

Bill No. 354  
2021

By-law No. CPOL.-202( )-\_\_\_

A by-law to amend By-law No. CPOL.-202-454, as amended, being “Discretionary Benefits”, to address the intent of the policy and the new provincial model towards life stabilization.

WHEREAS section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended, provides a municipality with the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London wishes to amend By-law No. CPOL.-202-454, as amended, being “Discretionary Benefits”, to address the intent of the policy and the new provincial model towards life stabilization;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. By-law No. CPOL.-202-454, as amended, being “Discretionary Benefits”, is hereby amended by deleting Schedule “A” to the By-law in its entirety and by replacing it with the attached new Schedule “A”.
2. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the date it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on August 10, 2021.

Ed Holder  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk

First Reading – August 10, 2021  
Second Reading – August 10, 2021  
Third Reading – August 10, 2021

## Schedule “A”



**London**  
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### Discretionary Benefits

**Policy Name:** Discretionary Benefits

**Legislative History:** Enacted September 19, 2017 (By-law No. CPOL.-202-454);  
Amended August 10, 2021 (By-law No. CPOL.-\_\_\_\_\_)

**Last Review Date:** August 10, 2021

**Service Area Lead:** Ontario Works Administrator

#### 1. Policy Statement

This policy sets the parameters for the use of the Discretionary Benefits budget.

#### 2. Definitions

**Discretionary Benefits Program** – The Discretionary Benefits Program is in place to provide financial assistance to those who meet established income eligibility criteria for items and services related to their health, safety and physical well being.

#### 3. Applicability

This policy applies to Londoners that meet established financial eligibility. An application process exists to determine eligibility and verification of need.

#### 4. The Policy

That a policy be established whereby the Discretionary Benefits budgets be used to provide financial assistance to those who meet established criteria for items and services that impact their health, safety and physical well being.

This program is administered at the discretion of the Municipality and is cost-shared with the Provincial Government. Within established protocols, services are provided such as emergency dental, dentures, vision care, health and personal safety items, beds and appliances, funerals and moving expenses in accordance with the current budget available and any contract agreements and rates in effect.