

TO:	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
FROM:	ANNA LISA BARBON MANAGING DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES AND CITY TREASURER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT:	PROCUREMENT IN EMERGENCIES UPDATE – COVID-19

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, as per section 14.2 of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, a report of Emergency non-competitive individual purchases which exceed \$50,000 (pre-taxes), that the City has made up to the date of September 8, 2020 due to COVID-19, **BE RECEIVED** for information, attached as Appendix “A”.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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COVID-19 Financial Impacts and Additional Measures for Community Relief, Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, April 28, 2020, Consent Item # 2.1

Homeless Prevention COVID-19 Response and Funding Overview, Community and Protective Services Committee, April 28, 2020, Consent Item # 2.3

Procurement in Emergencies – COVID-19, Corporate Services Committee, May 25, 2020, Consent Item # 2.3

BACKGROUND

The Procurement of Goods and Services Policy (the Policy) outlines the processes Civic Administration is to follow in order to obtain the best value when purchasing goods or contracting services for the Corporation of the City of London. In the event of an “Emergency”, section 14.2 Procurement in Emergencies indicates that Civic Administration is permitted to purchase goods/services under “Emergency” conditions in a non-competitive manner. In this section, “Emergency” means:

“an event or occurrence that the City Manager or Managing Director deems an immediate threat to:

- *Public Health;*
- *The maintenance of essential City services; or*
- *The welfare and protection of persons, property, or the environment; and the event or occurrence necessitates the immediate need for goods or services to mitigate the emergency and time does not permit for a competitive procurement process.”*

However, when section 14.2 is used, Civic Administration is required to follow defined protocols and then submit an informational report to Council. This protocol from the Policy is outlined below for reference.

“Where the procurement cost to mitigate the Emergency is anticipated to exceed \$50,000, there must be a notification sent (e-mail contact is acceptable) to the

Manager of Purchasing and Supply (or delegate). The steps taken to mitigate the Emergency must always be clearly documented regardless of amount and where the aggregate costs for a single supplier are in excess of \$50,000, the emergency procurement shall be reported by the responsible Managing Director to Committee and City Council (including the source of financing) at the next scheduled meeting following the event. The Managing Director responsible for the area leading the emergency procurement must forward the appropriate purchase requisition(s) to the Manager of Purchasing and Supply within five (5) business days after the mitigation activities associated with the emergency event have been terminated.”

The current Pandemic for COVID-19 poses a unique state that continues for an unknown period of time. Although not required by the policy, in order to be fully transparent as the emergency continues, Civic Administration will bring forward regular reports of emergency procurements rather than wait till the end of the event.

Civic Administration has combined a list of the non-competitive purchases greater than \$50,000 (pre-taxes) made across Service Areas as a result of this pandemic. Appendix “A” provides list of procurements made under section 14.2 of the Policy to be received for informational purposes. The procurements made under section 14.2 have been consolidated into one report rather than bringing to Committee and Council multiple reports by Service Area.

Source of Financing

The costs associated with these emergency procurements are included in the forecasted year-end position as outlined in the “2020 Mid-Year Operating Budget Monitoring Report & COVID-19 Financial Impacts” report to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee meeting on September 22nd. Many of these costs are likely to be eligible to claim through the Federal-Provincial Safe Restart Agreement funding and other funding received, while others have been offset by cost savings measures intended to offset the financial impacts of COVID-19.

Scope of Responsibility

This review is limited to the City of London only and does not include London Health Sciences Centre, Agencies, Boards and Commissions procurements.

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Attachments:

Appendix “A” – List of Emergency Non-Competitive Purchases > \$50K as of September 8, 2020 as a Result of COVID-19 as per Section 14.2 of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

Appendix "A"

List of Emergency Non-Competitive Purchases Greater than \$50,000 made between May 5, 2020 and September 8, 2020 as a Result of COVID-19 as per Section 14.2 of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

Service Area	Supplier	Total Cost	Description
City Manager's	Guillevin International	\$109,250	Acquisitions of personal protective equipment masks. (Masks, Ear Loop Blue 50/box - Level 2)
Housing, Social Services & Dearness Home	Econo Lodge	\$245,960	Provision of temporary housing arrangements for vulnerable individuals including isolation spaces, self-monitoring spaces, etc.
Housing, Social Services & Dearness Home	Quality Inn Suites	\$194,400	Provision of temporary housing arrangements for vulnerable individuals including isolation spaces, self-monitoring spaces, etc.
Housing, Social Services & Dearness Home	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites	\$183,195	Provision of temporary housing arrangements for vulnerable individuals including isolation spaces, self-monitoring spaces, etc.
Housing, Social Services & Dearness Home	Impact London	\$199,634	Additional costs to support temporary housing arrangements including 24/7 staffing.
TOTAL		\$932,439	Non-Competitive Purchases Greater than \$50,000 as per section 14.2.

Note: Total non-competitive purchases made greater than \$50,000 made between the onset of the pandemic and May 5, 2020 was \$1,042,583 as reported to Corporate Services Committee on May 25, 2020