

16TH REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on September 9, 2013, commencing at 7:10 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor D. Brown (Chair), Mayor J.F. Fontana and Councillors B. Armstrong, J.L. Baechler, J.P. Bryant and H.L. Usher and B. Westlake-Power (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors S. Orser, B. Polhill and S.E. White; and H. Chapman, B. Coxhead, S. Datars Bere, J. Freeman, C. Guinty, J. Jessop, O. Katolyk, J. Kobarda, G. Kotsifas, D. O'Brien, D. Oke, M. Ribera, E. Schinbein, C. Smith, and L. Stevens.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1. Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that Councillor D. Brown disclosed a pecuniary interest in clauses 6 and 12 of this Report having to do with Taxi and Limousine Licensing By-law related issues, by indicating that her employer is a taxi business.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 1st Report of the City of London and Thames Valley District School Board Liaison Committee

Recommendation: That the 1st Report of the City of London and Thames Valley District School Board Liaison Committee, from its meeting held on June 24, 2013, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (6)

3. 7th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the 7th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on August 22, 2013, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (6)

4. 93 Adelaide Street South - Property Standards Demolition

Recommendation: That on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Development and Compliance Services and Chief Building Official, the proposed as by-law appended to the staff report dated September 9, 2013, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council Meeting on September 17, 2013, to cause the City to take all necessary actions to demolish all buildings and structures at 93 Adelaide Street South and leave the property in a graded and leveled condition. (2013-P10D)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (6)

5. Additional Unit for Affordable Housing Project at 129 Riverside Drive

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director, Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearnness Home, the following actions be taken with respect to the affordable housing project at 129 Riverside Drive:

- a) the municipal allocation of \$55,000 for one (1) additional unit at 129 Riverside

Drive for Riverside Property Corp., BE APPROVED; it being noted that the total municipal allocation to Riverside Property Corp. is now \$1,565,000, with \$1,510,000 approved by Municipal Council in 2012 for twenty seven (27) affordable housing units;

- b) the above-noted funding allocation BE APPROVED from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund be as set out in the Sources of Financing Report, appended to the staff report dated September 9, 2013;
- c) the proposed By-law, as appended to the staff report dated September 9, 2013, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on September 17, 2013 to:
 - i) approve an Amendment to the Municipal Contribution Agreement between the City and Riverside Property Corp. for the provision of affordable housing at 129 Riverside Drive substantially in the form of an agreement appended to the by-law and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor; and,
 - ii) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the said amended Agreement. (2013-S11)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (6)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

6. By-law No. L.-129-51 – Taxi and Limousine Licensing By-law

Recommendation: That a special meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee BE HELD for the purpose of considering additional proposed revisions to the By-law No. L.-129-51, the Taxi and Limousine Licensing By-law, to be introduced at the Council Meeting on September 17, 2013, as follows:

- a) vehicle entry age of 4 years for all vehicles;
- b) hours of duty be increased to 14 hours within a 24-hour period;
- c) the feasibility of a clean-up charge;
- d) modifications to the trip sheet requirements;
- e) modifications to posted tariff cards, related to payment deposits; and
- f) revisions to insurance language to facilitate opportunities for the purchase of fleet and/or lower-priced insurance;

it being pointed out that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, the following individuals made oral submissions in connection therewith:

- R. Caranci, Caranci Consulting – representing London Taxi Association, presenting the attached information.
- J. Kukurudziak, London Taxi Association – referencing an insurance bulletin requiring individuals to be a part of a “fleet” in order to see any reduction in insurance rates, noting that common ownership or common management is required; stating that language to accommodate fleet insurance opportunities needs to be a part of the by-law; advising that the difference in insurance rates will be an economic hardship.
- J. Donnelly, President, Blue & White Taxi – indicating that the limousine vehicles should remain as superior to taxi vehicles; noting that the plate license is renewed by the plate owner not necessarily the vehicle owner, which can cause confusion; suggesting that the operator’s name should be on the information because the City already knows who the owner is; and summarizing that insuring as a fleet is better for the City, and that this would enhance knowledge.
- M. Taylor, General Manager, Checker Limousine – stating they only have an issue with the lifecycle of limousines; advising that far more is spent to purchase and maintain a limo, than a taxi and therefore the vehicles last a lot longer; noting the allowable age is more in other cities, such as New York; suggesting that they

need one year in order to find a replacement for the discontinued, preferred vehicle, the Lincoln Town Car; and advising that given the year to find the suitable replacement standard, they would not object to any of the proposed changes for taxis.

- B. Howell, Vice President, London Taxi Association – noting concurrence with the points of Mr. Caranci’s presentation, and noting that timing is very important; suggesting that most insurances are soon to be renewed and there is an urgency to the insurance situation; advising that only London requires the dual registration.
- H. Savehilaghi, London Yellow Taxi – advising that the Committee meeting of May 27th, 2013 was the most meaningful meeting he’s been involved in; noting appreciation for the comments from Mr. Caranci; advising that after eight months of work, they have a positive result for Yellow Taxi and will have fleet insurance; suggesting the face of the taxi industry has changed, there is quality to the vehicles and more professionalism; suggesting taxis have come a long way, and are a lot closer to limousines; noting it would be helpful for the entry age for all vehicles to be four years; and advising trip sheets are a waste of time, and have been replaced by advanced technology that can have information for any investigation in minutes.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (5)

RECUSED: D. Brown (1)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

7. A. Wilson, Licious Festivals Inc. – Request for Delegation Status - LondonLicious

Recommendation: That the request of A. Wilson, Licious Festivals Inc. for delegation status before the Community and Protective Services Committee BE NOTED AND FILED. (2013-P11)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (5)

8. Registry of Vacant Buildings By-law and Cost Recovery

Recommendation: That the communication dated August 15, 2013, from Councillor S. Orser, with respect to the Registry of Vacant Buildings By-law and cost recovery BE REFERRED to the Civic Administration to report back at a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee. (2013-C01)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (6)

9. Request for Exemption from the City's Noise By-law PW-12

Recommendation: That the communication dated July 16, 2013 from E. Holder and B. McGuffin, with respect to a request for an exemption from the City's Noise By-law PW-12 and the City of London's Special Events Policies and Procedures, BE NOTED AND FILED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.P. Bryant, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (3)

NAYS: J.L. Baechler, D. Brown (2)

10. RFP 12-28 Animal Welfare Services

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to RFP 12-28, Animal Welfare Services:

- a) consideration of the award of the above-noted RFP BE DEFERRED for a period of not more than six months, in order for additional information to be gathered with respect to contract language, which will be considered by the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC), related to metrics and measurables that may be incorporated in the contract;
- b) the current Animal Services Contract BE EXTENDED in order to facilitate the timeline for the additional information requested in a), above;
- c) the 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC), from its meeting held on September 5, 2013, BE RECEIVED; it being noted that the CPSC received a verbal delegation from S. Rans, Chair, AWAC, with respect to this matter; and,
- d) the following representations BE RECEIVED:
 - i) the attached presentation from the Chief, Municipal Law Enforcement Services
 - ii) a verbal delegation from D. Fortney; and,
 - iii) a communication dated September 8, 2013, from K. & K. Lomack.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (6)

11. Proposed Enhancements for Animal Welfare Services

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Development & Compliance Services and the Chief Building Official, the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to take the following actions, with respect to animal welfare services:

- a) review and report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC), in conjunction with the additional RFP 12-28 Animal Welfare Services report, related to the following initiatives, in an effort to implement the Vision and Mission Statement for Animal Services:
 - i) pet limits per household;
 - ii) pet fostering;
 - iii) micro chipping;
 - iv) off-leash parks; and,
 - v) feral cat programs;
- b) report back to the CPSC related to:
 - i) the concept of developing a City of London shelter facility for stray and impounded animals, through joint ventures and/or private public partnerships; and,
 - ii) creating a preferred list of service providers for spay and neuter services, in an effort to expand options for the public to attain these services.
(2013-P14)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (6)

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

12. Update on Taxi Business Transfers

Recommendation: That the verbal report from O. Katolyk, Chief, Municipal Law Enforcement Services, with respect to the services provided to facilitate a brokerage exchange, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.P. Bryant, J.L. Baechler, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (4)

RECUSED: D. Brown (1)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 PM.