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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 7, 2013
FROM:	LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN AND FIRE SERVICES
SUBJECT:	HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES INFORMATION SYSTEM (HIFIS) HUMAN RESOURCES AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CANADA (HRSDC) CONTRACT

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) contract with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC):

- a) the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement, dated September 1, 2012, between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development and The Corporation of the City of London for funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy **BE TERMINATED**; and
- b) the attached proposed by-law being “a by-law to terminate the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement, dated September 1, 2012, between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development and The Corporation of the City of London for funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy” **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of October 22, 2013 to authorize the Managing Director, Neighbourhood & Children Services to provide notice of termination in accordance with section 39 of the Agreement referenced in paragraph a) above.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) – Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) Contract (CSC: August 21, 2012)
- Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (BOC: May 28, 2008)

BACKGROUND

The federal government through Human Resources and Skill Development Canada (HRSDC) – now known as Employment Skills Development Canada (ESDC) under the Homelessness Partnering Secretariat (HPS) entered into a service agreement with the City of London for \$50,000 for the period September 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014. The focus of the funding was to support the implementation of the Homelessness Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) for emergency shelters in London.

When the terms of the contract were negotiated in early 2012 our focus was to introduce an information system to support the emergency shelters only. There was a delay in the start-up of the HIFIS project as we responded to the significant funding and program changes under the Provincial Community Homeless Prevention Initiative (CHPI). This led to the major re-positioning of the focus of the services and funding model to address reduce and prevent homelessness through a housing with support approach. As a result of this expanded mandate we are not prepared at this time to enter into an ongoing data sharing agreement with Employment Skills Development Canada to use HIFIS.

The requirements for a homeless information system have significantly expanded to include all homeless serving organizations including shelters, community agencies and services. The system needed must have the capability to support a high level of collaboration, data sharing within and across service systems, integrated case management and reporting templates through a web based application.

HIFIS is one of several homeless information systems available and a full analysis of all systems prior to selection of the best option for London is needed to ensure that we succeed in the Homeless Prevention System Implementation Plan approved by Council in May 2013. The new provincial funding model supports the flexibility and resources needed to achieve an integrated homeless information system with all funded agencies involved in the response to homelessness in London.

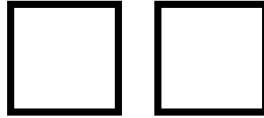
The opportunity to work with the HIFIS team served as a catalyst for positive change.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact as a result of the termination of the contract. No HIFIS funding has been spent. The provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative provides 100% funding to develop and implement a homeless information system for London.

SUBMITTED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
Jan Richardson Manager, Homeless Prevention, Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services	Lynne Livingstone Managing Director, Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services

c. Anna Lisa Barbon, City of London Finance



APPENDIX A

Bill No.
2013

By-law No.

A by-law to terminate the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement, dated September 1, 2012 between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development and The Corporation of the City of London for funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy.

WHEREAS section 2 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that municipalities are created by the Province of Ontario to be responsible and accountable governments with respect to matters within their jurisdiction and each municipality is given powers and duties under this Act and many other Acts for the purpose of providing good government with respect to those matters;

AND WHEREAS section 3.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* states that the Province acknowledges that a municipality has the authority to enter into agreements with the Crown in Right of Canada with respect to matters within the municipality's jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 10 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that the City may provide any service or thing that the City considers necessary or desirable for the public, and may pass by-laws respecting same, and respecting economic, social and environmental well-being of the City, and the health, safety and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Ministry of Human Resources and Skills Development and The Corporation of the City of London entered into a Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement, dated September 1, 2012;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of London deems it appropriate to terminate the said Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The Managing Director, Neighbourhood & Children Services is hereby directed to terminate the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement, dated September 1, 2012 between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Ministry of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, and The Corporation of the City of London for funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS); and
2. The Managing Director, Neighbourhood & Children Services is hereby authorized to provide notice of termination in accordance with section 39 of the Agreement referenced under section 1 above.
3. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on _____, 2013.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading -
Second Reading -
Third Reading -