

Bill No. 2
2012

By-law No. A.-

A By-law to approve an increase in the maximum per diem rate for board and lodging paid to emergency shelters for emergency hostel services and to approve an increase in the maximum per diem rate for the personal needs allowance.

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

AND WHEREAS section 6 of Ontario Regulation 135/98 under the *Ontario Works Act, 1997* provides that a delivery agent may contract with a person or organization for the provision of emergency hostel services;

AND WHEREAS the City of London has contracted with various operators of emergency hostels that provide emergency hostel services;

AND WHEREAS “emergency hostel services” is defined in Ontario Regulation 134/98 to mean “the provision of board, lodging and personal needs to homeless persons on a short term, infrequent basis, but does not include the provision of services to residents of interval or transition homes for abused women”;

AND WHEREAS subsection 43(2) of Ontario Regulation 134/98 provides that the budgetary requirements for an applicant or recipient of emergency hostel services shall be an amount approved by the Director for providing the benefit unit with board, lodging and personal needs;

AND WHEREAS section 8.2 of Ontario Regulation 135/98, to come into force on December 1, 2011 provides that Ontario shall pay 100 per cent of the increase in the assistance costs that result from an increase, commencing in December 2011, in an amount approved by the Director for emergency hostel services in accordance with subsection 43(2) of Ontario Regulation 134/98;

AND WHEREAS the Director of Ontario Works has issued a Memorandum dated October 21, 2011 that provides: “Effective December 1, 2011, per diem amounts will increase by one per cent to \$43.50 per day for board and lodging, and up to a maximum of \$4.40 per day, where emergency hostel operators provide personal items and/or money in addition to board and lodging.”

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

1. The maximum per diem rate payable to emergency shelter operators for costs of board and lodging pursuant to an “Emergency Hostel Services Agreement” is increased from the rate of \$43.00 to \$ 43.50 in accordance with the provincially approved maximum cost sharable rate, effective December 1, 2011. The maximum per diem rate payable to emergency shelter operators that provide personal items and/or money to residents (Personal Needs Allowance) pursuant to an “Emergency Hostel Services Agreement” is increased from \$4.30 to \$ 4.40.
2. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on December 6, 2011.

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Cathy Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – December 6, 2011
Second Reading – December 6, 2011
Third Reading – December 6, 2011