

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2013
FROM:	GRANT HOPCROFT DIRECTOR, INTERGOVERNMENTAL & COMMUNITY LIAISON
SUBJECT	AMENDING AGREEMENT WITH THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO TO ENHANCE THE LONDON AND MIDDLESEX IMMIGRATION PORTAL LABOUR MARKET SECTION

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the attached proposed By-Law (Appendix 1) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of November 19, 2013:

- a) **TO APPROVE** the Amending Agreement (Schedule 1) of October 8, 2013, amending the Agreement of February 4, 2013 with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, to obtain additional Provincial funding of \$22,000 to enhance the London and Middlesex Immigration Portal; and
- b) **TO AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Amending Agreement of October 8, 2013 in (a) above.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Immigration Portal Status Report, Board of Control, Mar. 22, 2006; Jan. 31, 2007; Oct. 31, 2007; March 25, 2009;
 Immigration Portal Sustainability, Board of Control, February 5, 2008.
 Agreement with the Province of Ontario for Enhancements to the London and Middlesex Immigration Portal, Board of Control, April 9, 2008.
 Requested Administrative Funding for the Heritage and Immigration Web Portals, Committee of the Whole, February 10, 2009.
 Agreement with the Province to develop multilingual marketing materials, Board of Control, Sept 29, 2010
 Agreement with the Province to enhance the London and Middlesex Immigration Portal, Finance and Administration Committee, July 20, 2011
 Agreement with the Province to enhance the marketing of the London and Middlesex Immigration Portal, Finance and Administrative Services Committee, February 27, 2012; August 20, 2012
 Immigration Portal, Corporate Services Committee, Agreement with the Province to enhance Marketing, February 26, 2013
 Immigration Portal, Corporate Services Committee, Agreement with the Province to enhance Labour Market section, February 26, 2013

BACKGROUND

The City of London entered into an agreement with the Province of Ontario on February 4, 2013 to obtain funding to enhance the labour market section of the London and Middlesex Immigration Portal.

The purpose of the Appendix to this project is to provide \$22,000 in new funding for an additional project. The objectives of this project are threefold: firstly, to give the visitor to the London and Middlesex Immigration Portal a sense of the immigration trends to London and the ethno-cultural composition of the city; secondly, to provide the Portal reader with comparative data on the cost of living in London; and thirdly to analyze and evaluate visitor data to the Portal and derive observations for continuous improvement to the site.

The substantive work on this additional project will be overseen by the Manager, Research and Policy Development.

All funding for this project will be provided by the Province of Ontario. In total, the province has to date provided over \$600,000 in funding towards the Immigration Portal.

Timing

The project will end by March 31, 2014.

This report was prepared in consultation with Lynn Marshall, Solicitor, Joy Jackson, Manager, Risk Management, and Mo Jeng, Manager, Research and Policy Development.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
JILL TANSLEY MUNICIPAL POLICY SPECIALIST	GRANT HOPCROFT, DIRECTOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

Schedule 1: Ontario Amending Agreement

Appendix 1: By-Law.

APPENDIX 1

Bill No.
2013

By-law No.

A By-law to approve the Ontario Funding Amending Agreement for the enhancement of the London and Middlesex Immigration Portal with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; and to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Amending Agreement.

WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS section 8 provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance its ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting: 5. Economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality; 7. Services and things that the municipality is authorized to provide under subsection (1);

AND WHEREAS section 22 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may provide a system that it would otherwise not have power to provide within the municipality if it does so in accordance with an agreement with the Province of Ontario under a program established and administered by the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

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

1. The amending agreement to be entered into between The Corporation of the City of London and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, for the provision of the Ontario Funding Agreement for the enhancement of the London and Middlesex Immigration Portal, attached as Schedule "1" to this By-law, is approved.
2. The Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute the amending agreement approved 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 November 19, 2013.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First reading -
Second reading –
Third reading -