr. Noack advised that the Student Theatre is a place where many grow and feel a sense of belonging, reminding Committee that value cannot be measured by numbers or money alone but rather by lives affected. Mr. Rainer has dedicated a life to arts and culture in Burlington and thanked the city and community for its support. Through approving the Cultural Action Plan, the City of Burlington will demonstrate its commitment to arts and culture and affect generations to come. (CC-53)
 - Jim Riley, Ward 2, spoke in support of the Cultural Action Plan as a media artist and independent curator and hopes that the city will support the creation of a film or media arts festival in Burlington. Since moving to Burlington, Mr. Riley has experienced great difficulty in finding links to the arts and cultural community. Mr. Riley suggested that the city consider the jury-peer model for grants and introduced Canadian Artists' Representation/le Front des artistes canadiens (CARFAC) best practices when city staff or councillors want to know how to interact professionally with artists and how artists should treat institutions. In order to ensure easy interaction with other departments and raise the city's cultural profile, Mr. Riley suggested that cultural staff be located within the same building as other city departments. (CC-54)
 - Tomy Bewick, representing the Burlington Poetry Slam Project, spoke in support of the Cultural Action Plan (CAP) and shared with Committee how arts and culture is a life case, not a business case—it has changed and shaped his life. Mr. Bewick expressed concern about developing linkages with the local arts and culture community within Burlington and feels that the CAP's language needs to be broadened. Mr. Bewick added that more emphasis needs to be put on the support and encouragement of the local arts and culture community within Burlington. (CC-55)

COMMITTEE REMARKS:

- Mayor Goldring advised that The Mayor's Cabaret will take place on November 8, 2013 at The Burlington Performing Arts Centre. The event will help to promote local talent and proceeds from the evening will support The Burlington Performing Arts Centre. On November 20, 2013, Mayor Goldring will also be hosting an Inspire Burlington Series on "Creative Cities," featuring Jeremy Freiburger, CoBALT Connects and Trevor Copp, Tottering Biped Theatre.

Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.