

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20, 2019
FROM:	SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME
SUBJECT:	ONTARIO WORKS EMPLOYMENT INNOVATIONS PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY & CIRCLES INITIATIVE

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, that the proposed attached By-law as (Appendix "A") **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of March 5, 2019:

- a) **TO APPROVE** the Agreement for the delivery of the Bridge Out of Poverty Initiative entered into between The Corporation of the City of London and Goodwill Industries, Ontario Great Lakes attached as Schedule 1, and;
- b) **TO AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement for the delivery of the Bridges Out of Poverty & Circles Initiative.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- Purchase of Service Agreements – Ontario Works Employment Assistance Services (CPSC, December 10, 2018)
- Ontario Works Employment Innovations – Bridges Out of Poverty & Circles Evaluation # 2 – (CPSC, November 13, 2018)
- Ontario Works Employment Innovations – Bridges Out of Poverty & Circles Baseline Evaluation – (CPSC, March 28, 2017)
- Renewal of Ontario Works Employment Assistance Purchase of Services Agreements (CPSC, March 28, 2017);
- Amendment To Purchase Of Service Agreement - Ontario Works Employment Assistance Services (CPSC June 21, 2016)
- Amendment To Purchase Of Service Agreement - Ontario Works Employment Assistance Services (CPSC November 25, 2013)
- Ontario Works Employment Innovations (CPSC, January 21, 2013)
- Purchase of Service Agreements – Ontario Works Employment Assistance Services (CPSC, February 25, 2013 and December 3, 2012);
- RFP 12-07 Request for Proposal Ontario Works Employment Assistance Services (June 19, 2012) and,
- Ontario Works Employment Services Framework 2013 to 2018 (CSC, March 5, 2012)

BACKGROUND

In March 2016, through the Multi-year Budget Process, City Council approved a budget allocation to continue the Bridges Out of Poverty & Circles Initiative. (Strategic Investment Business Case Ontario Works Service Plan – Low Income Support Enhancement). The Initiative was named as a key strategy in the priority “Strengthening Our Community” through “Caring and Compassionate Services” as identified in the City of London’s 2015-2019 Strategic Plan.

In July 2016, City Council approved an amending agreement which added the Initiative to an existing Purchase of Service Agreement with Goodwill Industries, Ontario Great Lakes which terminated December 31, 2018.

In December 2018, City Council approved Purchase of Service Agreements for Ontario Works Employment Assistance Services proposed under RFP 18-08 which did not include the Bridges Out of Poverty & Circles Initiative and therefore the existing agreements do not address the continued delivery of this initiative.

The purpose of this report is to re-establish a formal agreement for the delivery of the Bridges Out of Poverty & Circles Initiative, as previously approved by Council. The proposed agreement is attached as Schedule 1 and will allow the City to continue to support the movement of long term Ontario Works participants to employment as well as support the longer term outcome of breaking the cycle of persistent poverty and increase public awareness and understanding of poverty.

The proposed agreement complies with the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy as a Single Source procurement as per Section 14.4 (d) and (e). Goodwill Industries, Ontario Great Lakes has the specialized knowledge, skills, expertise and experience to continue deliver of this initiative which also ensures compatibility with services acquired in the previous contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The agreement formalizes an initiative previously approved by City Council and therefore has no impact on the approved budget.

Funding for this initiative is included in the 2016-2019 Council-approved Multi Year Budget. Council approved Strategic Investment Business Case #14 – Ontario Works Service Plan – Low Income Support Enhancement to fund the implementation of this initiative. The gross budget allocation of \$520,000 per year is partially offset by Provincial subsidy and by contributions from the Social Services Reserve Fund.

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