

3. DECISION REQUESTS

3.1 Official Community Plan Annual Review 2013

Committee received a report dated November 21, 2013 from Sustainable Planning & Community Development. The purpose of the report is to seek Council's approval of the proposed *Official Community Plan Annual Review 2013* (Annual Review). The *Official Community Plan* (OCP), adopted by Council on July 30, 2012, incorporates an adaptive management approach where a regular cycle of review, monitoring and adjustment will help to measure progress towards achieving the OCP's long-term goals and objectives, and ensure that the OCP anticipates and responds to change over time.

The proposed Annual Review provides the first annual snapshot of progress towards achieving the OCP. It presents key annual indicators related to the OCP and provides a starting point against which progress can be measured in future years. A total of 97 indicators have been identified for the OCP monitoring program. Seventeen of these will be measured on an annual basis and reported in the Annual Review with the remaining indicators measured approximately every five years.

Action: Councillor Isitt moved that Committee recommends that Council approve the *Official Community Plan Annual Review 2013*.

Committee discussed the following:

- How to reconcile the objectives in the OCP with other strategic initiatives and funding.
- The suggestion that the financial sustainability policy be revised.
 - The challenge of meeting the OCP targets which enhance quality of life.
 - Working with partners to achieve new infrastructure projects.
 - Tying the OCP targets into the budget discussions.
- Supportive housing and the "scattered" approach where the housing is dispersed equitably throughout neighbourhoods; concerns one neighbourhood is receiving more than their share;
 - Staff are collecting data to measure the housing spectrum which will help determine where housing is going.
 - The annual review of indicators and noting that this is a 30 year plan and that over time it is anticipated that targets will be met.
 - Noting other neighbourhoods that received the bulk of supportive housing in the past.
- Inclusionary zoning and if that would address issues of housing diversity;
 - A complex intervention that may not yield the desired results;
 - A report that Council received several years ago on inclusionary zoning and receiving that report for review.
- The importance of balancing different types of housing in neighbourhoods;
 - The diversity of housing types and location are fundamental principles in the OCP.
- The demographic that can't afford market rents though vacancy rates are higher.

Councillor Helps withdrew from the meeting at 8:53 a.m.

- The buffer between downtown and neighbourhoods and contemplating growth and greater density in the future; how this may result in re-districting some neighbourhoods;
 - Aligning with the policy direction of the OCP.
 - Sensitivities in the buffer zones and any revisions a decision of Council.
- The implications of demolishing old units to create new and understanding the impacts in terms of housing costs.

Councillor Helps returned to the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

- Downtown Streetfront Vacancy Rates and noting that new developments increase the number of stores; do the statistics take that into account?
 - That information is under development and will be one of the indicators marked in the annual review.
 - The policy regarding retail and commercial activity downtown.
 - Receiving information on leased retail floor space over a period of years.

Councillor Coleman withdrew from the meeting at 9:24 a.m. and returned at 9:26 a.m.

- Adjusting the targets from five years to three years to reflect budget and strategic goal targets;
 - How this would challenge the indicators and five years needed to collect Federal Census data.

Action: Mayor Fortin moved that Committee recommends that Council direct staff to provide every three years *Official Community Plan* indicators and the opportunity to input that information into the financial planning and corporate strategic planning three year cycles.

A Committee member advised that a motion is already on the table.

Mayor Fortin tabled his motion.

Committee discussed the main motion:

- Arts and Culture on page 37 and Library use; its broader impact as a community benefit and included it under "community well-being";

Councillor Gudgeon withdrew from the meeting at 9:31 a.m. and returned at 9:32 a.m.

- The rigour of matching OCP policy to an indicator; the items not constrained by one section.
- How best to communicate that library use is linked to community well-being;
 - Providing that as a footnote in a general way to include other sections and categories.

Action: Councillor Isitt moved that Committee amend the motion as follows:

1. That Council approve the *Official Community Plan Annual Review 2013*; and,
2. **That Council approve the footnote acknowledging the overlap of uses of indicators in the *Official Community Plan*, with the Library use as an example.**

On the amendment:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 13/GPC703

A Committee member inquired regarding economic planning and indicators related to incomes and employment levels and if those indicators could be included in the annual reporting. Staff advised that many of those indicators are proposed under the five-year review as they are tied to the federal census.

On the main motion as amended:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 13/GPC704

Mayor Fortin lifted from the table the following motion:

That Committee recommends that Council direct staff to provide every three years *Official Community Plan* indicators and the opportunity to input that information into the financial planning and corporate strategic planning three year cycles.

Committee discussed the possible cost implications and the lengthy discussion likely required for this motion.

Action: Councillor Helps moved that the motion be postponed to the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting of January 16, 2014.

CARRIED 13/GPC705

For: Councillors Coleman, Helps, Madoff, Thornton-Joe and Young
Against: Mayor Fortin, Councillors Gudgeon and Isitt.

