2ND REPORT OF THE LONDON HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 16, 2013, commencing at 12:25 p.m.

PRESENT: R. Sexsmith (Chair), K. Albert, D. Drennan, S. Kwok, J. Malkin, W. McGeorge, C. Moss, A. Oudshoorn, D. Peckham, N. Reeves, J. Stickling and J. Martin (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: J. Binder, J. Brown, S. Galloway, S. Giustizia, M. Goodfellow, M. Hardy-Trevenna, G. Matthews, L. Stevens, and N. Watson.

REGRETS: S. Chowns, J. Skinner.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Affordable Housing

- 1. (2) That Municipal Council **BE REQUESTED** to reaffirm its commitment to the London Housing Strategy and maintain an annual \$2 million contribution to the Affordable Housing Reserve for the following reasons:
- a) London's Community Housing Strategy was approved by Council in 2010 and the objective 5.3 of the strategy is to "maintain the annual \$2 million City investment in affordable housing";
- b) every \$1 of municipal investment has historically leveraged \$7 of investment from other orders of government and the private sector;
- c) best practice in affordable housing is a 'toolbox' approach that includes both less expensive temporary units and more expensive permanent units;
- d) the existing draws on the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund are already earmarked and Council-approved in the current Program Delivery Fiscal Plan; and,
- e) of the City goal of 1,000 new affordable housing units by 2015 our current Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan is for 614 new units;
 - it being noted that the London Housing Advisory Committee (LHAC) received the following, with respect to this matter:
 - a communication from A. Oudshoorn, LHAC, with respect to an affordable housing motion;
 - a communication from A. Oudshoorn, LHAC, with respect to the 2013 Budget - Service Changes; and,
 - a communication from G. McGeorge, LHAC, with respect to the affordable housing crisis in London, Ontario.

Housing Strategy Priorities

- 2. (3) That Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to work with the London Housing Advisory Committee (LHAC) to host a ReThink workshop focusing on housing issues; it being noted that the LHAC will also form a subcommittee to prepare a workplan for their established priorities of:
- a) Creating a housing mix within larger scale redevelopments; and,
- b) Mix throughout the City.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ReThink London

3. That the London Housing Advisory Committee (LHAC) received the <u>attached</u> presentation and a verbal update from S. Galloway, Manager, Urban Design, with respect to ReThink London; it being noted that the LHAC requested that its committee secretary circulate the ReThink London Values, Vision and Directions.

CMHC Publications

- 4. (5) That the London Housing Advisory Committee (LHAC) reviewed and received a communication from J. Binder with respect to CMHC Publications; it being noted that the LHAC requested that A. Bonnyman, Senior Market Analyst be invited to a future meeting.
- 5. That the London Housing Advisory Committee (LHAC) received and noted the following:

1st Report of the LHAC

a) (1) the 1st report of the London Housing Advisory Committee (LHAC) from its meeting held on December 12, 2012;

Letter of Resignation from

b) (4) a communication dated December 12, 2012 from K. Butler with respect to her resignation from the LHAC;

London Homeless Coalition – Meeting Minutes

c) (6) the minutes from the London Homeless Coalition from its meetings held November 5, 2012 and October 1, 2012;

November 2012 Housing Stats

d) (7) a News Release from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC); and,

LSTAR – News Releases

e) (8) News Releases from the London St. Thomas Association of Realtors® (LSTAR).

Next Meeting

6. That the next regular meeting of the London Housing Advisory Committee will be held on February 13, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.