

**29TH REPORT OF THE**  
**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on November 5, 2012, commencing at 1:00 PM, in Committee Room #3, Second Floor, London City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor J.F. Fontana (Chair), Councillors J.L. Baechler, D. Brown and P. Hubert and L. Rowe (Secretary).

**ABSENT:** Councillor N. Branscombe.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor H.L. Usher (part time), A. Zuidema, I. Collins, E. Gamble, M. Hayward, G.T. Hopcroft, O. Katolyk, G. Kotsifas, J. Logan, V. McAlea Major, S. Miller, D. Munteer, C. Saunders, M. Turner and B. Warner.

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**I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

1. That it **BE NOTED** no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS**

2. City of London's Credit Rating

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the report dated November 5, 2012 regarding the City of London's credit rating **BE RECEIVED** for information.

3. Pre-Authorized Tax Payment Plan By-law and Collection of Property Taxes By-law

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to property taxation for 2013:

- a) the attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A") to amend By-law No. A.-5505-497 being "a by-law to authorize the implementation of a pre-authorized payment plan" so that the calculation of pre-authorized payments is based on the previous year's taxes increased by the average increase in total municipal property tax rates in the residential class in the previous year **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on November 20, 2012; and
- b) the attached proposed by-law (Appendix "B") to amend By-law A-8 being "a by-law to provide for the collection of property taxes" so that the calculation of the interim tax levy will be set at a percentage of 40% of the previous year's taxes and then increased by the average increase in total municipal property tax rates in the residential class in the previous year **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on November 20, 2012.

4. Animal Control, Shelter & Licensing Services

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director - Development & Compliance Services & Chief Building Official, the following actions be taken with respect to animal control, shelter and licensing services:

- a) approval hereby **BE GIVEN** to extend the current contract for Animal Control, Pound & Licensing Services with Urban Animal Management Incorporated for a one (1) year period, with a report back in the event that an extension to the one (1) year period is required to properly transition to a new contract;
- b) the Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary in connection with this contract; and

- c) approvals hereby given **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract or issuing a purchase order relating to the subject matter of this approval.

5. Canada Caribbean Local Economic Development Program

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the engagement of the City of London in the Canada Caribbean Local Economic Development Program **BE SUPPORTED**.

6. "Heads and Beds" Levy

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the following motion **BE ADOPTED** authorizing the Civic Administration to continue to pursue an increase to the heads and beds levy and to collaborate with other interested municipalities on a legal perspective, around the "heads and beds" payment amount:

WHEREAS post-secondary institutions, hospitals and provincial institutions are exempt from paying property taxes to municipalities under provincial law and instead pay a fixed amount set by the Ontario Government; and

WHEREAS the amount of the "heads and beds" payment is \$75 per head or bed and this amount has not been changed by the Ontario Government since 1987; and

WHEREAS the City of London passed a motion on November 3, 2008 with respect to lobbying the Ontario Government to increase the "heads and beds" payments; and

WHEREAS communities across Ontario have come together to advocate for this important provincial policy change and efforts to have the Ontario Government review the "heads and beds" amount have not been met with a positive response to date;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Civic Administration be authorized to pursue an increase to the heads and beds levy in coordination with Mayors of affected municipalities; and

Civic Administration be authorized to collaborate with other interested municipalities on a legal perspective, around the "heads and beds" payment amount; and

This resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to all municipalities in Ontario that have universities, colleges, hospitals and provincial correctional facilities requesting their councils to show their support for this important policy change.

7. Ministerial Delegations, AMO Annual General Meeting, Conference and Trade Show 2012

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the report dated November 5, 2012 regarding the Ministerial delegations at the AMO Annual General Meeting, Conference and Trade Show for 2012 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

8. Declare Surplus and Transfer City-Owned Land Between 3182 and 3130 Dingman Drive No Longer Required for Secondary Collector Road

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Manager Realty Services, with respect to the vacant City-owned parcel located between 3182 and 3130 Dingman Drive, legally described as Part of Lot 16, Concession 3, being all of Parts 3 and 4, Plan 33R-15458, measuring approximately 35' x 1,255', containing an area of approximately 44,387 square feet (1.02 acres), as shown on Schedule "A" attached, the following actions be taken:

- a) the subject property **BE DECLARED** surplus; and
- b) the subject surplus City-owned property, no longer anticipated to be required for a future secondary collector road allowance, **BE TRANSFERRED** back to the former owner, 1135427 Ontario Limited (formerly Nesan Holdings Limited), for a consideration of \$2.00, subject to the following condition:
  - i) this transfer is conditional on the former owner, 1135427 Ontario Limited (formerly Nesan Holdings Limited), entering into and completing an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the adjacent land owner Goal Ventures Inc. (c/o Joel Albin) for the parcel legally described as Part of Lot 16, Concession 3, being all of Part 1, Plan 33R-15458, measuring approximately 1256' x 499', containing an area of approximately 617,268 square feet (14.17 acres), failing which this transfer becomes null and void.

**III. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

9. Pensions

Recommendation: That the attached presentation from Gareth Neilson and Bill Tufts, Fair Pensions for All, **BE REFERRED** to the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and the Managing Director, Corporate Services and Chief Human Resources Officer, for consideration as part of their report back, at a future meeting of the Finance and Administrative Services Committee, with respect to pensions.

**IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION**

None.

**V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**VI. CONFIDENTIAL**

*(See Confidential Appendix to the 29th Report of the Finance and Administrative Services Committee enclosed for Members only.)*

The Finance and Administrative Services Committee convened in camera from 1:59 PM to 2:05 PM after having passed a motion to do so, with respect to the following matter:

- C-1. A matter pertaining to the purpose of instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed disposition of land; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; reports or advice or recommendations of officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed disposition of land; commercial and financial information supplied in confidence pertaining to the proposed disposition the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to, prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of the Corporation, result in similar information no longer being supplied to the Corporation where it is in the public interest that similar information continue to be so supplied, and result in undue loss or gain to any person, group, committee or financial institution or agency; commercial, information relating to the proposed disposition that belongs to the Corporation that has monetary value or potential monetary value; information concerning the proposed disposition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the Corporation or its competitive position; information concerning the proposed disposition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the financial interests of the Corporation; and instructions to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Corporation concerning the

proposed disposition.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.