

**Roll Call:**

Mr. L. Bursey, Councillor  
Mr. D. Atkinson  
Mr. M. Casselman  
Mr. M. Hoy

**Regrets:**

Mr. A. De Murtas  
Miss S. Mannseichner  
Mrs. M. McCabe  
Mr. C. Mininni

**Staff:**

Ms. D. Livingstone, Deputy City Clerk (Recording Secretary)

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The meeting was called to order at 3:12 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: M. Hoy  
Seconded by: D. Atkinson

THAT the agenda, as presented, be approved.

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by: D. Atkinson  
Seconded by: M. Casselman

THAT the minutes of June 14, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Martin Noe, Property Manager for 12 Central Avenue, Earl's Court, addressed the Committee about initiatives with the rent-geared-to-Income neighbourhood.

Mr. Noe described the constant balance between the operating and capital budget. The calculation is dictated by the board which ensures there are always funds placed in the

capital fund. Capital funds cannot be used for operating expenses such as building maintenance or renovation.

There has been a marked change in the neighbourhood since 2006 when the property management group took over. The area has been transitioned by bringing in tenants that are empowered. Currently there are initiatives to build a tenants association and put community programs in place such as clean up day. The goal is to have positive programs to empower the tenants.

M. Casselman asked Mr. Noe his opinion on the Council of the Town of Prescott's decision to reduce the number of social housing units. Mr. Noe responded that it is understandable given the negative perception of social housing which can have a high level of frustration. As a property manager, it is all about how you manage. You must be able to be a champion to the positive cause.

Chair Bursey asked about partnerships. Mr. Noe indicated that the Safe Communities Coalition completed an inspection of the units for fire prevention and safety. Many opportunities were found for education. The tenants have asked for a police liaison officer. The Youth Advisory Committee could help with programming ideas. D. Atkinson noted that the Committee could help champion the cause for positive youth initiatives and be a bridge to other groups in order to build a network.

D. Atkinson asked about the best place for the committee to put their energy. Mr. Noe indicated that doing research, being a champion, and forming a network with other groups such as the Wellness Centre. If the Youth Advisory Committee would support a partnership, a lot of momentum would build. Events such as Clean Up day have long term benefits that affect the individual units and trickles over to the entire community. There are currently 460 people on the waiting list for social housing.

Chair Bursey agrees that 12 Central Avenue is a blue print; a positive model of social housing. Chair Bursey suggested getting an email thread going to address how the Committee can become involved.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **Strategic Plan**

Chair Bursey reminded members that the document is on the website. M. Casselman put together suggestions for the Committee including topics that can be addressed from the view point of youth.

M. Casselman provided an overview of topics within the Waterfront Masterplan and Urban Design Strategy (*comments to be attached to minutes*). It is noted that these documents have deadlines for completion in 10 years. M. Casselman suggested selecting 5-10 bullet points to give Council a focus during their term rather than the 2021 deadline.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Pride Walk**

There is a pride walk scheduled to take place on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from the old giant tiger location on King Street to St. Lawrence Park. Chair Bursey would like the Youth Advisory Committee to endorse the event. This event will be a celebration and memorial event. The committee would like to put forth a resolution to Council at the meeting of July 26, 2011:

Moved by: D. Atkinson

Seconded by: M. Hoy

THAT the Brockville Youth Advisory Committee hereby endorses the Pride Walk to be held on July 30, 2011 in Brockville; and

THAT this endorsement be brought forward to Council at their meeting of July 26th, 2011 for acknowledgement.

CARRIED

### **Terms of Reference**

It was suggested that the Terms of Reference of the Committee be expanded to include membership of the Student Council Presidents of the three local highschools and St. Lawrence College.

Moved by: M. Casselman

Seconded by: D. Atkinson

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Committee be expanded to include membership of the Student Council Presidents of the three local highschools and St. Lawrence College.

CARRIED

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be the last meeting for members Matt Casselman and Sarah Mannseichner. Chair Bursey would like to recognize this occasion with either a gathering after the meeting or a cake.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: D. Atkinson

Seconded by: M. Casselman

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THAT the Youth Advisory Committee meeting adjourns until the next meeting of August 16, 2011.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.