9TH REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on April 11, 2005, commencing at 4:02 p.m.

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


I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. (9) That clause 1 of the 5th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee from its meeting held on March 17, 2005 BE DELETED AND REPLACED with the following new clause 1:

"1. (9) That, based upon the attached information from the Education and Communication Sub-Committee of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) the following actions be taken with respect to the proposed LDRRAC Open House:

(a) the LDRRAC BE AUTHORIZED to utilize $2500 of its 2005 Budget allocation to host an Open House in June 2005; and

(b) the LDRRAC BE AUTHORIZED to seek sponsorships from community organizations to assist with the funding shortfall, based upon the proposed budget, of approximately $2600, plus the cost of securing a venue and the cost of a videographer; SUBJECT TO Financial Planning and Policy confirming that the appropriate processes are in place to support the seeking of sponsorships and to a report back at a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee, from the LDRRAC, with respect to the success of the Open House."

2. (4) That, on the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning and Development, the changes outlined in his report submitted to the April 11, 2005 meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee with respect to the following sections of the Local Rules for Social Housing BE APPROVED:

(a) High Need Household Income Limits;
(b) Occupancy Standards;
(c) Overhoused/Underhoused Households;
(d) Market Rent to Rent-Gearred-To-Income;
(e) Adding to Original List of Housing Preferences; and,
(f) Local Selection Priority. (37.10.1.05)

3. (6) That the request by the Thames Valley Children’s Centre for a contribution of $1.5 Million over a five-year period BE REFERRED to the 2006 Budget process for consideration; it being noted that the Community and Protective Services Committee reviewed and received a written communication and heard a verbal presentation from Dr. J. Laporta, Chief Executive Officer, J. Bennett, Chair, Board of Directors and W. Pettipas, Campaign Chair, Thames Valley Children’s Centre (TVCC) with respect to the TVCC’s Expansion Campaign. (25.6.1.05)
4. (7) That the following motion **BE ADOPTED** by the Municipal Council and **BE FORWARDED** to the Province of Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario:

"WHEREAS Children's Mental Health Ontario promotes, supports and strengthens a sustainable system of mental health services for children, youth and their families; and

WHEREAS last year treatment for thousands of children was disrupted and compromised because children’s mental health agencies in Ontario lost 212.6 FTE positions due to funding constraints; and

WHEREAS a one-time injection of 3% to base budgets, though appreciated after 12 years of no increases, is simply not adequate to enable agencies to maintain existing staff or services; and

WHEREAS it is important that children in treatment be able to create and sustain trusting relationships with their child and youth workers, social workers, psychologists and other treatment team members; and

WHEREAS any reform efforts will have greater success if there is more funding for existing core services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the City of London requests the Province of Ontario to secure further funding for existing core services";

it being noted that the Community and Protective Services Committee reviewed and received a written communication and heard a verbal delegation from Dr. B. Evans, Executive Director, Vanier Children's Services, with respect to this matter.

(10.4.3.05)

5. (9) That clause 2 of the 5th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee **BE DELETED** and **BE REPLACED** with the following new clause 2:

"2. (9) That amendments to Council Policy 1(4), and the related Appendix 1(4A) pertaining to the Mayor’s New Year’s Honours List **BE CONSIDERED** in order to include the recognition of an individual in the specific area of 'Diversity and Race Relations', to be nominated by the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC); it being noted that the LDRRAC presently nominates an individual to the Mayor's New Year's Honours List in the category of 'Humanitarianism'".

6. (10) That, on the recommendation of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, the following amendments to the Parks and Recreation Area By-law **BE CONSIDERED**:

(a) Section 3.2 having to do with the use of motorized wheelchairs in parks be amended by including electric scooters used for non recreational purposes to the exemption and by allowing the use of manual and motorized wheelchairs and electric scooters on grassy areas; and

(b) Section 5.3(4) having to do with the prohibition of dogs in Storybook gardens be amended by including an exemption for service dogs.
7. (10) That clause 2 of the 4th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee BE DELETED AND REFERRED BACK to the London Transit Commission for consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee; it being noted that the London Transit Commission has not yet determined or submitted its final position to the Ontario Human Rights Commission with respect to the designation of the local paratransit service as a special program under the Ontario Human Rights Code.

8. That the following items BE NOTED AND FILED:

(a) (2) the 1st Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee from its meeting held on March 15, 2005. (See Report attached);

(b) (5) the 3rd Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee from its meeting held on March 24, 2005. (See Report attached);

(c) (9) clauses 3 to 13, inclusive, of the 5th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee from its meeting held on March 17, 2005. (See Report attached); and

(d) (10) clauses 3 to 13, inclusive, of the 4th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from its meeting held on March 17, 2005. (See Report attached).

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9. (1) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received a copy of the "Dearness Home Community Newsletter" for the month of April 2005. (10.7.1.05)

10. (3) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report from the General Manager of Community Services with respect to Ontario Works caseload trends for the month of February 2005. (10.21.1.05)

11. (8) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received a written communication and heard a verbal presentation from V. Brescia, London Property Management Association, with respect to the affordability of housing in Ontario and London. The CPSC referred this information to the Council Housing Leadership Committee and the Civic Administration for its consideration. (37.10.1.05)

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.