



TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 16, 2014
FROM:	SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME
SUBJECT:	INTRODUCTION OF BY-LAW TO APPOINT THE ONTARIO WORKS ADMINISTRATOR HOMEMAKERS PROGRAM - APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR UNDER THE <i>HOMEMAKERS AND NURSES SERVICES ACT, R.S.O. 1990,c. H.10</i>

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the following actions be taken with respect to the appointment of the Ontario Works Administrator as the Municipal Welfare Administrator for the purpose of the *Homemakers and Nurses Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.10*:

- a) the attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A") BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on June 24, 2014 to appoint the Ontario Works Administrator as the Municipal Welfare Administrator in accordance with section 3(1) of the *Homemakers and Nurses Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.10*, subject to the approval of the Minister of Community and Social Services; and,
- b) the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward the by-law noted in a) above, to the Minister of Community and Social Services for approval.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

None.

BACKGROUND

The Homemakers Program is a discretionary program provided by the City of London. The program, which is operated out of the Dearness Home, is funded under the *Homemakers and Nurses Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c H.10*. The program is claims based, with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care funding 80% of services and the City of London funding the remaining 20%. The City also incurs the cost of administering the program.

The purpose of the program is to provide housekeeping support to low income clients in order that they can live independently in the community. Clients must qualify both medically and financially for this program. In operation at the City for many years, the program facilitates the provision of homemaking services to eligible clients through Purchase of Service Agreements with local community providers.

A service review of the Homemakers Program was initiated in 2013 and outcomes of that review and recommendations for Municipal Council's consideration will be brought forward in the near future. During the course of the review, it was determined that the *Homemakers and Nurses Services Act, R.S.O, 1990, c.H.10* requires the appointment of a "municipal welfare administrator" to oversee the implementation of the program by the municipal service provider.

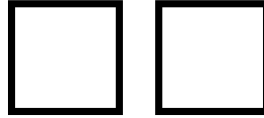
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In order to meet the legislative requirements of the Act, it is recommended that Municipal Council approve the appointment of the Ontario Works Administrator as the “Municipal Welfare Administrator” for the purposes of the *Homemakers and Nurses Services Act* and any successor legislation, it being noted that the appointment of the Municipal Welfare Administrator is subject to the approval of the Minister as defined in the Act. Once approved by Municipal Council, the appointment will be forwarded to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for approval by the Minister. Currently, the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, is the Administrator, pursuant to the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, as appointed by By-law No. A.-6951-152.

Legal Services has reviewed and concurs with this report.

RECOMMENDED BY:
SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME

- cc. Janice Brown, Financial Business Administrator
- A.L. Barbon, Manager Financial & Business Services
- Lynn Marshall, Solicitor
- Veronica Major McAlea, Managing Director, Corporate Services & Chief HR Officer
- Cindy Sheppard, Administrator, Dearness Home



APPENDIX "A"

Bill No.
2014

By-law No. A.-

A by-law to appoint the City of London's administrator pursuant to the *Ontario Works Act, 1997* as the municipal welfare administrator pursuant to section 3(1) of the *Homemakers and Nurses Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H. 10*.

WHEREAS section 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;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 38(1) of the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, S.O. 1997, c. 25, Sched. A (the "*Ontario Works Act*"), and Ontario Regulation 136/98, the City of London has been designated as the delivery agent for the geographic area of "City of London and County of Middlesex";

AND WHEREAS section 43 of the *Ontario Works Act* provides that each delivery agent shall appoint an administrator;

AND WHEREAS the City of London's administrator pursuant to the *Ontario Works Act* was appointed by By-law A.-6951-152;

AND WHEREAS section 3(1) of the *Homemakers and Nurses Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.10* (the "*Act*") requires the municipality to appoint a municipal welfare administrator to oversee the program under the Act;

AND WHEREAS Municipal Council deems it appropriate to appoint the administrator pursuant to the *Ontario Works Act* as the municipal welfare administrator pursuant to the *Act*;

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

1. The City of London's administrator pursuant to the *Ontario Works Act* is appointed municipal welfare administrator pursuant to section 3(1) of the *Homemakers and Nurses Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.10*.
2. The City Clerk is directed to forward this by-law to the Minister of Community and Social Services for approval.
3. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on June 24, 2014.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – June 24, 2014
Second Reading – June 24, 2014
Third Reading – June 24, 2014