

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2013
FROM:	MARTIN HAYWARD MANAGING DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES AND CITY TREASURER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT:	VOLUNTARY DONATIONS TO MUNICIPALITY

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following report **BE RECEIVED** for information purposes.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

None.

BACKGROUND

At the January 29, 2013 City Council meeting, Council resolved "That the attached communication dated January 22, 2013, from Councillor D. Henderson, putting forth a proposal for raising monies for civic purposes through charitable donations, **BE REFERRED** to the Civic Administration for review and report back at a future meeting of the Corporate Services Committee; it being noted that Councillor D. Henderson gave a verbal outline of his proposal."

Under sections 110 and 118 of the Income Tax Act, the City of London would be permitted to issue official donation receipts for gifts to a municipality. Throughout the year we do issue a number of receipts, many of which are in memory of a loved one. The City can issue donation receipts when the gift is provided specifically for a City funded program or project. This may include an organization which operates under the authority of the municipality, such as a board or commission. The City is not allowed to issue donation receipts when it is simply acting as a conduit of those funds. So if this program is established, it will be important to identify the City programs or projects that citizens can direct their funds towards.

With regards to the option of including information regarding this program with the tax bills, the interim tax bills were mailed out on January 31, 2013. The next mailing of the tax bills will be the final billing for 2013 and will be mailed out approximately June 1, 2013.

Administration would not recommend this type of funding being designated as a revenue source in any budget period due to the uncertainty of the funding source. The City of Toronto instituted a program similar to this in 2012 and received \$38,000 in donations for the year from their program.

Administration will come back with an additional report once a review of the nuances of the program is completed.

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