

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 25, 2015
FROM:	MARTIN HAYWARD MANAGING DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES AND CITY TREASURER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT:	OPTION TO CONVERT INTEREST-FREE LOAN TO GRANT LONDON COMMUNITY PLAYERS (PALACE THEATRE)

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, this report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

Interest-Free Loan – London Community Players (Palace Theatre) [Corporate Services Committee - July 21, 2015].

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on February 26, 2015 during Operating Budget deliberations for Neighbourhood and Recreation Services, the Municipal Council resolved:

"...approval of an interest-free loan of up to \$100,000 for the Palace Theatre, subject to the provision of a business plan and consultation with the City of London's Facilities staff, in order to ensure appropriate due diligence occurs."

The Civic Administration took all the necessary steps to effect the resolution of Council above. However, at the Council meeting on July 28th the following resolution was made by Council:

"That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, on the direction of the Municipal Council, the following actions be taken with respect to an interest-free loan in the amount of \$100,000 to the London Community Players for repairs to the Palace Theatre:

a) the proposed by-law appended to the staff report dated July 21, 2015 as Appendix "A" to authorize an Agreement (appended as Schedule "A" to the proposed by-law) for an interest-free loan by The Corporation of the City of London to the London Community Players for repairs to the Palace Theatre BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on July 28, 2015;

b) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute the Agreement substantially in the form of the agreement attached as Schedule A to Appendix A as noted in part a), above;

c) the added communication from the Old East Village Business Improvement Area, expressing support for the loan, BE RECEIVED; and

d) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to provide a report to the Corporate Services Committee, in the next meeting cycle, with respect to additional options related to the interest-free loan for the London Community Players, specifically to replace the loan with

