

Bill No. 37
2013

By-law No.A.- _____

A By-law to approve an increase in the maximum per diem rate for board and lodging paid to emergency shelters for emergency hostel services.

WHEREAS section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 6 of Ontario Regulation 135/98 under the *Ontario Works Act, 1997* provides that a delivery agent may contract with a person or organization for the provision of emergency hostel services;

AND WHEREAS the City of London has contracted with various operators of emergency hostels that provide emergency hostel services;

AND WHEREAS “emergency hostel services” is defined in Ontario Regulation 134/98 to mean “the provision of board, lodging and personal needs to homeless persons on a short term, infrequent basis, but does not include the provision of services to residents of interval or transition homes for abused women”;

AND WHEREAS subsection 43(2) of Ontario Regulation 134/98 provides that the budgetary requirements for an applicant or recipient of emergency hostel services shall be an amount approved by the Director for providing the benefit unit with board, lodging and personal needs;

AND WHEREAS section 8.4 of Ontario Regulation 135/98 provides that Ontario shall pay 100 per cent of the increase in the assistance costs that result from an increase, commencing in December 2012, in an amount approved by the Director for emergency hostel services in accordance with subsection 43(2) of Ontario Regulation 134/98;

AND WHEREAS the Director of Ontario Works has issued a Memorandum dated November 30, 2012 that provides: “Effective December 1, 2012, per diem amounts will increase by one per cent to \$44.00 per day for board and lodging, and concluding December 31, 2012.”

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The maximum per diem rate payable to emergency shelter operators for costs of board and lodging pursuant to an “Emergency Hostel Services Agreement” in accordance with the provincially approved maximum cost sharable rate is \$44.00, effective December 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.
2. This by-law shall come into force and effect on January 15, 2013.

PASSED in Open Council on January 15, 2013.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – January 15, 2013
Second Reading – January 15, 2013
Third Reading – January 15, 2013