

**1ST REPORT OF THE
COUNCIL HOUSING LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on December 19, 2012, commencing at 12:25 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J.L. Baechler (Chair), Mayor J. Fontana, Councillors J. Swan and H. L. Usher and H. Lysynski (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: M. Espinoza, S. Giustizia and L. Stevens.

REGRETS: Councillor M. Brown, J. Crich, G. Hopcroft and N. Watson.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Exploring
Sustainable
Housing
Development

1. (2) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, the following actions be taken with respect to the establishment of a local Housing Development Corporation:

- a) the creation of a Housing Development Corporation **BE SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE**;
- b) the Director of Municipal Housing **BE DIRECTED** to establish a working group consisting of stakeholders, as identified in the report dated December 19, 2012, to explore options and implementation plans associated with the potential creation of a local Housing Development Corporation to advance affordable housing in London; it being noted that the following be taken into consideration:
 - i) the parameters of new construction;
 - ii) the implementation of policy changes and tools;
 - iii) ensuring that the affordable housing is in all areas of the City; and,
 - iv) ensuring that affordable housing is built, and looks, the same as the rest of the development; and,
- c) following the receipt of the recommendations from the Working Group, as noted in b), above, a qualified consultant **BE ENGAGED** to review options and to provide a recommendation, with an accompanying business case, related to exploring the creation of a housing development entity;

it being noted that the Council Housing Leadership Committee received the attached presentation from the Director of Municipal Housing.

Investment in
Affordable
Housing –
Affordable
Homeowner-
ship Loan
Agreement

2. (3) That, on the recommendation of the Director of Municipal Housing, the following actions be taken with respect to the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) Program:

- a) the uncommitted federal/provincial funds from the Ontario Renovates component in the amount of \$206,572, **BE REALLOCATED** to the Affordable Homeownership component of IAH and the program delivery and fiscal plan be adjusted accordingly;
- b) the Affordable Homeownership Program component **BE ADJUSTED** to provide 8% down payment assistance plus 2% towards closing costs, for a maximum assistance amount of 10% of the total purchase price of an eligible home, to be allocated to qualifying households; and,
- c) the attached proposed by-law **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on January 29, 2013 to delegate authority to the Director of Municipal Housing to execute Home Ownership Loan Agreements on behalf of the City of London under the IAH Program;

it being noted that the Council Housing Leadership Committee received the attached Report, dated December 19, 2012, from the Director of Municipal Housing, with respect to this matter.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair 3. (Add) That the Council Housing Leadership Committee elected Councillor J.L. Baechler as its Chair and Councillor H.L. Usher as its Vice-Chair, for the term ending November 30, 2013.
- London Community Housing Strategy 4. (1) That the Council Housing Leadership Committee received the attached presentation from S. Giustizia, Manager, Housing, with respect to the London Community Housing Strategy.
- Residential Rental Units Licensing 5. (Add) That the Council Housing Leadership Committee (CHLC) asked the Civic Administration to provide an update on the Residential Rental Units Licensing Program at a future CHLC meeting, with respect to the following:
- a) the number of licences that have been issued since the implementation of the program;
 - b) the number of rental housing units that have been closed due to the implementation of this Program; and,
 - c) the number of “lodging houses” in the City of London.
- Next Meeting 6. That the next meeting of the Council Housing Leadership Committee will be held at the Call of the Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.