

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
FROM:	LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN AND FIRE SERVICES
SUBJECT:	LONDON'S HOMELESS PREVENTION SYSTEM HOMELESSNESS PARTNERING STRATEGY FUNDING AGREEMENT 2018 COORDINATED POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the attached proposed By-law (Appendix A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of September 19, 2017 to:

- (a) **APPROVE** the 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, to receive new funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, attached as Schedule A;
- (b) **DELEGATE** to the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, or their designate, authority to undertake all the administrative and financial acts that are necessary in connection with the Funding Agreement approved under section a) above, on the condition that no additional funding is required, or if additional funding is required it is provided for in the City's current budget, and that there is no increase in indebtedness or contingent liabilities of The Corporation of the City of London; and,
- (c) **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Funding Agreement approved under section a) above.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- London's Homeless Prevention System Homelessness Partnering Strategy Homeless Individuals and Families Information System Community Coordinator Funding Agreement (CPSC: March 28, 2017)
- London's Homeless Prevention System Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Agreement Amendment 3 (CPSC: January 24, 2017)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Agreement – Data Sharing Agreements (CPSC: February 16, 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)

BACKGROUND

The City of London has entered into funding agreements with the Government of Canada under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy since 2007. These funding agreements have allowed the City of London to apply the funding to satisfy the requirements outlined in the *Homeless Prevention and Housing Plan 2010-2024* and various initiatives offered by the Homelessness Partnering Strategy. These initiatives include funding, or partial funding, for enumeration events and a Community Coordinator for the implementation of London's Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS).

This Funding Agreement provides new one-time funding in the amount of \$50,000 to complete a Point-in-Time Count in 2018. The primary objective of the Point-in-Time Count portion of London's enumeration event is to survey individuals and families experiencing homelessness in London to better understand demographics and service needs. 2018 will mark the third consecutive year London will collect data, and stronger demographics and trends are expected.

Counting Our Way Home London 2018 will take place in April 2018. Volunteers from across the community including not-for-profits, businesses, faith groups, politicians, students and interested members of the public will complete the surveys with individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The City Solicitors Office, Risk Management, and Financial and Business Services have reviewed the Funding Agreement. 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

Employment and Social Development Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy is funding the City of London \$50,000 to offset the costs associated with the planning and implementation of London's 2018 enumeration event, *Counting Our Way Home London 2018*. Additional costs will be funded 100% by the Province of Ontario through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI). There is no net impact on the City's approved 2017-2019 Operating Budget.

CONCLUSION

Solving homelessness in London is a strategic priority identified in Council's 2015–2019 Strategic Plan for the City of London. In particular, the *Homeless Prevention and Housing Plan 2010-2024* 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 stability 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.

SUBMITTED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
JAN RICHARDSON MANAGER, HOMELESS PREVENTION NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN & FIRE SERVICES	LYNNE LIVINGSTONE, MANAGING DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN & FIRE SERVICES

APPENDIX 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 this Agreement.

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 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that the City has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

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 under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, S.O. 2011, c. 6, Sched. 1, the City of London is designated as the service manager for the service area 'City of London and County of Middlesex';

AND WHEREAS section 6 of the *Housing Services Act, 2011* requires the service manager to have a plan to address housing and homelessness;

AND WHEREAS under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, the service manager has prepared a *Homeless Prevention and Housing 2010-2024 Plan*;

AND WHEREAS section 19.1 of the *Housing Services Act, 2011* requires the service manager to conduct an enumeration of persons who are homeless at the times and in the form and manner directed by the Minister;

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 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 new 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 and financial acts that are necessary in connection with the Funding Agreement approved under section 1.) above, on the condition that no additional funding is required, or if additional funding is required it is provided for in the City's current budget, and that there is no increase in indebtedness or contingent liabilities of The Corporation of the City of London;
3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Funding Agreement approved under section 1.) above; and,
4. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council

, 2017

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First reading -
Second reading -

SCHEDULE A