

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY and PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 24, 2017</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN AND FIRE SERVICES</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>LONDON'S HOMELESS PREVENTION SYSTEM HOMELESSNESS PARTNERING STRATEGY FUNDING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT 3</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the attached proposed Bylaw (Schedule A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of January 31, 2017 to:

- a) **APPROVE** the amended Funding Agreement 3 between The Corporation of the City of London and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Federal Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada, for funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, attached as Appendix A;
- b) **DELEGATE** to the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, or their designate, authority to undertake all the administrative acts and financial reporting that is necessary in connection with the Funding Agreement approved under section a) above; and,
- c) **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Funding Agreement approved under section a) above.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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- Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Agreement - Data Sharing Agreements (CPSC: February 17, 2016)
- London's Homeless Prevention System Progress Report and Update (CPSC: September 22, 2015)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Designated Communities – Community Entity – Funding Agreement (CPSC: April 28, 2014)
- Homeless Prevention System for London Three Year Implementation Plan (CPSC: April 22, 2013)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Designated Communities – Community Entity – Funding Agreement (CNC: May 3, 2011)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy (CPSC: March 23, 2009)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Allocation of Funds (CPSC: March 17, 2008)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Community Entity Model (CPSC: September 24, 2007)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Contribution Agreement – Community Entity Model (CPSC: April 16, 2007)

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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The purpose of this report is to recommend that the City of London enter into Funding Agreement Amendment 3 with the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy for the period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2019 for an additional allocation of \$256,607 for each of the next two fiscal periods beginning April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.

**Background**

The City of London entered into its current Funding Agreement with the Government of Canada for the period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2019 to receive \$513,214 on a fiscal basis. On March 1, 2016 Council resolved to enter into an amended contract to receive \$54,964 to conduct a Point in Time Count. A second amendment was received to move a portion of funding for the Point in Time Count from the 2015/16 fiscal year to the 2016/17 fiscal year. A third amendment to the current Funding Agreement was received for the additional \$256,607 for each of two fiscal years commencing April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018. This report is focused on the third amendment. Further to this, it is anticipated that additional amendments will be forthcoming to provide partial funding for a Community Coordinator to assist with the implementation of the

Homeless Management Information System and to conduct ongoing enumeration events. The following chart provides a summary of the amendments under the current contract.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
2014-2015	Fiscal Allocation \$513,214	\$513,214
2015-2016	Fiscal Allocation \$513,214 Point-in-Time Count \$24,400	\$537,614
2016-2017	Fiscal Allocation \$513,214 Point-in-Time Count \$30,564 Enhanced Funding \$256,607	\$800,385
2017-2018	Fiscal Allocation \$513,214 Enhanced Funding \$256,607	\$769,821
2018-2018	Fiscal Allocation \$513,214	\$513,214

The 2016 budget of the Government of Canada introduced an additional \$111.8M to enhance services to address homelessness through the Homelessness Partnering Strategy over a two year period. London has been approved to receive an additional \$256,607 per fiscal year for 2016/17 and 2017/18. This represents a 50% increase over the current fiscal allocation and is the subject of this Funding Agreement Amendment.

The funding received from the Government of Canada is allocated to initiatives that contribute to the *Homeless Prevention System for London Ontario: A Three Year Implementation Plan* and are generally awarded to community organizations through a public expression of interest. The supplemental funding may be used to increase funding to existing programs and services, or to fund new projects.

The City Solicitors Office and Risk Management have reviewed the Funding Agreement Amendment 3. Risk Management advises that the Agreement contains clauses which limit liability. These clauses cannot be changed. The limits on liability and disclaimer regarding warranties are standard. Although the indemnity clauses are broad, in the opinion of Corporate Insurance/Risk Management, this should not stop the City of London from moving forward with final approval of this agreement. The potential benefits of this project outweigh potential risks. The City of London's ability to mitigate these risks includes the use of insurance.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Since April 1, 2007 the City of London has maintained an Agreement with the Government of Canada to receive federal funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy. The Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Agreement is 100% funded by the Federal Government, therefore there is no municipal investment required by the City of London. The amended Funding Agreement 3 is for the period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2019. The maximum enhanced amount payable for each fiscal year of the project period is \$256,607.

**CONCLUSION**

Solving homelessness in London is a strategic priority identified in Council's 2015–2019 Strategic Plan for the City of London. In particular, *A Homeless Prevention System for London Ontario A Three Year Implementation Plan* contributes to how we will work together to achieve caring and compassionate services, and to reduce and prevent homelessness. Collaborative efforts with community organizations, through a Housing First response, help tenants to keep their existing housing and avoid homelessness, and find solutions regarding poverty, addictions, mental illness, and trauma. Funding from the Government of Canada assists London in achieving its goals.

<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED BY:</b>
<b>JAN RICHARDSON MANAGER, HOMELESS PREVENTION NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN &amp; FIRE SERVICES</b>	<b>LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN &amp; FIRE SERVICES</b>

## SCHEDULE A

Bill No.  
2017

By-law No.

A By-law to approve the Funding Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Federal Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy; and, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute these Agreements.

WHEREAS section 2 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that municipalities are created by the Province of Ontario to be responsible and accountable governments with respect to matters within their jurisdiction and each municipality is given powers and duties under this Act and many other Acts for the purpose of providing good government with respect to those matters;

AND WHEREAS section 3.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* states that the Province acknowledges that a municipality has the authority to enter into agreements with the Crown in right of Canada with respect to matters within the municipality's jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS section 10 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that the City may provide any service or thing that the City considers necessary or desirable for the public, and may pass by-laws respecting same, and respecting economic, social and environmental well-being of the City, and the health, safety and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

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

1. The amended Funding Agreement between The Corporation of the City of London and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Federal Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada, for funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, attached as Appendix A, is approved;
2. The Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, or designate, is delegated authority to undertake all the administrative acts and financial reporting that is necessary in connection with the Funding Agreement approved under section 1) above; and,
3. The Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute the Funding Agreement; approved under section 1) above.

This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council January 31, 2017

Matt Brown  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk

First reading - January 31, 2017  
Second reading - January 31, 2017  
Third reading – January 31, 2017

## APPENDIX A