

14TH REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMITTEE

Meeting held on August 16, 2011, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor H. L. Usher (Chair) and Councillors W. J. Armstrong, M. Brown, S. Orser and P. Van Meerbergen and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor J. Fontana, Councillors D. T. Brown, J. Bryant, D. G. Henderson and S. White (all part-time), J. A. Fielding, R. L. Fair, P. McNally, R. Armistead, D. Baxter, D. Cribbs, C. Cucksey, S. Giustizia, O. Katolyk, G. Kotsifas, H. Lysynski, V. McAlea Major, D. O'Brien, L. Pompilii, L. Rowe, J. Smout, J. Stanford, L. Stevens and B. Westlake-Power.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

The 1,000 Acts of Kindness Challenge London Urban Services Organization

1. (4) That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the Mayor **BE AUTHORIZED** to write a letter of support to the London Urban Services Organization (LUSO), for their 1,000 Acts of Kindness Challenge event, to encourage community members to take part in the challenge and help spread kindness throughout the City of London.

Introduction of Ontario211 Service to London – Implications for the City of London

2. (5) That, on the recommendation of the Executive Director of Community Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the introduction of Ontario211 Service to the City of London:

- (a) the introduction of a 211 Service in the City of London, **BE ENDORSED**;
- (b) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to consider including a provision for a City of London share of funding of the 211 Service in the 2012 budget; and,
- (c) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to monitor the implementation and success of the 211 Service in London, with an annual report back to the Municipal Council through the appropriate Standing Committee.

Stewardship Ontario Funding of the City's Household Special Waste Program

3. (6) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Environmental Programs and Solid Waste, the attached proposed By-law (Appendix A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on August 29, 2011, to approve a new agreement with Stewardship Ontario for funding of the City's Household Special Waste Program. (2011-W08-00)

Child and Youth Network's Policy Position Brief: A Housing Benefit for Families with Low Income

4. (8, 26) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Neighbourhood and Children's Services, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the Child and Youth Network's Policy Position Brief: "A Housing Benefit for Families with Low Income":

- (a) the above-noted policy position brief, attached hereto as Appendix A, **BE ENDORSED** by Municipal Council, it being noted that this would be a new, provincially-funded benefit, program; and,
- (b) the position paper **BE SUBMITTED** to the Honourable Frances Lankin, P.C. and Dr. Munir Sheikh, Commissioners for the Review of Social Assistance Review in Ontario and to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for consideration in the implementation and roll out of Ontario's Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy; and,

it being noted that the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee received a communication, dated August 9, 2011, from J. Stickling, Chair, London Homeless Coalition, indicating support for the above-noted initiative. (2011-C03-00)

Convert-to-Rent/Rehabilitation Agreement – 262 Clarence Street

5. (9) 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 Convert-to-Rent/Rehabilitation project at 262 Clarence Street in London, which was approved by Municipal Council on March 8, 2010:

- (a) in accordance with the Municipal Housing Facilities By-Law No A.-5814-11, the attached proposed by-law **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council to be held on August 29, 2011, to authorize a Municipal Contribution Agreement substantially in the form of the agreement appended to the by-law and to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor; and,
- (b) the Mayor and the City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the above-noted Agreement. (2011-C03-00)

Leasing or Renting of City Owned Space to the Pornography Industry and the London Public Library Board Internet Policy

6. (10, 25) That the following actions be taken with respect to the request dated August 4, 2011, from the London Abused Women's Centre, Men Against Sexual Trafficking (MAST) and Stop Porn Culture, with respect to the leasing or renting of city-funded space and the current internet service policy of the London Public Library:

- (a) the request to establish a policy to prohibit any directly or indirectly City-funded boards, commissions and/or departments from leasing or renting space to any pornography industry-sponsored events **BE REFERRED** to the Civic Administration to report back to the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee (CNC) with a proposed policy, including information pertaining to the implications of implementing that policy;
- (b) the following recommendation **BE REFERRED** to the London Public Library Board:

The City of London Municipal Council recommends that the London Public Library Board undertake an immediate review of its Internet Service Policy and consider the following amendments:

- (i) security filters on public computers to prohibit access to pornography;
- (ii) implement a policy related to the use of wireless internet so that users cannot be anonymous; and,
- (c) the Mayor **BE ASKED** to write a letter to the Province of Ontario encouraging the enactment of Bill 66, *Education Statute Law Amendment Act* (Electronic Sexual Material), 2010, an Act to protect our children from pornography, immediately following the fall provincial election;

it being noted that the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee heard a presentation from M. Walker, London Abused Women's Centre, and also received communications from the following individuals, with respect to this matter:

- J. Levitt, President, SX Marketing Inc., 2700 Steeles Avenue, Concord, ON, dated August 15, 2011;
- L. Patterson, Service Consultant, Bell Business Markets, 100 Dundas Street;
- P. Grant, 46 Meadowridge Crescent;
- K. McComb, 49 Hughes Street, dated August 11, 2011
- A. Burditt, Chair, London Anti Human Trafficking Committee, 281 Wellington Street, dated August 9, 2011; and,
- S. J. Burditt, Founder, Men Against Sexual Trafficking, dated August 9, 2011. (2011-G02-00)

Museum London By-law

7. (11, 23) That the proposed by-law to continue the London Regional Art and Historical Museums as Museum London, **BE REFERRED** back to Museum London to:

- (a) undertake additional consultation with the public and affected stakeholders; and,
- (b) consider the following direction based on the public submissions to the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee:

- (i) the continued representation on the Museum Board and Nominating Committee from the Museum London volunteers and Canadian Artists' representation; and,
- (ii) the terms under which appointed Members may be removed from the Board by Municipal Council, if required;

it being noted that the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee (CNC) heard verbal delegations from the following individuals with respect to this matter:

- M. Lake Collins, President, the Volunteer Committee to Museum London, and received a communication, dated August 8, 2011, as included as item 23(f) on the CNC added communications agenda;
- J. Hubbard, London Artist, 565 Leyton Crescent, and received the attached communication dated August 16, 2011, the attached petition signed by approximately 104 individuals, supporting the representation of artists on the Museum London's Board of Directors, (the entire petition is on file in the City Clerk's Office), as well as the points addressed in his submission as included as item #23(e) on the CNC added communications agenda; and,
- B. Meehan, Executive Director, Museum London;

it being further noted that the CNC received written communications from the following individuals with respect to this matter:

- S. Martin, 260 Sydenham Street;
- L. Brown, London Museum Volunteer;
- W. Thomas, Creative Art & Frame, 109 Fanshawe Park Road East;
- C. A. Leith, President of the Volunteer Committee; and,
- S. Hubbard Krimmer, CEO and Chief Librarian, London, Public Library.

LDRRAC -
Education Sub-
Committee

8. (12) That the following actions be taken with respect to the Education Sub-committee report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRACC) related to the proposed "Breakfast with the LDRRAC":

- (a) on the recommendation of the LDRRAC:
 - (i) the Mayor's Office **BE CONSULTED** to determine the Mayor's availability and to establish a potential date, in October or November, for the above-noted event;
 - (ii) Human Resources, **BE REQUESTED** to provide assistance with event planning; and,
 - (iii) the 7th Report of the LDRRAC, from its meeting held on June 16, 2011, **BE AMENDED** in clause 4, by adding at the end "the LDRRAC approved the proposed budget of \$1,200.00 and the proposed program format for the event"; and,
- (b) notwithstanding the recommendation of the LDRRAC, the request for assistance from Corporate Communication **BE REFERRED** back to the LDRRAC for additional consideration; it being noted that Corporate Communications has indicated it does not have the capacity to undertake in-house design;

it being further noted that the LDRRAC received a verbal presentation and the attached report from R. Howse, Chair, Education Sub-Committee

Amendment to
Dog Licensing and
Control By-law

9. (13) That, on the recommendation of the Director, Environmental Programs and Solid Waste, the attached proposed By-law (Appendix A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council Meeting to be held on August 29, 2011, to amend the Dog Licensing and Control By-law PH-4, with respect to clarifying the offence of failing to have a current valid licence for a dog; it being pointed out that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, no individuals made an oral submission in connection therewith. (2011-P04-00)

Amendment to the
Municipal Waste
and Resource
Materials
Collection By-law

10. (14) That, on the recommendation of the Director, Environmental Programs and Solid Waste, the draft amending By-law, attached as Appendix A, **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on August 29, 2011, to amend By-law WM-12, the Municipal Waste & Resource Materials Collection By-law, to increase the size of allowable blue box receptacles. (2011-W08-00)

Amendment to the
Waste
Management
System Fees and
Charges By-law

11. (15) That, on the recommendation of the Director, Environmental Programs and Solid Waste, the draft amending By-law, attached as Appendix A, **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on August 29, 2011, to amend By-law WM-27, the Waste Management Fees and Charges By-law, to eliminate fees for appliances with freon at City drop-off depots; it being pointed out that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, no individuals made an oral submission in connection therewith. (2011-F17-00)

Rocks Within the
Public Boulevard
at 965 Westdel
Bourne

12. (16) That, on the recommendation of the Director, Environmental Programs and Solid Waste, the following actions be taken with respect to rocks within the public boulevard at 965 Westdel Bourne:

- (a) the Municipal Council **BE ADVISED** that the property owner at 965 Westdel Bourne has placed large rocks within the public boulevard in contravention to the City's Streets By-law and has requested an exemption to the By-law to allow the rocks to remain;
- (b) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to grant an exemption to the S-1 Streets By-law at 965 Westdel Bourne by entering into a Licensing Agreement with the property owner to allow the rocks to remain as they currently exist, for a two-year period; it being noted that the License Agreement shall clearly contain clauses relating to indemnification of the City and proof of insurance that transfer the liability, risk and all expenses related to the rock feature to the property owner at 965 Westdel Bourne; and,
- (c) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to enforce the removal of the rocks within the public boulevard in the event that the property owner at 965 Westdel Bourne does not enter into the Licensing Agreement noted in (b) above, within 30 days of the Municipal Council meeting on August 29, 2011, to the satisfaction of the City Clerk and City Solicitor.

it being noted that the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee heard a verbal delegation from Mr. S. Cambria, 965 Westdel Bourne, with respect to this matter. (2011-P07-00)

Municipal Partner
Agreements for
Blue Box
Processing
Services

13. (17) That, on the recommendation of the Director, Environmental Programs and Solid Waste, the following actions be taken with respect to municipal partner agreements for Blue Box processing services:

- (a) the attached proposed By-Law (Appendix A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on August 29, 2011, for the purpose of approving the standard Municipal Partner Blue Box Recyclables Processing Agreement between the City and Municipalities wanting to process recyclables at the City's new regional material recovery facility;
- (b) the Executive Director of Planning, Environmental and Engineering Services **BE DELEGATED** the authority to establish the pricing in Schedule C of the standard *Municipal Partner Blue Box Recyclables Processing Agreement* for each agreement with a partner municipality;
- (c) the Mayor and Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute all agreements on behalf of the Corporation of the City of London, substantially in the form as approved by the City Solicitor employing the standard form, with no further approval required from Council;
- (d) the Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this matter;

- (e) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee on any agreements signed; and
- (f) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to develop principles that would be used to establish pricing when responding to Request for Proposals or Tenders from municipalities seeking Blue Box processing services and report back at a future meeting of the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee. (2011-W08-00)

Green Bin
Program and Zero
Waste Strategies –
Update

14. (18) That, on the recommendation of the Director, Environmental Programs and Solid Waste, the following actions be taken with respect to the Green Bin Program and Zero Waste Strategies:

- (a) all activities dealing with a Green Bin (collection and processing) Program **BE PLACED ON HOLD**, including the proposed pilot project, until March 2013; it being noted that the current and anticipated tax targets do not allow for new projects of this magnitude, at this time;
- (b) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to update the appropriate Standing Committee on developments that may alter the Green Bin Program costs, such as advancements in the extended producer responsibility (EPR) program originally proposed by the Provincial Government or economic development opportunities as they become available; and,
- (c) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to focus existing resources on other elements from the Interim Business Plan for the Green Bin Program and Zero Waste Strategies (January, 2010) that relate to the optimization of existing programs such as the Blue Box Program, Yard Material and Leaf Collection and Processing, EnviroDepot and Outreach/Awareness programs as opposed to new initiatives;

it being noted that the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee heard the attached presentation, dated August 16, 2011, from the Director, Environmental Programs and Solid Waste, with respect to this matter. (2011-W11-00)

Parks and
Recreation
Strategic Master
Plan and 2009-
2010
Accomplishments

15. (19) That the report dated August 16, 2011, from the Director of Parks and Recreation, with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services, with respect to the Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan and 2009-2010 accomplishments, **BE DEFERRED** to the September 13, 2011 meeting of the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee. (2011-E06-00)

Raising Chickens
In Poultry Pens
within Residential
Zones

16. (20, 22) That the following details of the public participation meeting held on August 16, 2011 relating to raising chickens in poultry pens within residential zones, **BE RECEIVED** and that **NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN** with respect to this matter:

- L. Adams, 740 Valetta Street and G. Abayan-Dabuet, 172 West Rivertrace – providing comments as outlined in the attached presentation, as well as noting the points addressed in the submission as included as item #22(n) on the CNC added communications agenda.
- B. Warshawsky, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- R. Morley, Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- M. Shepherd, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) – noting the points addressed in the AWAC submission, as included as item 22(o) on the CNC added communications agenda.
- L. Gerow, 172 West Rivertrace Walk – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication and as included as item 20(b) on the CNC agenda.
- W. O. Rosas, 1647 Kathryn Drive – indicating that he is against a by-law prohibiting backyard chickens; asking why there are only the privileged few that are allowed chickens, the by-law is void if it favors a certain class of persons, some people were allowed just because they have had chickens before; expressing that this is discriminatory because it

prohibits some and allows others to have chickens; noting that a by-law to prohibit chickens is unjust.

- M. Temme, 66 Palmer Street - noting the points addressed in her submission, dated August 7, 2011, as included as item 20(c) on the CNC agenda.
- S. O'Neil, 534 Princess Avenue - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- Z. O'Neil, 534 Princess Avenue - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- D. Fortney, 28 Argyle Street – indicating that she has concerns with having backyard chickens; noting that everything you read online contradicts the idea that chickens do not attract predators, we already have problems with coyotes; expressing a concern that people will not get chickens from a responsible breeder but go to places where hundreds of animals are in wire cages, it is not ethical; also indicating that Council is fully aware of the London Animal Care Centre contract so why should we introduce another animal into the City when we can't take care of the ones we have; and lastly, just go vegan.
- V. Van Linden, 431 Ridgewood Crescent – expressing that a handful of eggs is not enough to keep a family going, lentils and beans are a much better source of protein; indicating that there are a lot of blog stories on how to kill a chicken, the Council of Canadians blog is linked to the Operation Chicken facebook page; this shouldn't be happening.
- L. Matthews, 935 Princess Avenue – expressing that by being able to have backyard chickens means that you are able to grow your own food, and children are more connected to their food system; indicating that it may not be economical but it connects her children to their food source and allows them to be more self-sufficient.
- O. Hobson, 45 Evergreen Avenue – noting the points addressed in his submission, dated August 5, 2011, as included as item 20(g) on the CNC agenda.
- S. King, London, ON – indicating that he recently moved to the London area; noting that he has visited chicken quota farms and the feces pile up all year and the chickens are pumped with antibiotics; expressing that if backyard chickens get to run around and eat bugs, they are healthy and provide healthy food.
- J. Dixon, 185 Marconi Boulevard – expressing support for having backyard chickens to provide the communities in London with a sustainable food source; indicating that she has visited a chicken quota business as well; expressing her willingness to step forward as a backup for training, education and support for those that have chickens.
- R. Corrie, 193 Duchess Street – noting that as an urban farmer there are raccoons and skunks coming through the yard all the time and has to farm under bird netting; indicating support for backyard chickens for those that want them; expressing willingness to help with backyard chicken training or as a babysitter for those that go out of town.
- J. LaMantia, 1663 Jubilee Drive – noting the points addressed in his submission, as included as item 22(h) on the CNC added communications agenda.
- C. Lightale, 500 Exmouth Circle – expressing that we are so disconnected from where our food comes from, wanting to be able to show my children where food comes from; noting that the benefits far outweigh the problems associated with backyard chickens – it is important to know where our food comes from.
- J. Fradette, 25 Susan Avenue – indicating that she would like five roosters, noting that hens attract a lot of rodents.
- G. Lewis – indicating that he has several years experience with chickens and that he is representing an animal rights group.
- S. Lemire, 406B Grey Street – noting that if the City of London is looking at composting, the chickens love compost and would help the City in reducing its landfill intake; indicating that she had three chickens in Nova Scotia and those chickens would eat small snakes and mice if they came into their pen, so the City doesn't need to worry about small rodents.
- M. Rogers, 638 Platt's Lane – expressing that it has been an amazing experience for his children to see where food comes from; noting that if the coops are designed properly the pests will not increase in the City;

further expressing that chickens are not pets, they are for food.

- K. Lomack, 25 Beattie Street - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication and as included as item 22(f) on the CNC added communications agenda.
- Resident, 500 Sarnia Road – expressing that all she is hearing is eggs, eggs, eggs, but it is also a source of meat; indicating that poultry is not considered an animal; noting that people may be well intentioned but animals rarely win; further indicating that those with their manicured lawns should turn them into vegetable gardens.
- F. Morrison, 803 Waterloo Street - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication and as included as item 22(b) on the CNC added communications agenda.
- M. Kuijper, Kings College - providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- C. Kuijpers-Hannink, 333 Tecumseh Avenue – indicating that she heard that it would cost \$35 to put down a chicken in a humane manner by a vet; noting that most people she knows would not pay that kind of money, they would just use an axe; asking how will the City reinforce humane killing of chickens when they cannot reinforce the spaying and neutering of cats and dogs; expressing that if we allow backyard chickens we are welcoming backyard slaughterhouses.
- J. Collins, 763 Second Street – noting that chickens give us eggs and substance, the comments she has heard tonight seem to be fear based; indicating that the City has no belief in its people to handle this and keep it balanced.
- G. Sanio-O'Neill, 534 Princess Avenue – providing comments as outlined in the attached communication.
- M. Pearson, 1106 Gatewood Road – indicating that there are three types of chickens, egg layers, meat chicken, and the multi-purpose chicken; noting that the City of London wants the egg layer as an egg from an egg laying chicken doesn't become a chicken unless the egg is fertilized.

it being noted that the CNC heard a verbal delegation from the Director, Environmental Programs and Solid Waste and received the following communications with respect to this matter:

- Councillor S. Orser, dated May 29, 2011 – Kingston City Council decision regarding hens;
- P. Reid, 1639 Scott Street, dated June 30, 2011 – in support of backyard chickens;
- A. Berchtold, 652 Elias Street, dated May 27, 2011 – in support of backyard chickens;
- A. Redmond (e-mail) – in support of backyard chickens;
- Rare Breeds Canada, 2495 boul'. Perrot. N. D. de L'Île Perrot, Quebec City - in support of backyard chickens;
- S. Price, 50 Forward Avenue - in support of backyard chickens;
- J. Dunn, 1420 Westdel Bourne – opposed to having backyard chickens within residential zones;
- C. Murphy, 269 Taylor Street – in support of backyard chickens;
- Dr. R. Harmsen, Queens University at Kingston – in support of backyard chickens;
- F. Gross, 7 Caldwell Place – opposed to having backyard chickens in residential areas in London;
- R. Blissett, 27 Laurel Street – opposed to having backyard chickens;
- D. Gailbraith, 2425 Main Street – opposed to having backyard chickens;
- D. Bridger, 590 Steeplechase Drive – opposed to having backyard chickens;
- R. Scherle, 65 Archer Crescent – opposed to having backyard chickens;
- P. Larsen, 539 Ontario Street – opposed to having backyard chickens;
- K. Lomack, 25 Beattie Avenue – opposed to having backyard chickens;
- G. Sass, 101 Forward Avenue;
- D. Roberts, 35-375 Thistledown Way – opposed to having backyard chickens; and,
- B. Wells, 408-190 Cherryhill Circle – in support of a backyard chicken pilot project. (2011-P04-00)

- M&M National Family Dinner Night
17. (21) That the Mayor **BE ASKED** to write a letter of support related to the attached letter from K. Bejczak, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada with respect to the M & M National Family Dinner Night.
- Towards a Community Addiction and Mental Health Strategy for the City of London
18. That, on the recommendation of the Executive Director of Community Services, the policy paper entitled "Towards a Community Addiction and Mental Health Strategy for the City of London", attached hereto as Appendix A, **BE ENDORSED**; it being pointed out that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, no individuals made an oral submission in connection therewith.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Dearness Home Community Newsletter – August 2011
19. (1) That the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee reviewed and received the Dearness Home Community Newsletter for August 2011. (2011-C11-00)
- 5th Report of the LHAC
20. (2) That the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee reviewed and received the 5th Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee (LHAC) from its meeting held on July 13, 2011. (See Report attached.)
- 7th Report of the AWAC
21. (3) That the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee reviewed and received the 7th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from its meeting held on July 26, 2011. (See Report attached.)
- Taxi/Limousine By-law Review – Extension of Limousine Vehicle Age
22. (7, 24) That the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee (CNC) reviewed and received an information report, dated August 16, 2011, from the Director of Building Controls and Chief Building Official, with respect to the Taxi/Limousine By-law review and the vehicle age of limousines;
- it being noted that the CNC received a communication, dated August 12, 2011, from B. Rice, General Manager, Checker Limousine, and heard verbal delegations from the following individuals with respect to this matter:
- Q. Abdi, London Checker Limousine Brokers and Drivers Association, and received a communication dated August 9, 2011;
 - J. Donnelly, President, Aboutown Group of Companies, and received a communication dated August 12, 2011;
 - H. Savehilaghi, President, Yellow London Taxi Inc.; and,
 - R. Amini, President, London Taxi Association.
- 8th Report of the LDRRAC
23. (12) That the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee reviewed and received clauses 2 to 12, inclusive, of the 8th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee from its meeting held on July 21, 2011. (See Report attached.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.