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<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 22, 2013</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES – DEARNESS HOME</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the following actions **BE TAKEN** with respect to the physiotherapy and occupational therapy services at the Dearness Home.

- a) The attached proposed By-law (Appendix A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on July 30, 2013 to:
  - i) **APPROVE** the Amending Agreement, substantially in the form attached as Schedule 1 to the By-law, between The Corporation of the City of London and Arvan Rehab Group to provide physiotherapy and occupational therapy services to the Dearness Home from August 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014; and
  - ii) **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement in (a)(i) above.
- b) Approval hereby given **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal procurement process for physiotherapy and occupational therapy services to be completed by January 31, 2014.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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In April of this year, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care announced changes to the manner in which publicly funded physiotherapy services will be funded and delivered to seniors across Ontario. The Ministry has indicated that these changes are necessary to improve availability of services across the province and improve access for seniors to physiotherapy, exercise and falls prevention classes.

Announced changes directly affect the funding model used for physiotherapy services in long term care homes. Effective August 1, 2013, a single per bed allocation model will replace the existing model which allows for a broader range of administrative and clinical services than strictly defined physiotherapy. The new model, which focuses solely on one on one physiotherapy services, will result in a decrease in OHIP funded service levels. The Ministry has provided communication packages to long term care operators to assist in informing residents, families and staff about these changes.

Physiotherapy is currently provided to residents at Dearness Home through a contract with Arvan Rehab Group for physiotherapy and occupational therapy services. The original contract awarded through a RFP commenced July 1, 2011 for a one year period terminating June 30, 2012 with an option to renew for two additional one year periods. The contract has been renewed two times and is set to expire June 30, 2014.

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Under the terms and conditions of the City's Long Term Care Service Agreement (L-SAA) with the Southwest Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), there is a requirement to have in place a procurement policy that requires a competitive process for any purchases valued over \$25,000 and procurements be made in compliance with the policy. However, the Ministry has suggested that, on an exceptional basis, homes may be able to find provisions within their procurement policies that allow them to continue with the current provider under the same terms on an interim basis until they are able to procure the required services using a competitive process.

Under the *Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007* there is a requirement for every licensee of a long-term care home to arrange and provide therapy services for residents of the home. These therapies include on-site physiotherapy and occupational therapy. Continuing with the current provider of physiotherapy and occupational therapy services will allow the Dearness Home to meet their obligation under the Act until such time as a formal procurement process for physiotherapy and occupational therapy services can be completed.

The amending agreement (attached as Schedule 1) is a supplemental to the original agreement and all terms, conditions and provisions of the original agreement remain in full force and effect save as amended by the amending agreement. The amending agreement is required to align the original agreement with the new funding model and scope of service to come into force on August 1, 2013.

<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT</b>
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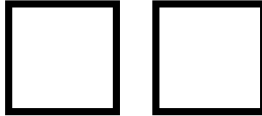
Under the new funding model effective August 1, 2013 Dearness Home will receive \$750 per year per bed or \$182,250 on an annualized basis. These funds are restricted to providing physiotherapy services and will be reconciled as part of the annual reconciliation reporting process. Any contract for physiotherapy services will be limited to the available funding.

The Dearness Home will also be required to provide occupational therapy services and exercise classes for residents. The cost of occupational therapy services will be funded from existing Ministry funding. Effective August 1, 2013 the Ministry will also provide an additional \$0.27 per resident per day into the Program & Services funding envelope which will be used to meet the requirements around the exercise classes.

There will be no net increase in cost to the City of London associated with these changes.

<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED BY:</b>
<b>JANICE BROWN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR</b>	<b>SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES &amp; DEARNESS HOME</b>

- Cc: A.L. Barbon, Manager Financial & Business Services  
 Lynn Marshall, Solicitor  
 Jim Barber, City Solicitor  
 Veronica Major McAlea, Managing Director, Corporate Services & Chief HR Officer  
 Cindy Sheppard, Administrator, Dearness Home



**Appendix A**

Bill No.  
2013

By-law No. A.-

A by-law to approve an Amending Agreement for an Agreement between The Corporation of the City of London (the City) and the Arvan Rehab Group (Arvan) for the provision of physiotherapy services and occupational therapy services at the Dearness Home; and to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Amending Agreement.

WHEREAS section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 8 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of London entered into an Agreement dated the 1st day of July, 2011 with Arvan Rehab Group for the provision of physiotherapy services and occupational therapy services at the Dearness Home and now wishes to make certain changes to the original Agreement;

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

1. The Amending Agreement attached as Schedule 1 to this by-law is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Amending Agreement approved in section 1, above.
3. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on July 30, 2013.

Joe Fontana  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk