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<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 10, 2013</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN &amp; FIRE SERVICES</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC FUNDING FRAMEWORK: CITY COUNCIL DIRECTED FUNDING TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services and with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Corporate Services, City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer:

- 1) City Council **RECONFIRM** the Strategic Plan for the City of London five result areas ( A Strong Economy, A Vibrant and Diverse Community, A Green and Growing City, A Sustainable Infrastructure, A Caring Community) as the community priorities and for 2014, all current and new funding coming forward as part of the 2014 budget process must be reasonably expected to contribute to the achievement of these priorities; and,
- 2) All applications for additional or new funding meeting the approved criteria **BE REFERRED** to the 2014 budget deliberation process for consideration as part of the overall tax rate increase.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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- City of London Municipal Granting (June 15, 2011)
- Strategic Funding Framework: City Council Directed Funding to Non-Profit Organizations (April 30, 2012)

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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In June 2011, City Council endorsed the Strategic Funding Framework for Council directed funding to non-profit organizations as part of the annual municipal budget process. The intent of the Framework is to ensure that only organizations that have a demonstrated ability to deliver on the proposed outcomes identified in their business plan and will contribute to the Results identified in Council’s Strategic Plan are referred to Council through the budget process.

In addition, this Framework provides a more effective and streamlined model for Council directed funding to non-profit organizations and will be used to evaluate requests for capital, operational (one time and/or ongoing) funding requests for City Council’s approval as part of the annual budget process.

The process Council endorsed for funding requests is as follows (see Appendix 1 for full details):

1. Council confirms priorities and source of funding annually.
2. Organizations seeking funding complete an application for funding by September 3, 2013.
3. Civic administration completes an internal review of all applications.
4. Applications meeting the approved criteria are then referred to the annual budget process.

The purpose of this report is to reconfirm priorities in conjunction with Council’s Strategic Plan Results for current and new funding requests coming forward as part of the draft 2014 budget deliberations.

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**RECONFIRMING PRIORITIES**

City Council confirmed the Strategic Plan for the City of London highlighting five results that contribute to the high quality of life in London as the community priorities for all current and new funding as part of the 2013 budget process.

Civic Administration recommends City Council **reconfirm** these results as the community priorities and all current and new funding coming forward as part of the draft 2014 budget process must be reasonably expected to contribute to the achievement of these priorities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Through the Strategic Funding Framework there are no increased costs to approving “City Council directed funding to non-profit organizations” who currently receive funding within the approved 2013 City of London budget.

City Council directed funding to non-profit organizations who are requesting new or increased operational or capital funding do not currently have a funding source available. Any additional or new funding requests will need to be considered as part of the overall tax rate increase during the draft 2014 budget deliberations.

**SUMMARY**

Through the Strategic Funding Framework, Civic Administration wants to provide Council with accurate information to allow them to make informed funding decisions and to maintain a high level of fiscal responsibility for funding allocated by the City of London.

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