20TH REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on November 14, 2005, 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).


I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. (2) That clause 5 of the 8th Report of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee BE DELETED AND BE REFERRED to the London Transit Commission for report back at a future meeting of the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC) on what policy, if any, it has in place with respect to dropping off seniors at unscheduled stops, should it be determined that a senior's safety is at jeopardy. Clause 5 read as follows:

"That the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) heard a verbal update from M. Sherritt with respect to public transportation and seniors; it being noted that seniors have expressed their concerns with safety in getting on and off city buses, the icy conditions on the sidewalks and the overall safety of the city streets. The CSCP has asked the Committee Secretary to contact the London Transit Commission to enquire as to its mandate with respect to dropping off fares at unscheduled stops if it is determined that the senior's safety is being jeopardized."

2. (2) That the General Manager of Environmental and Engineering Route Signs Services and City Engineer BE REQUESTED to report back at a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee with respect to details of a pilot project by the City to install walking route signs.

3. (4) That in response to the Storybook Gardens 2005 update report, the General Manager of Community Services BE REQUESTED to give consideration to what modifications, if any, should be made to the paid parking arrangements at Storybook Gardens, as well as potential marketing opportunities for the attraction. (58.17.3.05)

4. (5) That the following actions be taken in response to a written communication dated October 19, 2005, as well as the attached presentation from L. Elward, J. Kahn, J. Lindfield, N. Lines, S. Marlett and C. Parks, Fourth Year Nursing Students, University of Western Ontario with respect to safety considerations associated with the Thames Valley Parkway:

(a) the General Manager of Community Services, the General Manager of Planning and Development and the General Manager of Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer BE REQUESTED to report back at a future joint meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee and the Environment and Transportation Committee with respect to:

(i) the possibility of amending the "Parks By-law" as it relates to hours during which parks/parkways are accessible to the public given the variation in number of daylight hours throughout the year;

(ii) the adequacy of signage advising park/parkway users of safety considerations;
(iii) an identification of appropriate additional safety improvements to parks/parkways, including lighting, that might be undertaken to improve park/parkway user safety; together with a proposed implementation strategy for same; and

(iv) criteria for and timing of improvements to existing walkways; and

(b) the matter of providing an additional $250,000 in 2006 to continue the acceleration of the City's walkway lighting program, the source of financing for which is suggested as being the anticipated 2005 Budget surplus, BE REFERRED to the 2006 Budget process for consideration;

it being noted that a petition signed by approximately 179 individuals in support of lighting or visible signs warning of unlit areas along the Thames Valley Parkway is available in the City Clerk's Office for viewing.

5. (7) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) BE GRANTED permission to post the following items to its website without need for prior approval from the Municipal Council; subject to the Manager of Legislative Services confirming with the Corporate Communications Division as to what amendments, if any, should be made to the proposed items, for the Municipal Council's consideration at its meeting on November 21, 2005:

(a) changes in Committee membership;

(b) changes to City contact information;

(c) information received from Ontario government officials regarding the AODA and other items which would be of interest to persons with disabilities;

(d) information received from other disability organizations (such as but not limited to provincial, federal, municipal, other accessibility advisory committees);

(e) notice of upcoming public events organized by the ACCAC and/or other disability related organizations (walks, workshops, conferences, etc); noting these would be non-political / non-partisan type events;

(f) links to other organizations' websites providing information on disability issues;

(g) request for information/feedback on proposed initiatives already identified in our Accessibility Plan; and

(h) accomplishments of the ACCAC.

6. That, the following matters BE NOTED AND FILED:

(a) (2) clauses 1 to 9, excluding clause 5, of the 8th Report of the Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) from its meeting held on October 21, 2005 (See Report attached.);

(b) (3) the 10th Report of the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee from its meeting held on October 20, 2005; it being noted that the word "Friday" in line 3 of clause 9 should read "Thursday" (See Report attached.); and

(c) (7) clauses 2 to 13, inclusive, of the 11th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from its meeting held on October 27, 2005. (See Report attached.)
II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

8. (6) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received a written communication dated November 1, 2005 from G. Hart, Chairperson, Thames Valley District School Board, with respect to the proximity of Clinic 528 to H.B. Beal Secondary School. (66.2.2.05)

9. That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) heard the attached presentation from the General Manager of Community Services with respect to the Best Start Initiative.

10. (8) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) received a written communication dated November 10, 2005 and heard the attached presentation from R. M. White, Food Security Coordinator, Life Spin with respect to the Special Diet Campaign. The CPSC requested that the London-Middlesex Health Unit (MLHU) report back at a future meeting of the CPSC with respect to an analysis of the MLHU’s findings associated with its Healthy Diet Report.

11. That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) met in camera from 5:48 p.m. to 6:27 p.m. with respect to four matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, 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 20th Report of Community and Protective Services Committee enclosed for Council Members only.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.