Meeting held on December 13, 2004, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor A. A. Chahbar (Chair), Deputy Mayor T. C. Gosnell, Councillors J. L. Baechler, S. E. Eagle, B. R. MacDonald and H. L. Usher and L. Rowe (Secretary).


YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. (5) That, on the recommendation of the Acting General Manager of Community Services, the attached 2005 Recreation and Neighbourhood Services User Fee Detail Report BE APPROVED it being noted that:

   (a) user fee increases will be included in the 2005 Spring/Summer Spectrum Activity Guide Publication; and

   (b) rental and other miscellaneous user fee increases will be implemented effective January 1, 2005. (25.1.1.04)

2. (6) That, on the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning and Development, the following actions be taken with respect to the Pilot Project Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program:

   (a) the Mission Services transitional housing project information BE FORWARDED by the City of London to the Province for matching funds from the Pilot Program Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program; it being noted that the City of London has committed $228,000 from the Affordable Housing Capital Reserve Fund (AHCRF) for transitional housing units and that no further funding is available from the AHCRF; it being further noted that approximately $200,000 has also been paid to Mission Services through the City of London Capital Grant Program for a separate project; and

   (b) the Salvation Army Centre of Hope transitional housing project information BE FORWARDED by the City of London to the Province for matching funds from the Pilot Program Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program; it being noted that the City of London has committed $600,000 from the Affordable Housing Capital Reserve Fund (AHCRF) for transition housing units and that no further funding is available from the AHCRF; it being further noted that approximately $300,000 has also been paid to the Salvation Army Centre of Hope through the City of London Capital Grant Program for a separate project.

3. (7) That, on the recommendation of the Council Housing Leadership Committee, a Request for Proposals (RFP) BE ISSUED for the purposes of retaining a consultant to undertake the necessary research and to prepare a housing strategy for the City of London and further, that the associated source of financing, including potential partnerships with senior levels of government or private sector sources, BE INVESTIGATED.
4. (1) That the Acting General Manager of Community Services BE REQUESTED to seek delegation status for the Chair of the Community and Protective Services Committee and the Civic Administration at upcoming public consultation sessions with respect to the closure of provincial facilities for adults with a developmental disability and further, that the Civic Administration also BE REQUESTED to participate as observers at those sessions; it being noted that the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report from the Acting General Manager of Community Services with respect to this matter. (10.4.1.04)

5. (2) That in light of the altered definitions/increased eligibility of families for child care fee subsidy effective December 1, 2004, the Province BE REQUESTED to ensure that 100% federal funding is provided to Ontario Municipalities, consistent with funding arrangements in other provinces such as Alberta; it being noted that the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report from the Acting General Manager of Community Services with respect to this matter. (10.4.3.04)

6. (7) That, on the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning and Development, a Request for Proposals (RFP) BE ISSUED for the purposes of retaining a consultant to undertake the necessary research and to prepare a housing strategy for the City of London and further, that the associated source of financing, including potential partnerships with senior levels of government or private sector sources, BE INVESTIGATED.

7. (8) That, subject to approval during the 2005 Budget process, the City of London's allocation to the Housing Mediation Service of The University of Western Ontario BE INCREASED by $10,000 in 2005, so that its annual allocation is increased from $23,859 (2004 approved Budget) to $33,859 (proposed 2005 Budget); it being noted that the proposed increase would bring the City's contribution to the same level as its original allocation in 1988 of 40%.

8. That the following items be NOTED AND FILED:

(a) (7) clause 2 of the 1st Report of the Council Housing Leadership Committee from its meeting held on December 6, 2004. (See Report attached.);

(b) (8) clauses 2 to 9, inclusive, of the 5th Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee from its meeting held on November 23, 2004. (See Report attached.);

(c) (9) the 4th Report of the Early Years Advisory Committee from its meeting held on November 19, 2004. (See Report attached.);

(d) (10) clauses 1 to 3 and 5 to 7, all inclusive, of the 7th Report of the Council Housing Leadership Committee from its meeting held on November 23, 2004. (See Report attached.); and

(e) (11) the 9th Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee from its meeting held on November 25, 2004. (See Report attached.).

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9. That the Community and Protective Services Committee elected Councillor S.E. Eagle as its Vice Chair for the term ending November 30, 2005.
January 2005 Ontario Works Cheques

10. (3) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report from the Acting General Manager of Community Services with respect to the January 2005 Ontario Works cheques. (10.21.1.04)

Provincial Review of Employment Assistance Programs in Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program

11. (4) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report from the Acting General Manager of Community Services with respect to the provincial review of employment assistance programs in Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program. (10.21.1.04)

7th Report of the Council Housing Leadership Committee – FCM Recommendations for an Affordable Housing Strategy

12. (10) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) deleted and referred clause 4 of the 7th Report of the Council Housing Leadership Committee from its meeting held on November 23, 2004 to a special meeting of the CPSC to be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2004 for the purpose of allowing the CPSC an opportunity to review the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ document entitled "Moving Forward: Refining the FCM Recommendations for a National Affordable Housing Strategy"; it being noted that the Committee Secretary was requested to provide the Members with a copy of this document as well as a related report from the Civic Administration, for its consideration.

London 2005 World Transplant Games Update Report

13. (12) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report from the Acting General Manager of Community Services and heard a verbal delegation from J. Brady, H. Fisher and M. Brown, Co-Chairs, London 2005 World Transplant Games, with respect to the London 2005 World Transplant Games. (26.17.1.04)


14. (13) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report from M. Faulkner, Police Chief and J. Kobarda, Fire Chief and heard a verbal delegation from B. Duncan, Deputy Police Chief and J. Kobarda, Fire Chief with respect to the final report of the London 2004 Can-Am Police-Fire Games; it being noted that the Games raised approximately $87,000 for the Children’s Safety Village; it being further noted that the CPSC extended its appreciation to the Organizing Committee for its efforts in hosting a successful event. (26.17.1.04)

Petition – North London Optimists Centre

15. (14) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received a petition dated November 10, 2004 and signed by approximately 85 individuals with respect to admissions and general management of the North London Optimists Centre; it being noted that the Acting General Manager of Community Services will provide the Mayor, the Chair of the CPSC and the Ward Councillors with a copy of a communication from the City of London to the petitioners outlining the issues that have now been resolved; it being further noted that the Acting General Manager of Community Services undertook to keep the CPSC apprised of any further developments with respect to this matter. (58.16.1.04)

Dearness Home Monthly Update

16. (15) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report from the Acting General Manager of Community Services and the General Manager of Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer with respect to the Dearness Home monthly update; it being noted that the CPSC heard a verbal delegation from J. Hignett, Director of Dearness Services. W. Campbell, Division Manager, Facilities Design and Construction and J. T. Hobbs, Director of Fleet Facilities and Departmental Resources, with respect to this matter. (10.7.1.04)
That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) received a verbal update from D. Harvey, A. Cohen, A. Halwa and R. Gloor with respect to the Community Arts Investment Program; it being noted that the London Arts Council will be forwarding recommendations to a future meeting of the CPSC with respect to how the City of London can assist in positioning London as a "creative city".

That Deputy Mayor T. C. Gosnell disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 13 of this report having to do with the London 2005 World Transplant Games as his spouse sits on the Organizing Committee as a representative of the London Health Sciences Foundation.

That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) met in camera from 5:32 p.m. to 5:33 p.m. with respect to two personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees. The CPSC is submitting a confidential report to the Municipal Council regarding this matter. (See Confidential Appendix to the 1st Report of Community and Protective Services Committee enclosed for Council Members only.)

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.