

5TH REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on April 2, 2012, commencing at 4:03 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Brown (Chair), Councillors B. Armstrong, N. Branscombe and D.G. Henderson and B. Westlake-Power (Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillor H. Usher.

ALSO PRESENT: R.L. Fair, J. Clark, B. Coxhead, P. D'Hollander, S. Giustizia, C. Howard, A. Macpherson, M. Riberia, J. Richardson, L. Stevens and E. White.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1. No pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 2nd Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2nd Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- a) the Division Manager – Parking and Traffic Signals, BE REQUESTED to report back to the appropriate Standing Committee with respect to additional clarity as to enforcement, signage and subdivision agreements specifically related to accessible parking; and,
- b) the 2nd Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on March 22, 2012, BE RECEIVED.

3. Pest Control With Bed Bug Focus (LMHC)

Recommendation: That the Community Services Committee the Council resolution from its meeting held on February 21 and 22, 2012 with respect to Pest Control with Bed Bug Focus (LMHC), BE RECEIVED.

4. Tender 12-45 Forks of the Thames Lookout

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director, Land Use Planning and City Planner, the following actions be taken with respect to Tender 12-45, Forks of the Thames Lookout:

- a) the bid submitted by Frank Van Bussel & Sons Ltd., P.O. Box 340, 3 Ilderbrook Circle, Ilderton, Ontario N0M 2A0 in the amount of \$462,731.06 including contingency, excluding HST, BE ACCEPTED; it being noted that this is the lowest bid of the five submitted, and meets all the terms, conditions and specifications;
- b) the additional annual operating costs of \$10,000, BE APPROVED as a first priority commitment from available assessment growth in 2013, subject to final budget approval;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all of the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this contract; and,
- d) the approval hereby given BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into formal contract or issuing purchase orders or contract record relating to this matter. (2012-E06-00)

5. Spectrum Registration Process and Catalogue Changes

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Director of Neighbourhood and Children's Services, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the report dated April 2, 2012 related to changes to the Spectrum registration process and catalogue BE RECEIVED for information; it being noted that Spectrum online will be reorganized to be more interactive, while at the same time being user friendly and able to handle larger volumes; it being further noted that as Spectrum users migrate to a superior online information gathering and program registration process, less printed spectrum magazines will be required and the cost of publication will be significantly reduced over time. (2012-C18-00)

6. Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Social and Community Support Services, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the Homelessness Partnering Strategy with the Government of Canada:

- a) the attached proposed by-law (Appendix A) BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting of April 10, 2012 to:
 - i) approve the Funding Agreement between The Corporation of the City of London and Her Majesty in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, substantially in the form attached as Schedule 1 and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, for the above-noted project; and,
 - ii) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the above-noted agreement; and,
 - iii) delegate to the Executive Director of Community Services, or written designate, the related signing for authorities required under Schedule B of the By-law;
- b) subject to the approval of the by-law noted in a), above, the attached proposed by-law (Appendix B) BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting of April 10, 2012 to:
 - i) approve the template for sub-project funding agreement(s);
 - ii) delegate to the Manager, Homelessness, Hostels and Special Populations, the authority to insert details into the above-noted agreement template; and,
 - iii) delegate to the Executive Director of Community Services the authority to execute the above-noted sub-project agreements; and
- c) the Executive Director BE DIRECTED to report back at a future meeting of the Community Services Committee with respect to the progress of the above-noted initiative. (2012-C10-00)

7. Update Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan for Investment in Affordable Housing Program

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the report dated April 2, 2012, which provides an update on the Affordable Housing Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan, BE RECEIVED. (2012-C03-00)

8. By-Law for Amendment to the SDI Builders Ltd. Municipal Contribution Agreement

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, and in accordance with Municipal Housing Facilities By-Law No A.-5814-11, the attached proposed by-law BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on April 10, 2012, to:

- a) authorize an amending Municipal Contribution Agreement substantially in the form of an agreement appended to the by-law and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, related to the SDI Builders Ltd. project at 164 Albert Street, which was approved for additional funding by Municipal Council on August 31, 2009 in order to permit a first mortgage with Libro Financial Group in the amount of \$450,000; and,
- b) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the above-noted Amending Agreement. (2012-C03-00)

9. Approval of By-Law for Amendment to the Italian Seniors Project Municipal Contribution Agreement

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the Italian Seniors Project at 1109 Hamilton Road, which was approved by Municipal Council on July 27, 2009:

- a) Schedule M – Project Information Form, BE AMENDED to permit a first mortgage with First National in the amount of \$2,627,310; and,
- b) in accordance with Municipal Housing Facilities By-Law No A.-5814-11, the attached proposed by-law BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on April 10, 2012, to:
 - i) approve an amending Municipal Contribution Agreement substantially in the form of an agreement appended to the by-law and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor; and
 - ii) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the above-noted amending Agreement. (2012-C03-00)

10. By-Law for Second Amendment to the YOU Municipal Contribution Agreement

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) project at 332-338 Richmond Street, which was approved by Municipal Council on October 22, 2007:

- a) the term of the loan BE EXTENDED for an additional fifteen (15) month period, to reflect the fact that the affordable housing units were not available between October 1, 2010 and February 1, 2012; and,
- b) in accordance with Municipal Housing Facilities By-Law No A.-5814-11, the attached proposed by-law BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on April 10, 2012, to:
 - i) authorize an amending Municipal Contribution Agreement substantially in the form of an agreement appended to the by-law and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor; and
 - ii) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the above-noted Amending Agreement. (2012-C03-00)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

11. Psychiatric Survivors, Poverty and Social Inclusion

Recommendation: That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide a progress report to the Community Services Committee (CSC) with respect to the Community-University Research Alliance (CURA2) project, related to psychiatric survivors, poverty and social inclusion; it being noted that the CSC received the attached presentation from Dr. C. Forchuk, UWO and B. Edwards, MEd, with respect to this matter.

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

12. Proposed New Convert-to-Rent / Rehabilitation Program

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the following changes to the current Convert-to-Rent/Rehabilitation Program BE APPROVED:

- a) financial assistance be increased to up to \$48,000 per unit, to a maximum of seven (7) units or a maximum \$336,000 per property, within the previously-approved geographic areas in the City of London; it being noted that exceptions to these geographic areas will continue to be reviewed, on a case-by-case basis, for specific properties outside the program area that meet all other criteria; and,
- b) the maximum funding allocated under this program be limited to \$520,000 per year. (2012-C03-00)

13. Municipal Housing Supplement Program

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the following actions be taken with respect to a Municipal Housing Supplement Program:

- a) the above-noted Program BE CREATED, as outlined in the associated report dated April 2, 2012 from the Director of Municipal Housing; it being noted that the Program intent is to provide a fixed subsidy to eligible selected landlords to reduce the effective market rent of rental units in order to meet the affordability needs of prospective or existing eligible tenants; it being further noted that the Program details address the identified priority populations and needs outlined within the London Community Housing Strategy;
- b) the Director of Municipal Housing BE DIRECTED to report back on the details and outcomes of this initiative as part of the annual London Community Housing Strategy Update report;
- c) the Director of Municipal Housing BE REQUIRED report back to the Community Services Committee with respect to the approval of individual landlord agreements; and,
- d) the allocation for the Municipal Housing Supplement BE APPROVED in accordance with the Council-approved Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan, with funding through the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund. (2012-C03-00)

14. Revision to the Affordable Housing Capital Reserve Fund Policy

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the Affordable Housing Capital Reserve Fund Policy:

- a) following revisions to the Affordable Housing Capital Reserve Fund

Policy BE APPROVED:

- i) Section 1, Purpose and Objectives: Add operating funding;
 - ii) Section 2, Eligibility Criteria: Add landlords from existing private sector rental units;
 - iii) Section 4, Eligible Costs: Add a housing supplement as an eligible cost;
 - iv) Section 5, Assistance Levels: up to \$200 per unit in housing supplement to eligible landlords;
 - v) Section 6, Affordability Criteria: Target unit types for the Housing Supplement Program according to the London Community Housing Strategy;
 - vi) Section 7, Project Selection Process: Add EOI process; also include in-situ units;
 - vii) Section 7, Project Selection Process: Update composition of evaluation committee; and
 - viii) Title: Remove the word capital and rename to the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund Policy; and,
- b) the attached, revised, proposed by-law BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on April 10, 2012, to amend the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund By-Law to reflect the revisions in a), above. (2012-C03-00)

15. 2nd Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2nd Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on March 21, 2012:

- a) the following actions be taken as a result of the general discussion of the London Housing Advisory Committee (LHAC), related to the review of the 2010/2011 Housing Mediation Services Annual Report:
 - i) the Civic Administration BE INVITED to attend a future meeting of the LHAC to provide an overview of housing and zoning matters related to the Official Plan review currently being undertaken; and,
 - ii) the 2013 contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve BE ESTABLISHED at \$2M; it being noted this amount was reduced to \$1M in 2012;

it being noted that the LHAC received a verbal update from G. Matthews, Housing Mediation Officer, University of Western Ontario, with respect to this matter. (*Secretary's Note: copies of the above noted report are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.*)

- b) clauses 2 to 5, inclusive, BE RECEIVED.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**VI. CONFIDENTIAL**

(See Confidential Appendix to the 5th Report of the Community Services Committee, enclosed for Members only.)

The Community Services Committee convened in camera from 5:08 PM to 5:12 PM, after having passed a motion to do so, with respect to the following matter:

A matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual including employees of the municipality, its boards and commissions, with respect to the London Middlesex Housing Corporation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.