

Community and Protective Services Committee

Report

The 6th Meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee
March 30, 2021

PRESENT: Councillors J. Helmer (Chair), S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, Mayor E. Holder

ALSO PRESENT: J. Bunn, M. Ribera and M. Schulthess

Remote Attendance: Councillors J. Morgan, E. Peloza and M. van Holst; R. Armistead, G. Belch, C. Cooper, C. Crossman, K. Dickins, O. Katolyk, G. Kotsifas, A. Macpherson, J.P. McGonigle, A. Pascual, J. Raycroft, C. Saunders, C. Smith, T. Wellhauser and B. Westlake-Power

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM; it being noted that the following Members were in remote attendance: Mayor E. Holder, Councillors M. Salih, A. Kayabaga and S. Hillier

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor J. Helmer discloses a pecuniary interest in Item 4.5 of the 6th Report of the Community and Protective Services Committee, having to do with the Capital and Operational Needs of Municipal Golf Courses in London, by indicating that his father is employed by the National Golf Course Owners Association.

2. Consent

2.1 1st Report of the Childcare Advisory Committee

Moved by: A. Kayabaga
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Childcare Advisory Committee, from the meeting held on February 22, 2021, was received.

Yeas: (5): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

Motion Passed (5 to 0)

2.2 1st Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: A. Kayabaga

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on February 25, 2021, was received.

Yeas: (5): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

Motion Passed (5 to 0)

2.3 Homeless Prevention COVID-19 Response April to June Extension - Single Source Procurement (#SS21-15)

Moved by: A. Kayabaga
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That, on the recommendation of the Acting Managing Director of Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, with the concurrence of the Director, Financial Services, that the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated March 30, 2021 related to the Homeless Prevention COVID-19 Response April to June Extension Single Source Procurement #SS21-15:

- a) single source procurements BE APPROVED, with existing agreements, with various hotels and motels within the City of London at a total estimated cost of \$685,000 (excluding HST) for a period between April 15, 2021 to June 30, 2021, with two (2) one (1) month options to extend, subject to funding, in accordance with section 14.4d) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) single source procurements with Impact London, Canadian Mental Health Association Elgin-Middlesex, Atlohsa Family Healing Services, and Mission Services of London BE APPROVED for isolation space, monitoring space and social distancing space staffing support with a total estimated cost of \$550,000 for a period between April 15, 2021 to June 30, 2021, with two (2) one (1) month options to extend, subject to funding, in accordance with section 14.4e) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- c) single source procurement BE APPROVED for The Salvation Army to provide meals to various hotels and motels within the City of London with a total estimated cost of \$82,500 for the period between April 15, 2021 to June 30, 2021, with two (2) one (1) month options to extend, subject to funding, in accordance with section 14.4 e) of the Procurement of Goods and Service Policy; and,
- d) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to take all necessary steps to allocate funding to extend the Homeless Prevention COVID-19 Response by continuing to fund the operation of the isolation Space, monitoring Space and social distancing space, and continuing staffing support by Impact London, Canadian Mental Health Association Elgin-Middlesex, Atlohsa Family Healing Services, and Mission Services of London until June 30, 2021. (2021-S08/S14)

Yeas: (5): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

Motion Passed (5 to 0)

2.4 Proposed Implementation of the Giwetashkad Indigenous Homelessness Strategic Plan

Moved by: A. Kayabaga
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That, on the recommendation of the Acting Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated March 30, 2021, related to the Proposed Implementation of the Giwetashkad Indigenous Homelessness Strategic Plan:

- a) the proposed Giwetashkad Indigenous Homelessness Strategic Plan, as appended to the above-noted staff report, BE ENDORSED and BE APPROVED for implementation, in principle;

- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary to seek sources of funding from federal and provincial funding Partners to support the implementation of the Giwetashkad Indigenous Homelessness Strategic Plan, including supporting the City of London in accessing new funding by becoming a designated Indigenous Community Entity for Indigenous homelessness under the Reaching Home federal funding program;
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary to return to the appropriate standing committee with a financial plan for any available municipal funding to support the Giwetashkad Indigenous Homelessness Strategic Plan; and,
- d) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary to fulfill the submitted business case, including supporting Atlohsa Family Healing Services in acquiring an appropriate location for an Indigenous Housing Hub, with the advice and support of Realty Services. (2021-S14)

Yeas: (5): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Holder

Motion Passed (5 to 0)

2.5 Single Source SS21-12 - Architect to act as Prime Consultant for Dearness Home Auditorium Expansion

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: E. Holder

That, on the recommendation of the Acting Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, and the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated March 30, 2021 related to Single Source SS21-12 for an Architect to Act as Prime Consultant for the Dearness Home Auditorium Expansion:

- a) the fee proposal submitted by MMMC Architects, 127 Brant Ave. Brantford, ON, N3T 3H5, for the provision of Consulting Services for the Dearness Home Auditorium Expansion in the amount of \$211,000 (excluding HST), in accordance with Section 14.4 (d) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy BE ACCEPTED;
- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report, as appended to the above-noted staff report;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary in connection with this project;
- d) the approvals given, herein, BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract with the consultant for the work; and,
- e) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract, statement of work or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2021-S02)

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

2.6 Application to UNESCO for London to be Designated a "UNESCO City of Music"

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Hillier

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Parks and Recreation, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated March 30, 2021 related to an Application to UNESCO for London to be designated a "UNESCO City of Music":

- a) the above-noted initiative BE APPROVED;
- b) the Mayor BE DIRECTED to provide the required letter of formal introduction and support of the application, on behalf of the Municipal Council; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake the application process with respect to this matter. (2021-R08/M18)

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

2.7 Film Update - Moving Forward

Moved by: S. Hillier

Seconded by: E. Holder

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Parks and Recreation, the proposed by-law, as appended to the staff report dated March 30, 2021, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on April 13, 2021 to:

- a) authorize and approve the Amending Agreement to the 2020 Purchase of Service Agreement, as appended to the above-noted by-law, entered into between The Corporation of the City of London and the London Economic Development Corporation; and,
- b) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the above-noted Amending Agreement. (2021-R08/M18)

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

2.8 Invasive Species Management Update and Funding Plan

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Hillier

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Parks and Recreation the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated March 30, 2021 related to an Invasive Species Management Update and Funding Plan:

- a) the above-noted staff report BE RECEIVED;
- b) the financing for the continuation of the invasive species management program in 2021 BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report, as appended to the above-noted staff report; and,

c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward a budget amendment case during the 2022 Annual Budget Update to establish funding from 2022 to 2024 for the further continuation of the invasive species management program;

it being noted that a communication, dated March 25, 2021, from S. Levin, Nature London, with respect to this matter, was received. (2021-E18)

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

3. Scheduled Items

3.1 London's Housing First Emergency Youth Shelter

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: E. Holder

That the verbal delegation from T. Gillis, S. Cordes and M. Doucet, Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU), with respect to an update on the funding awarded to YOU in 2017 and the Housing First Emergency Youth Shelter, BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Update on Housing Issues from Mission Services of London - P. Rozeluk, Mission Services of London - REQUEST FOR DELEGATION STATUS

Moved by:

That the following actions be taken with respect to a request for delegation status from P. Rozeluk, Mission Services of London, related to an update on housing issues:

a) the above-noted request for delegation BE APPROVED; and,

b) the verbal delegation, the communication dated February 25, 2021, and the presentation, as appended to the Agenda, from P. Rozeluk, BE RECEIVED. (2021-S14)

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: S. Hillier

Seconded by: S. Lewis

Motion to approve the delegation request from P. Rozeluk, Mission Services of London.

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: E. Holder

Motion to approve the remainder of the clause.

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

4.2 2nd Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Moved by: S. Hillier
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2nd Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on February 25, 2021:

- a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to undertake a review of City of London planning related documents and by-laws, in particular the City's Zoning By-law, to ensure that terminology used in the documents is reflective of current language and terminology related to accessibility; and,
- b) clauses 1.1, 3.1 to 3.6 and 5.1, BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

4.3 2nd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: E. Holder

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2nd Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on March 4, 2021:

- a) the revised attached "Recommendation to promote the Trap, Spay, Neuter and Release Program" BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for implementation or action, where appropriate; and,
- b) clauses 1.1 and 3.1, BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

4.4 Mayor E. Holder - Affordable Housing Units in London

Moved by: E. Holder
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the following actions be taken with respect to the creation of affordable housing units in London:

- a) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to expedite the development of needed 3,000 affordable housing units as set out in "Housing Stability Action Plan" (HSAP) to be in place in five years, instead of ten years as set out in the Plan; and,

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee with an implementation plan, inclusive of financial impacts, that sets out the best supports for the development of affordable housing units;

it being noted that a communication from Mayor E. Holder, with respect to this matter, was received. (2021-S14)

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

4.5 Councillor M. van Holst - Capital and Operational Needs of Municipal Golf Courses in London

Moved by: A. Kayabaga

Seconded by: E. Holder

That the communication from Councillor M. van Holst, as appended to the agenda, with respect to the capital and operational needs of municipal golf courses in London, BE RECEIVED. (2021-R05D)

Yeas: (5): S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Recuse: (1): J. Helmer

Motion Passed (5 to 0)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

5.1 Deferred Matters List

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: A. Kayabaga

That the Deferred Matters List for the Community and Protective Services Committee, as at March 22, 2021, BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (6): J. Helmer, S. Lewis, M. Salih, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier, and E. Holder

Motion Passed (6 to 0)

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Friday March 5, 2021

RE: Recommendations to promote the Trap, Spay, Neuter and Release Program

City of London

From: Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

To: Heather Chapman
Orest Katolyk
Michelle McBride

Thank you for bringing your request for suggestions to enhance the Trap, Spay, Neuter, and Release Program with the City of London. Please review the additions, edits, and rationales to the previous word document provided to you by AWAC, and outlined in this updated set of recommendations gathered at our March 4th/21 AWAC Subcommittee meeting as follows:

Increase awareness for Londoners via various media platforms to raise public awareness regarding the program, benefits, issue and impacts for cats, their welfare, and the environment.

- City of London social media page
- City of London website
- Print media
- CTV London, CBC Radio 1 London public awareness campaign

Create a “catchy” slogan for the program that could be used and embedded into various written formats such as brochures, poster, web pages and media platforms.

*Assessment of the City of London TSNR website information recommends:

The TSNR Program be front and center under the heading that exists “Feral Cats”. Currently the information is not visible unless one clicks on FAQ and **only** if one clicks on the final question answer under “What is the City of London doing...”

Consider provision of a QR code to the program for easier access (Orest to consult Communications as discussed during AWAC Meeting on March 4/21)

Under the final question answer no information is provided to inform the reader that residents **can access** resources to trap and bring feral cats to be spayed/neutered and may inadvertently lead the reader to assume the City is already taking care of that for them.

*Given the link between pet owners on limited incomes/living in poverty unable to afford to spay/neuter and the overall feral cat population, AWAC has reviewed the information on the site. To be helpful, AWAC recommends:

- Consider that many folks on low incomes/living in poverty have unlicensed cats due to cost concerns and the current climate of rent, housing crisis, and costs of living do not align with ODSP and OW benefits.

- Provide a link to the cost in relation to OW and ODSP rates to incentivize
- Consider allowing and informing folks visiting the site that their pets **can/must enter into licensing upon accessing this program** if not already licensed (so as not to inadvertently deter folk from participating in this vital program.)
- Forward info regarding the program to London's social agencies working with OW and ODSP recipients such as CMHA Elgin Middlesex, OW, ODSP, Salvation Army Centre of Hope, Addiction Services Thames Valley, etc. so service providers can assist folks either as trustees or encourage participants to access this program.

Create a poster and brochure that could be downloaded and printed out from the City of London-Animal Services page to provide an overview of the TSNR program, "what is a feral cat" and how to access the program. *The AWAC Committee would be pleased to assist to develop a comprehensive brochure with the goal to promote the program in mind and to communicate that healthy communities steward good animal welfare.

Provide the brochures to:

- London Public Libraries
- London Business Associations
- Neighborhood/community groups
- Universities and College Sites
- Nature London
- Urban League London (an umbrella group whose members consist of neighborhood associations, community groups, and individuals across London)
- London Veterinarian Clinics

Posters could be provided to local businesses for the purpose of display and assistance with feral cats.

Gather data regarding location of feral colonies and create a formal volunteer program through LACC that could be trained and deployed to assist residents and locate feral colonies that need to be addressed through the program. *Provide a workshop to educate and train interested rescue groups, volunteers, and residents. The workshop can also be offered "virtually" or perhaps at LACC/alternate suitable location.

Invite the public as well as cat rescue groups to a Presentation/Workshop-awareness, education, impacts for cats, the environmental implications, benefits, trapping, the program, how it works...

As discussed during AWAC Meeting, assign student placement to assist with tasks associated with promoting the TSNR program.

On behalf of AWAC Committee members, we look forward to discuss further and to make inquires to you to help us better understand how this program has been promoted in the past, availability re: hours of operation, fee to borrow traps, how many traps are available, process when trapping kittens that are adoptable.