10TH REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on September 22, 2015, commencing at 4:13 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor J. Morgan (Chair), Councillors B. Armstrong, T. Park, V. Ridley and M. Salih and B. Mercier (Secretary).


I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that Councillor Armstrong disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 13 of this Report having to do with pay day loans and cheque cashing services, by indicating that he has business interests relating to this matter.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 5th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 5th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) from its meeting held on September 3, 2015:

a) the matter of a tethering/chaining of animals by-law BE DEFERRED to the 2016 work plan of the AWAC;

b) the matter of a tree trimming and wildlife displacement policy BE DEFERRED to the 2016 work plan of the AWAC; and,

c) clauses 1, 3 to 5 and 7, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

3. 5th Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee

That the 5th Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee from its meeting held on September 8, 2015, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

4. London’s Homeless Prevention System - Progress Report and Update

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the London Homeless Prevention System Progress Report and update dated September 22, 2015, BE RECEIVED for information. (2015-S14)

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)
5. London’s Homeless Prevention System - Housing Stability Bank

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 for the Request for Proposal (RFP) 15-37, Housing Stability Bank Services:

a) the proposal submitted by The Salvation Army Centre of Hope, 281 Wellington Street, London ON, N6B 2L4, at a fiscal budget (2016/2017) of $2,672,496, BE ACCEPTED; it being noted that the bid submitted by The Salvation Army Centre of Hope was the only bid received and meets the City's terms, conditions and specifications;

b) the funding for this service, in the amount of up to $3M per fiscal year, BE APPROVED; it being noted that the funding will commence on a pro-rated basis on January 1, 2016; and,

c) the funding approval, noted in b) above, is SUBJECT TO the ongoing funding available under the Provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, City of London and other funding sources. (2015-S14)

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

6. Approval of By-law for Amendment to the 189 Dundas Developments Inc. Municipal Contribution Agreement

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the proposed by-law, as appended to the staff report dated September 22, 2015, with respect to the 189 Dundas Developments Inc. project at 189 Dundas Street, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on September 29, 2015 to:

a) authorize an amending Municipal Contribution Agreement, substantially in the form of an agreement appended to the above-noted by-law and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor; and,

b) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the said amending Agreement. (2015-L04A/CO1)

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

7. Assignment of Rental Component of Administration Agreement for the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (2014 Extension) to the Housing Development Corporation, London

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the following actions be taken with respect to the Administration Agreement for the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (2014 Extension) Program, dated October 31, 2014:

a) the responsibility for the delivery of the Investment in Affordable Housing (2014 Extension) Program Rental Housing component BE ASSIGNED to the Housing Development Corporation, London; and,

b) the Mayor BE AUTHORIZED to correspond with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, requesting the consent for this assignment, as per section 13.23 of the above-noted Administration Agreement. (2015-L04A/S11)
Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

8. 7th and 8th Reports of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 7th and 8th Reports of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) from its meetings held on August 20, 2015 and September 17, 2015, respectively:

a) the following actions be taken with respect to the Policy and Planning Sub-Committee:

i) the Public Participation Meeting for the LDRRAC name change BE SCHEDULED for October 2015, and BE HELD at a central location;

ii) the Policy and Planning Sub-Committee minutes from its meeting held on August 6, 2015, BE RECEIVED; and,

iii) the attached London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2015, BE RECEIVED;

b) the following actions be taken with respect to the Award and Recognition Sub-Committee:

i) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward a by-law to enact the attached revised Council Policy 1(10), with respect to the “Diversity, Race Relations and Inclusivity Award”;

ii) the attached revised Diversity, Race Relations and Inclusivity Award Nomination Form BE APPROVED; and,

iii) the Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee minutes from its meeting held on August 10, 2015, BE RECEIVED;

c) the communication, “In and Out, Diverging Perspectives on LGBT Inclusion in the Workplace”, received from the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion, BE FORWARDED to the office of the Fairness Commissioner, for review and with a request for comment to the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee.

d) the following actions be taken with respect to Police Street Check Practices:

i) clause 10 part a) of the 7th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDDRAC), having to do with police street check practices, BE REFERRED to the Police Services Board for consideration during their review of this matter; it being noted that 10a) reads as follows:

"a) the London Police Services Board BE REQUESTED to consider the following with respect to Police street check practices in the City of London:

i) directing the London Police Service to halt the current street check practice pending the completion of the local and provincial street check practice review;

ii) providing statistics demonstrating to the LDRRAC how the current street check practice assists as a crime-prevention, crime-solving tool;

iii) publicly posting street check statistics, in a timely fashion;
iv) including the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee in all future public communications with respect to the street check practices; and,

v) providing a presentation with respect to the current street check practices at a future meeting of the LDRRAC;

ii) a representative of the Human Rights Commission, a “human rights” Lawyer and the Ontario Ombudsman BE INVITED to submit information and or attend a future meeting of the LDRRAC to provide additional information with respect to this matter;

it being noted that the LDRRAC is concerned with the practice of street checks and considers it to be a form of racial discrimination; and,

e) clauses 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 11 of the 7th Report, BE RECEIVED.

f) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider the Advancing Equality and Inclusion – A Guide for Municipalities (City for All Women Initiative, Ottawa) in the preparation of the Community Diversity and Inclusion Strategy; it being noted that consideration of this publication was deferred from the August 20, 2015 London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee meeting;

g) the following actions BE CONSIDERED, in conjunction with work already underway by the Civic Administration with respect to the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC):

i) providing information to the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC), from the Civic Administration, with respect to the Civic Administration’s review of the TRC “calls to action”;

ii) developing Indigenous cultural competency training for all municipal employees;

iii) reviewing and potentially endorsing the attached United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP); and,

iv) developing a prominent memorial in London, acknowledging the history of Canada’s residential school system and its former students;

it being noted that a verbal presentation was received from S. Morrison with respect to this matter which is further detailed at http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=890

h) clause 10 of the 8th Report, BE REFERRED to the Mayor and the Advisory Panel on Poverty for consideration; it being noted that clause 10 reads as follows:

“the Mayor BE REQUESTED to consider expanding the membership of the Advisory Panel on Poverty to include representatives of diverse populations that are disproportionately impacted by poverty; it being noted that the LDRRAC recognizes the value of the current membership of the Panel and supports the initiative taken by the Panel on this important matter”; and,

i) clauses 1 to 6 and 9 of the 8th Report, BE RECEIVED.

Voting Record:

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

Motion to Approve receipt of the 7th Report except clause 10.

Motion Passed
YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

Motion to Approve referral of clause 10 to the London Police Services Board.

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

Motion to Approve receipt of the 8th Report except clause 8 and 10.

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

Motion to Approve receipt of clause 8 of the 8th Report.

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

Motion to Approve referral of clause 10 of the 8th Report to Mayor and the Advisory Panel on Poverty.

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

9. Vehicles for Hire - New Technologies

That the following actions be taken with respect to Vehicles for Hire - New Technologies:

a) on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Development and Compliance Services and Chief Building Official, the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee in January/February 2016 on licensing regulations including, but not limited to:

   i) minimum and maximum fares;
   ii) e-hail technologies;
   iii) licensing fee structures; and,
   iv) recent jurisprudence related to vehicle-for-hire technology apps;

   it being noted that any amendments to the Taxicab and Licensing By-law adhere to the municipal purposes of health and safety, consumer protection and service quality to ensure an efficient vehicle-for-hire service is available to all persons including the travelling public and that such service is provided in a manner that provides a safe environment for both passengers and drivers; and,

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to seek confirmation from the Financial Services Commission of Ontario of the approval and availability of insurance products for "Transportation Network Companies" and their drivers that could adequately protect passengers, drivers, and members of the public from risks associated with the operation of "Private Vehicles-for-Hire".

   it being noted that the Community and Protective Services Committee heard verbal delegations from C. Schafer, Uber Public Policy Manager and R. Caranci, Caranci Consulting and J. Kukurudziak, President, London Taxi Association and received a communication dated September 20, 2015 from Mr. Schafer, with respect to this matter. (2015-P09A)

Voting Record:

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)
Motion to Approve amending the staff recommendation to request insurance product availability for Transportation Network Companies.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (4)

NAYS: B. Armstrong (1)

Motion to Approve amending the staff recommendation to direct the potential licensing and regulation of Transportation Network Companies in London

Motion Failed

YEAS: J. Morgan, V. Ridley (2)

NAYS: B. Armstrong, T. Park, M. Salih (3)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

10. Status Report - Category 7 Refreshment Vehicles - Food Trucks

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Development and Compliance Services and the Chief Building Official, the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee in December 2015/January 2016, with respect to the following issues related to food truck regulations:

a) cap on number of licenses;
b) parking fee; and,c) locational regulations pertaining to restaurants and schools;

it being noted that a public participation meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee will be held if the review recommends any by-law amendments. (2015-P09)

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

11. E-bikes on Sidewalks

That the request for delegation status from Brenda Fuhrman, with respect to e-bikes on sidewalks, BE APPROVED and that Ms. Fuhrman BE INVITED to attend the October 20, 2015 Community and Protective Services Committee meeting.

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

12. Deferred Matters List

That the September 2015 Deferred Matters List for the Community and Protective Services Committee, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: B. Armstrong, J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (5)
13. Pay Day Loan and Cheque Cashing Services

That, the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee with respect to the following matters related to pay day loan businesses and cheque casing services:

a) what measures, if any, that are available to the municipality to protect the consumer with respect to costs charged for services provided by pay day loan and cheque casing businesses;

b) what measures, if any, that could be taken by the municipality to improve the sharing of information to bring greater awareness to potential customers of pay day loan businesses and cheque casing services with respect to the costs for the use of such services;

c) the ability of the municipality to require such businesses to be licensed by the municipality;

d) providing the location of existing businesses;

e) providing potential alternatives, if any, that may be available to the municipality to address the barriers in place preventing cashing of cheques and the need for pay day loans; and,

f) providing an update with respect to actions taken by Municipal Council at the meeting of October 3, 2011 related to clause 2 of the 16th Report of the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee, as appended to the communication dated September 20, 205 from Councillors M. Salih and J. Morgan. (2015-S12)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Morgan, T. Park, V. Ridley, M. Salih (4)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.