

3RD REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on February 13, 2012, commencing at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Brown (Chair), Mayor J. Fontana, Councillors W.J. Armstrong, D.G. Henderson and H.L. Usher and B. Westlake-Power (Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillor N. Branscombe.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor S. Orser, T. Dobbie, R.L. Fair, B. Banks, I. Collins, B. Coxhead, S. Giustizia, C. Howard, M. Jeng, K. Kearns, G. Pollett, P. Sauro, S. Stafford, L. Stevens, E. White and G. Zonruiter.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1. No pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 10th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the 10th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from its meeting held on November 24, 2011 **BE RECEIVED**.

3. 1st Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the 1st Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from its meeting held on January 26, 2012 **BE RECEIVED**.

4. Tender 12-07 Springbank Skate Park

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Land Use Planning and City Planner, the following actions be taken with respect to Tender 12-07 Springbank Skate Park:

- a) the tender submitted by Patterned Concrete Ontario, 249 Supertest Road, Toronto, ON M30 2M4 in the amount of \$143,147.17 (excluding HST) **BE ACCEPTED**; it being noted that Patterned Concrete Ontario submitted the lowest of 5 bids and meets all of the City's terms, conditions and specifications;
- b) the funding for this project **BE APPROVED** as set out in the Source of Financing Report as contained in the staff report dated February 13, 2012;
- c) the Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this purchase; and,
- d) the approval hereby given **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract or having a purchase order, or contract record relating to the subject matter of this approval.

5. Employment Ontario Announcement to End Funding For Employment Resource Centres

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to recent Employment Ontario announcements related to the end of funding for Employment Resource Centres:

- a) the Mayor **BE REQUESTED** to write a letter to the applicable Provincial Minister(s) expressing concern related to the reduction in service

availability and the accessibility of information pertaining to employment, particularly during these challenging economic times in the City of London; and,

- b) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the applicable standing committee related to the impacts of this service delivery change including: employment strategies, Ontario Works, co-ordination of efforts, partnerships and opportunities;

it being noted that the Community Services Committee reviewed and received an information report dated February 13, 2012 from the Director of Social and Community Support Services, with respect to this matter.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

6. Annual Review 2012 Special Events Policies and Procedures Manual

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Parks and Recreation, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2012 Special Events Policies and Procedures Manual:

- a) the administrative changes that have been incorporated into the 2012 Manual, identified in Appendix 'A' of the staff report dated February 13, 2012, **BE NOTED**;
- b) the introduction of a one-year pilot project to allow Special Event Operators to include LLBO-approved refreshment areas for events in Victoria Park **BE APPROVED**; it being noted this project and associated procedures have been included in the 2012 Manual;
- c) a proposed by-law, as contained in the Council meeting package of February 21, 2012, **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of February 21, 2012, to approve the 2012 Special Events Policies; and,
- d) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to continue the current public consultation process in order to explore options related to proposed changes to acceptable noise levels and hours of operation, with a report back at a future public participation meeting of the Community Services Committee;

it being noted that the Community Services Committee received the attached presentations from D. McIntyre, Bethany's Hope Foundation, and S. Clement, 2 Carrothers Avenue, with respect to this matter.

7. Commission for the Review of Social Assistance on Ontario Discussion Paper 2

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance (CRSA) in Ontario's Discussion Paper 2: Approaches to Reform:

- a) the Executive Director of Community Services **BE DIRECTED** to consult with the Child and Youth Network, the Employment Sector Council of London-Middlesex, the Ontario Works Advocates Group, the London Homeless Coalition, and others as may be necessary to seek their input on the findings contained in the Discussion Paper; and,
- b) the Executive Director of Community Services **BE AUTHORIZED** to submit a "community response" to the CRSA by the deadline of March 16, 2012.

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

8. 1st Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to the 1st

Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee (CCAC):

- a) on the recommendation of the CCAC, the matter of current child care issues **BE PLACED** on the next Finance and Administrative Services Committee (FASC) agenda with the local Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, in order for the Members to take the concerns back to their governments on the City's behalf; it being noted that the CCAC specifically noted the following issues for discussion:
- i) barriers to childcare;
 - ii) healthy child development;
 - iii) economic impacts; and,
 - iv) high-quality licensed childcare;
- b) clauses 2 to 5, inclusive, of the 1st Report of the CCAC, from its meeting held on January 12, 2012, **BE RECEIVED**.

9. Lawson Health Research Institute - Delegation Request

Recommendation: That the Committee Secretary **BE REQUESTED** to make contact with Cheryl Forchuk and Betty Edwards, Lawson Health Research Institute, in order to make arrangements for them to appear as a delegation at the April 2, 2012 meeting of the Community Services Committee (CSC), in response to the request for delegation status regarding an overview of the research study to increase awareness of issues pertaining to poverty and social inclusion that are faced by psychiatric consumer/survivors; it being noted that the delegation time will be subject to the usual parameters set for delegations.

10. L. Reed, CEO, Housing Services Corporation - Stakeholder Consultation

Recommendation: That the communication dated December 9, 2011, from L. Reed, CEO, Housing Services Corporation (HSC) with respect to the HSC's group insurance program **BE FORWARDED** to Risk Management for review.

11. Smoke-Free Public Outdoor Spaces

Recommendation: That the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the Community Services Committee (CSC) with respect to current policies and additional steps that may be taken by the City to restrict smoking in public outdoor areas such as: playgrounds, playing fields, swimming pools, splash pads and public gardens; it being noted that the CSC reviewed and received a communication dated January 9, 2012 from Dr. G. Pollett, Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, with respect to this matter.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.