

4TH REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on February 4, 2013, commencing at 7:00 PM, in Committee Room #5, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor D. Brown (Chair), Councillors B. Armstrong, J.L. Baechler, J.P. Bryant and H.L. Usher and B. Westlake-Power (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor J.F. Fontana, Councillor S. Orser, A. Circelli, I. Collins, P. Foto, K. Godin, L. Livingstone, N. Santos, P. Sauro, R. Sharpe, L. Stevens, J. Taylor and E. White.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 1st Report of the Childcare Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the 1st Report of the Childcare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on January 23, 2013, **BE RECEIVED**.

3. 1st Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the 1st Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on January 17, 2013, **BE RECEIVED**.

4. 1st Report of the Community and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the 1st Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on January 24, 2013, **BE RECEIVED**.

Motion Passed

Yeas: D. Brown, B. Armstrong, J.L. Baechler, J.P. Bryant and H.L. Usher (5)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

5. 2nd Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2nd Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on January 16, 2013:

- a) Clause 1 of the Report **BE REFERRED** to the 2013 Budget.

Clause 1, as referred reads as follows:

"1. 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";

it being noted that the Municipal Council has previously given direction to investigate the development of a Housing Development Corporation; it being further noted that the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) noted that the amended Council goal was for 1,200 new affordable housing units by 2015;

- b) the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to host a ReThink workshop focusing on housing issues, and to invite the London Housing Advisory Committee to that workshop; it being noted that the LHAC will also form a subcommittee to prepare a workplan for their established priorities of:
 - i) creating a housing mix within larger scale redevelopments;
 - ii) mix throughout the City; and

c) clauses 3 to 6 **BE RECEIVED**;

it being noted that the CPSC received a verbal presentation from B. Sexsmith, Chair LHAC, with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

Yeas: D. Brown, J.F. Fontana, B. Armstrong, J.L. Baechler, J.P. Bryant and H.L. Usher (6)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

6. Ontario Works Decentralization

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Acting Ontario Works Administrator, the following actions be taken with respect to the decentralization of Ontario Works services:

- a) the Ontario Works Decentralization plan, outlined in the staff report dated February 4, 2013, **BE APPROVED** in principle;
- b) the Civic administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to engage in community conversations to share the above-noted Ontario Works Decentralization plan; and,
- c) the Civic administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee with a detailed implementation plan, including the associated financial strategy, and a summary of community and stakeholder input.

Motion Passed

Yeas: D. Brown, J.F. Fontana, B. Armstrong, J.L. Baechler, J.P. Bryant and H.L. Usher (6)

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.