

3RD REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 6, 2014, commencing at 7:05 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Brown (Chair), Councillors B. Armstrong, D. Brown and J.P. Bryant and B. Westlake-Power (Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillor N. Branscombe.

ALSO PRESENT: B. Baar, A. Barbon, B. Coxhead, S. Datars Bere, L. Livingstone, D. Mounteer, J. Richardson, M. Ribera, P. Sauro and B. Warner.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 1st Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the 1st Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee, from its meeting on December 11, 2013, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.P. Bryant, B. Armstrong, M. Brown (3)

3. Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

Recommendation: That the communication dated November 2013, from L. Vincent, Manager, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, with respect to the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers, BE RECEIVED and BE FORWARDED to the Child and Youth Network for consideration. (2013-M11)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.P. Bryant, B. Armstrong, M. Brown (3)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

4. 4th Report of the Town and Gown Committee

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to the 4th report of the Town and Gown Committee, from its meeting held on November 13, 2013:

a) the following actions be taken regarding the current practices being undertaken in dealing with the conduct of students attending local post-secondary institutions:

i) the questions and concerns raised at the public participation meeting held on November 13, 2013, regarding the above-noted matter, BE REFERRED to the Civic Administration for review and consideration, in consultation with community partners, including, but not limited to, the London Police Service, Fanshawe College

- and Western University, to report back at a future meeting of the Town and Gown Committee, providing responses to the concerns and questions and recommending any suggested changes that could be undertaken to better educate the community regarding municipal by-laws and Project Learn and how to better engage the student population;
- ii) a public participation meeting at a future meeting of the Town and Gown Committee BE HELD to provide a further opportunity to dialogue with the community regarding Project Learn;
 - iii) an Information Workshop BE HELD at a future meeting of the Town and Gown Committee to permit a more informal forum for further discussion regarding concerns related to Project Learn;
 - iv) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to find a means to inform the public of future Town and Gown Committee meetings; and,
 - v) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to prepare an information binder for Members of the Town and Gown Committee containing by-laws, policies and processes related to dealing with the conduct of students attending local post-secondary institutions;

it being noted that the Town and Gown Committee reviewed and received the following communications:

- the attached presentation from the Manager Licensing & Municipal Law Enforcement;
- the attached communications from D. Schaefer, 398 Chambers Place;
- the attached communication from G. Parker, Executive Director, Institute of Canadian Justice; and,
- the attached communication from D. Bentley, Distinguished University Professor, and C.F. Klinck, Professor in Canadian Literature;

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

- Adam Gourley, President, Fanshawe Student Union – see attached presentation.
- Amir Eftekharpour, Vice-President, University of Western Ontario Students Council – indicating that the community, the students, the Police and City officials need to come together to address the issues that have arisen the last few years; advising that students have concerns on how the previous Project Learn functioned; noting that many of these issues have been resolved recently; indicating that with the zero tolerance, students are immediately ticketed; noting that neighbours are treated differently; and, advising that we need to come together as a community.
- Renald Richer, 1509 Ryersie Road – expressing concern with the number of break ins over the last year in his neighbourhood; and, enquiring as to whether or not resources are allocated to areas to patrol when there are frequent break ins.
- John Warner, 131 Ann Street – indicating that during the school year it is a different neighbourhood; advising that his family has lived here for 58 years; indicating that there is a lack of enforcement in the area; and, advising that it is no longer a family neighbourhood.
- Kevin Watts, 152 Broughdale Avenue – advising that he and his two roommates are \$1,700 in debt due to Project Learn; indicating that he is in his second year at Western and is an honours student; advising that negativity breeds negativity; indicating that at the Queen's University homecoming, the Police kept the students on their respective properties without handing out multiple tickets; and, advising that Project Learn does not take into account well-rounded, educated students.
- Pauline House, Huron Heights – advising that she has seen a vast improvement since zero tolerance was implemented; indicating that warnings do not work; expressing appreciation for the Police presence in her neighbourhood; understanding the students' frustration; explaining that the students are living in residential areas where the residents are looking for peace and quiet; and, advising that it does not matter if it is a student or an adult, if they are making too much noise, she would call the Police regardless.

- John Erb, 20 Craig Street – advising that he has recently moved to London from Toronto; indicating that, except for a couple of incidents, the students in London are exceptional people; noting that the students represent almost 10% of London’s population; indicating that the students are under more pressure than any other generation; advising that students need to know they are part of the community, not an enemy of the community; and, enquiring where the zoning is that allows young people a place to let off steam.
- Gerald Parker, Executive Director, Institute of Canadian Justice – indicating that it takes a village to raise a child; advising that when you discipline children, do not go to the extreme; and recommending that the City starts listening to the community.
- George Lightfoot, 170 St. Bee’s Close – see attached presentation.
- Kyle Parker - see attached presentation.
- Eugene DiTrolio, 14 St. George Street – enquiring as to what the Student Councils and/or Administration are doing on campus to promote education between students and the community and how the students can more peacefully fit into a neighbourhood.
- Anne Marie Valastro, 133 John Street – expressing appreciation to the London Police Chief relating to Project Learn; advising that she has experienced a lot of vandalism; requesting that students not be dealt with any differently than anyone else; indicating that she has not seen any public outreach in her neighbourhood by the students; and, recommending that there be neighbourhood captains to establish a relationship between students and the neighbours.
- Paul Beechey, 1033 Waterloo Street – advising that he has resided in his neighbourhood for 20 years; indicating that Project Learn and zero tolerance works because it gets people’s attention; advising that Western University’s residences have rules and regulations and there are not parties in the University residences; enquiring as to the number of fines levied over the years to Western University students, Fanshawe College students and non-students; enquiring as to the cost to the London Police Service of patrolling the student areas; and enquiring as to whether or not Fanshawe College or the University of Western Ontario provide funding to the London Police Service to patrol parties.
- Charles Joles, 1022 Waterloo Street – indicating that the only concerns that should be considered are the ones of the residents that are affected by this outrageous behaviour; and, advising that students should be acting like adults.
- Nico DiPlacido, 177 Sherwood Avenue – advising that he and his roommates held a soiree, with the proceeds going to charity, last year; advising that, at the soiree, they did receive a noise complaint and received a ticket for \$1,200.00; indicating that they have an excellent rapport with the London Police Service; noting that they have experienced a break in at their residence; advising that he was not provided with any warning before he received the ticket; indicating that, if he had had a warning, and was advised that if the Police came back a second time he would receive a ticket, he would have shut the party down; and, advising that they do outreach to their neighbours.
- Kirosh Digani, 7 St. George Street – advising that this issue should be dealt with in a more open-minded manner; advising that there should be opportunities for learning rather than zero tolerance; indicating that they have had parties and have checked with the neighbours to ensure that it did not bother them; and, indicating that zero tolerance antagonizes the students.
- Julie Flesh, 344 Harvard Street – indicating that she does not feel safe walking at night; advising that her car has been broken into three times in eight months; indicating that a friend was injured when a party was shut down and a door was kicked in; and, requesting that the Project Learn program be amended to be more educational and to assist students in acting like adults; and, advising that zero tolerance has a negative impact on students.
- Jean Marc Metrailler, 462 Maitland Street – advising that he lives in a residential community, away from the students; encouraging the Committee to find other areas of the City for students to live in, outside of the student ghettos, such as Old East London; indicating that there could be express bus service for students in these areas; and, advising that it

may help the area.

- Pat Gianoni, Owner, G's Pizza & Panini – advising that he is in the heart of Richmond Row and is surrounded by noise from neighbouring restaurants and bars; and, expressing concern with the activities of the London Police Service.
- Marie Blosh, 43 Mayfair Drive – advising that the programs that have been implemented are working in their community; indicating that Project Learn is not a punishment and is required; and, indicating that landlords and real estate agents are missing from this meeting.
- Coraline Knight, 332 Richmond Street – indicating that when tickets are given with no warning, it can ruin a person's life; advising that she does not see the problem with couches on lawns, it is the same as having a nice patio set; noting that some people even had couches on their roofs.
- Owen McGinnis, 7 St. George Street – advising that he was approached by a Police Officer when he was walking down the street; indicating that during his discussion with the Police Officer, he accidentally dropped his water bottle, picked it up and was given a littering ticket.
- Jack Litchfield, 20 Gower Street – expressing appreciation to the London Police Service for their quick response to the media backlash on Project Learn; indicating that it is difficult for students, who are living away from home for the first time, to receive no warning, just a ticket, and grow as adults; indicating that the student code of conduct should not be imposed on their personal lives; and, advising that the City should be following its policies to encourage students to remain in London after they graduate.
- Richard Zukat, 1125 Western Road – expressing appreciation to the London Police Service for scaling Project Learn back; advising that Project Learn makes him feel like a second class citizen; enquiring as to what is being done to protect the safety of the students; and, also enquiring as to what engagement strategies can be implemented.
- Brian Bellman, 116 Mill Street – advising that Project Learn creates the divide between students and area residents; and, recognizing that there are problems with students, but Project Learn is not the answer.
- Oliver Hobson, 45 Evergreen Avenue – indicating that the provincial laws have changed to allow the Police to use tasers; and, recommending that the London Police Service engage the Ombudsman to discuss other options than tasers.
- Matt Helfin, 567 Waterloo Street – indicating that students have a right to reside in the neighbourhoods they currently reside in; indicating that there is a way to address the competing interests between the students and the area residents and find a solution for everyone; advising that the best outcome is to find a solution for everyone; also advising that what is being discussed is a community problem; further advising that students are a valuable part of the community; and, expressing support for moving away from zero tolerance and promoting education.
- Sam Trosow, 43 Mayfair Drive – advising that he and area residents have been trying for years to improve the housing structures; indicating that they are now at the breaking point; advising that real estate agents are constantly trying to get them to sell their house; indicating that there are enforcement issues; advising that there is something wrong with the housing market; indicating that there are privacy issues for the students; enquiring about how more transparency on how the real estate market and rental market operate; and, advising that the general public should be allowed to find out who the landlord who owns the problem property is.
- Cathy Cave, 220 St. George Street – see attached submission.
- Edgar Allen Smuck, 928 Western Road – indicating that the number of students causing problems is a small number of the student population; noting that these students are very vocal; advising that there are alternative measures that can be taken if the Police choose to look the other way; advising that London does not enforce lodging houses at the present time; indicating that universities and colleges could be run as a business and students would have to sign a Code of Conduct; and, indicating that the Charter of Rights does give you the right to freedom, but does not give you the right to break the law.
- Laura Cricht, Nursing Student – advising that we need to create a community of caring rather than blame; indicating that not all students are the same; noting that the generalized approach being taken is not

effective; suggesting that it would be better to give students community service; recommending that students should meet the residents to see how they live as well; indicating that students want to be a part of this community; and, indicating that students are here to learn.

- Sean Quigley, Executive Director, Emerging Leaders, 59 Pennybrook Crescent – expressing appreciation to Police Chief Duncan for reaching out to the various community groups; indicating that Project Learn failed because we failed it collectively as a community; recognizing that the events that took place on Fleming Drive shocked the city; noting that there was a small number of students involved in that event; and, advising that the answer is to work with the community to build a more vibrant and healthy London.
 - Susan Bentley, 34 Mayfair Drive – advising that the number of students has increased greatly over the years; indicating that a lot of the houses in their neighbourhood have become landlord-owned houses; indicating that Broughdale is not just a street, it is a community; expressing support for the educational information that the University provides to the students and the area residents; enquiring as to whether or not people read the information; and, encouraging everyone to get together to act communally on these issues.
 - James Hirsh, 887 Richmond Street – requesting that everyone remember the importance of the universities and colleges within the community; encouraging the Committee to look at Project Learn as a whole.
- b) clause 2 of the 4th report of the Town and Gown Committee BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.P. Bryant, B. Armstrong, M. Brown (3)

5. Request for Delegation Status - S. Milos, Executive Director, London Housing Registry - 30 Year Anniversary of the London Housing Registry

Recommendation: That the request of S. Milos, Executive Director, London Housing Registry, for delegation status before the Community and Protective Services Committee BE APPROVED and the Committee Secretary BE DIRECTED to make the necessary arrangements for a future meeting. (2013-S11)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.P. Bryant, B. Armstrong, M. Brown (3)

6. 2014 - 2017 Community Accountability Planning Submission (CAPS) for the Dearness Home - Adult Day Program

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the amended 2014 - 2017 Community Accountability Planning Submission for Dearness Home Adult Day Program, as appended to the staff report dated January 6, 2014, BE APPROVED for submission to the South West Local Health Integration Network (the LHIN); it being noted that it is a requirement of the LHIN that the Planning Submission be approved by the Board of Directors (City Council). (2013-S02)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.P. Bryant, B. Armstrong, M. Brown (3)

7. Contract Award RFP 13-48 London CAREs

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the award of the contract regarding Request for Proposal (RFP) 13-48 London CAREs:

- a) the joint proposal submitted by Addiction Services of Thames Valley, 200 Queens Avenue, Suite 260, London, ON, N6A 1J3; Regional HIV/AIDS

Connection, 186 King Street, Suite 30, London, ON, N6A 1C7; and Unity Project for the Relief of Homelessness in London, 717 Dundas Street, London ON, N5W 2Z5, at a fiscal budget (2014/2015) of \$1,547,917, BE ACCEPTED; it being noted that the bid submitted in collaboration by Addiction Services of Thames Valley, Regional HIV/AIDS Connection and Unity Project for the Relief of Homelessness in London was the only bid received and meets the City's terms, conditions and specifications;

- b) the funding for this project, in the amount of \$1,547,917 per fiscal year, BE APPROVED; it being noted that the funding will commence on a pro-rated basis February 1, 2014;
- c) the funding approval noted in b) above BE SUBJECT TO the ongoing funding available under the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative and BE ALLOCATED as follows:
 - Addiction Services of Thames Valley in the amount of \$843,295
 - Regional HIV/AIDS Connection in the amount of \$458,620
 - Unity Project for the Relief of Homelessness in London in the amount of \$246,002. (2013-L04)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.P. Bryant, B. Armstrong, M. Brown (3)

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 8. (ADDED) Additional Discussion – Capital Recreation Facility Projects and Severe Weather Activities

Recommendation: (Added) That it BE NOTED that the Community and Protective Services Committee held a general discussion related to the following matters:

- a) the prioritization of capital recreation facility projects in the west, argyle east and south east; and,
- b) the actions being undertaken during the current severe weather situation, to ensure public safety.

VI. CONFIDENTIAL

(See Confidential Appendix to the 3rd Report of the Community and Protective Services Committee enclosed for Members only.)

The Community and Protective Services Committee convened in camera from 7:19 PM to 7:50 PM after having passed a motion to do so, with respect to the following matters:

- C-1. A matter to be considered for the purpose of instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed acquisition of land; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; reports or advice or recommendations of officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed acquisition of land; commercial and financial information supplied in confidence pertaining to the proposed acquisition the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to, prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of the Corporation, result in similar information no longer being supplied to the Corporation where it is in the public interest that similar information continue to be so supplied, and result in undue loss or gain to any person, group, committee or financial institution or agency; commercial, information relating to the proposed acquisition that belongs to the Corporation that has monetary value or potential monetary value; information concerning the proposed acquisition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the Corporation or its competitive position; information concerning the proposed acquisition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the financial interests of the Corporation; and instructions to be applied to any negotiations carried

on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Corporation concerning the proposed acquisition.

- C-2. A matter to be considered for the purpose of instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed acquisition of land; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; reports or advice or recommendations of officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed acquisition of land; commercial and financial information supplied in confidence pertaining to the proposed acquisition the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to, prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of the Corporation, result in similar information no longer being supplied to the Corporation where it is in the public interest that similar information continue to be so supplied, and result in undue loss or gain to any person, group, committee or financial institution or agency; commercial, information relating to the proposed acquisition that belongs to the Corporation that has monetary value or potential monetary value; information concerning the proposed acquisition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the Corporation or its competitive position; information concerning the proposed acquisition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the financial interests of the Corporation; and instructions to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Corporation concerning the proposed acquisition.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.