

**10TH REPORT OF THE**  
**COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on May 27, 2013, commencing at 7:01 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor D. Brown (Chair), Mayor J.F. Fontana and Councillors B. Armstrong, J.L. Baechler and H.L. Usher and B. Westlake-Power (Secretary).

**ABSENT:** Councillor J.P. Bryant.

**ALSO PRESENT:** B. Coxhead, S. Datars Bere, M. Henderson, O. Katolyk, G. Kotsifas, E. Lalonde, L. Livingstone, J. Smout and R. Sharpe.

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**I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

1. That it BE NOTED that Councillor B. Armstrong disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 9 of this Report, having to do with residential rental units licensing fees, by indicating that he owns rental properties.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS**

2. 4th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the 4th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on April 25, 2013, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (5)

3. 6th Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the 6th Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on May 8, 2013, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (5)

4. Approval of Standard Form Facility Rental Contract and Delegation of Authority to Execute Facility Rental Contracts

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the proposed by-law appended to the staff report dated May 27, 2013 BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on June 11, 2013 to approve and adopt the standard form for Facility Rental Contracts (Schedule 'A' of the proposed by-law) and to authorize the Managing Director, Parks and Recreation, or Designate(s), to insert information and execute contracts which employ the form.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (5)

**III. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

5. 6th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to the 6th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC), from its meeting held on May 2, 2013:

- a) on the recommendation of the AWAC, the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide the actual number of cats and dogs destroyed, in addition to the number of cats and dogs euthanized per 1,000 residents, as noted in the 2013

Animal Services Business Plan Summary; it being noted that the number of animals destroyed increased to 1,647 in 2011, and the AWAC feels that the actual real number, as opposed to the number per 1,000 residents, provides greater transparency; and,

b) clauses 2 to 14, inclusive, BE RECEIVED;

it being noted that the Community and Protective Services Committee received a verbal delegation from S. Rans, AWAC Chair, with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (5)

#### 6. Licensing of Methadone Pharmacies and Clinics

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of Managing Director of Development and Compliance Services and Chief Building Official, the proposed by-law appended to the staff report dated May 27, 2013, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on June 11, 2013 to provide for the licensing and regulation of methadone pharmacies and methadone clinics in the City of London; it being noted that the Community and Protective Services Committee received the attached presentation from the Manager of Licensing and Municipal Law Enforcement Services;

it being pointed out that the following persons made a verbal presentation in connection therewith:

- D. McBurney, #4 – 466 South Street – extending thanks to staff for the report and recommendation, noting that he is addressing the Committee on behalf of those taking methadone; advising that the cameras and security guards will help individuals using the facilities feel safer and noting that the fees should be higher.
- D. Warren, #507 – 311 Central – advising that she is a registered nurse and a member of best-practice working group related to methadone, whose goal is to reduce stigmatization of patients; noting that she has over 25 years of addictions experience and has never felt threatened; advising that patients frequently have hesitation in seeking treatment and cameras will affect patient privacy; and suggesting that as a health care provider, she doesn't feel the by-law is reflective of the reality of the service.
- Dr. M.L. McDowall – advising that she has a practice in London, and questioning how many other health professionals require licensing within the City; noting that patients are already stigmatized in society and the restrictive by-law will not help this; suggesting that she is speaking to the Committee for those without a voice, and advising that these are the people who need help the most; asking for the evidence-base research behind the by-law's restrictions to be provided and suggesting that the perception of problems is not adequate.
- B. Ryan, 3 Hammond Crescent – advising that she was a methadone patient (pain) for over 10 years; suggesting that the guidelines are pretty good, but questioning who the cameras are there to protect.
- Dr. G. Sidhu – advising that he is a psychiatrist and addictions specialist, noting that he is already licensed (as all doctors are) by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and that further licensing is not required; noting that in his practice he sees a variety of patients and prescribes a variety of medications, like all doctors throughout the province; suggesting that this by-law is a "witch hunt" and requesting that Council reconsider the by-law; and noting that his practice is already subject to inspection and audit from the College of Physicians, and should not be subject to inspection from municipal bureaucrats.
- S. Quigley, #6 – 59 Pennybrook Crescent – advising that he has worked in an area with a high addiction population and suggesting that Council has to think about the public outcry about methadone locations in their considerations; noting that cameras create a stigmatization with respect to seeking treatment and create a mental barrier for patients; questioning whether the same requirements are necessary for other medical practitioners in London and requesting that the Committee and Council consider these points very carefully because it will send a very clear message as to how we treat some people with illnesses versus others.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (3)

NAYS: J.L. Baechler, B. Armstrong (2)

#### 7. Food Truck Proposal

Recommendation: That consideration of the food truck pilot program BE REFERRED to a special meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC), to be held in advance of the June 11, 2013 Municipal Council meeting, with staff to revise the proposed by-law to include consideration of increased licenses to be available, increased locations and menu recommendations; it being noted that the CPSC received the attached presentation from the Manager of Licensing and Municipal Law Enforcement Services;

it being pointed out that the following persons made a verbal presentation in connection therewith:

- D. McBurney, #4 – 466 South Street – suggesting that lots of the carts that are at events are “mom and pop” businesses, and shouldn’t be affected; noting concern with the food trucks being in the Downtown area, and creating more unemployment for restaurants; and suggesting that the food trucks go where the market is, as there are lots of areas in the City where people can’t get to restaurants because they are not within walking distance.
- B. Ryan, 3 Hammond Crescent – advising that she has provided some information to staff and noting that this proposal will create unemployment with a loss of menial jobs in the restaurant industry; noting that London is known for having the highest per capita number of restaurants, and this proposal will destroy this; suggesting that those restaurants that are in buildings are actually part of their community and a food truck moving from place to place won’t be a community partner; advising that the situation of Richmond Row will cause additional problems and noting concern for health and safety.
- K. Navakos, 790 William Street – noting disappointment with the lack of imagination in the report, and considering it too restrictive with respect to locations; suggesting that the “lottery” will result in chain-restaurant-type food trucks, rather than creative cuisine because overhead and start-up costs will be high; advising there are lots of creative chefs in the community that will hire additional help and noting that this type of activity is very popular and successful in other cities; encouraging a more creative and less restrictive approach; and suggesting that the community will benefit from a broadened proposal.
- D. Cooke, Western Fair Farmers’ Market – noting that he is perhaps one of the instigators of this initiative and advising that public spaces are under-served; outlining for the Committee own his business and noting that the proposal is not required for the continued success of his own business, but he believes in the good that could come of this for the community as a whole.
- P. Henshaw, 55 Cartier Road – advising that he is interested in a food truck as a second income and that he considers it an exciting opportunity; noting the success of these ventures in other cities; suggesting that this will not detract from restaurants and noting concern for the restrictive locations, adding that it is perhaps okay for a pilot but there’s room for expansion.
- S. Quigley, Emerging Leaders – noting the proposal is bold and an opportunity to expand businesses; suggesting that entrepreneurs be allowed into the market and that will determine success; suggesting that the proposal is too restrictive and not in synch with the demographic that doesn’t go out before 9 pm; advising that the current proposal is limiting and that the businesses should be chosen based on quality, not a lottery.
- M. Navakos, Farmers’ & Artisan Market, Western Fair – suggesting that the proposed by-law is restrictive and limits creativity for an exciting initiative; as presented this will allow chain restaurants to gain access to Victoria Park; and suggesting a more sustainable model be piloted.
- J. Helmer, 24 Amy Street – advising that he has a website called “Better London” which has garnered 800+ online signatures in support of this initiative and that people are excited; suggesting that the by-law “do less” and be less restrictive, that the pilot should start big and add rules if/when they are required; and commenting that this is a great idea that is being slowed down.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (5)

**IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

8. 5th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to the 5th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC), from its meeting held on May 16, 2013:

- a) on the recommendation of the LDRRAC, the attached Media Relations Protocol for the LDRRAC, BE ADOPTED; it being noted that in the event that race relations and/or diversity-related issues arise, the Protocol would be observed to promote the delivery of a timely, insightful and responsive communication to the City by the LDRRAC members; and,
- b) clauses 2 to 8, inclusive, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (5)

9. Residential Rental Units Licensing Fees

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Development & Compliance Services and the Chief Building Official, a public participation meeting BE HELD at a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee to consider:

- a) a \$55.00 fee for new applications and renewal applications, in an effort to achieve full cost recovery of the Residential Rental Units Licensing (RRUL) program; and
- b) no additional fee to be charged for multiple rental units, for new or renewal RRUL applications. (2013-P09)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.L. Baechler, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (4)

**V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.