8TH REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on April 27, 2009, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor H.L. Usher (Chair), Deputy Mayor T.C. Gosnell, Councillors W.J. Armstrong, B.R. MacDonald, P. Van Meerbergen and D. Winninger and B. Westlake - Power (Secretary).


I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Best Start Funding

1. (4) That, on the recommendation of the General Manager of Community Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the report of the General Manager of Community Services, dated April 27, 2009, pertaining to an update on Best Start funding:

   (a) the issue of the loss of the Best Start funding by the City of London, effective March 31, 2010, BE PLACED on the next Board of Control meeting with the local MPs and MPPs; and,

   (b) the Mayor BE REQUESTED to write to both the Provincial and Federal Governments outlining the City's concerns regarding the loss of the Best Start funding. (2009-CO6-00)

Review of Local Rules for Social Housing Under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000

2. (5) That, on the recommendation of the General Manager of Planning and Development, the attached changes BE APPROVED with respect to the following Local Rules for Social Housing:

   (a) Household Income Limits and High Need Household Income Limits; and

   (b) Adding to Original List of Housing Preferences. (2009-C03-00)

2008 Emergency Management Program Update

3. (6) That, on the recommendation of the General Manager of Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2008/2009 Emergency Management Program:

   (a) the attached by-law (Appendix "A") BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on May 4, 2009 to:

      (i) adopt the Emergency Management Program, including the London Emergency Response Plan, as set out in Schedule "A" of the By-law; and

      (ii) Repeal By-law No. A-6084-205

   (b) the balance of the report dated April 27, 2009, including details of activities scheduled for Emergency Preparedness Week (May 4-8, 2009) BE RECEIVED for information. (2009-P08-00)

Installation of Electricity Sub-meters in Residential Rental Units

4. (7) That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to investigate and report back, in liaison with the London Property Management Association and other appropriate parties, to the London Housing Advisory Committee (LHAC) on the following matters, with respect to sub-metering systems in residential rental units:

   (a) the potential impact to London tenants of the attached communication dated March 24, 2009 from B. Hewson, Chief Compliance Officer, Ontario Energy Board (OEB); noting that the objective of this review would include
the determination of implications for London landlords that have sub-metered electricity in their rental properties and to determine what authority the City of London has to protect tenants living in residential rental units that do not comply with the OEB ruling regarding sub-meters; further noting that this review be completed in consultation with London Hydro;

(b) the inclusion of information regarding existing electricity sub-meters in the registration process for the Rental Residential Units Licensing By-law; it being noted that the LHAC asked its Chair to convey this matter to the Civic Administration and to the Planning Committee;

(c) the feasibility of providing educational materials to tenants with respect to the electricity sub-meter issue;

(d) the possible introduction of new provincial legislation that would allow landlords and tenants the option to sub-meter rental units; noting the LHAC would be prepared to provide further recommended actions to the City of London Council with respect to this issue; and,

(e) the advantages and disadvantages of sub-metering being permitted to continue in locations where this currently exists, the "grandfathering" of existing, potentially non-compliant, sub-meters in rental units and the installation of new sub-meters on a go-forward basis;

it being noted that the LHAC reviewed and received the following communications with respect to this matter:

- a communication dated March 24, 2009 from B. Hewson, Chief Compliance Officer, Ontario Energy Board, with respect to installation of sub-metering systems in residential complexes; and,

- a memorandum dated April 6, 2009 and a verbal delegation from S. Courtice, with respect to installation of sub-meters in residential rental units; it being noted that the LHAC also reviewed a report, by K. Laid, on behalf of the Low-Income Energy Network, entitled "Zapping Tenants, a critical analysis of sub-metering in the residential rental sector" and an article dated March 25, 2009, from thestar.com, entitled "Smart meters banned in apartments";

it being further noted that the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) received a verbal presentation from S. Trosow, Chair, and S. Courtice, Member, LHAC with respect to this matter, as well as received the attached additional information and a copy of the "Smart meters banned in apartments" article as noted above.

5. (8) That, on the recommendation of the Council Housing Leadership Committee (CHLC), the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to proceed with the Request for Proposal (RFP) to update the Affordable Housing Strategy;

it being noted that the CHLC reviewed and received an information report dated April 14, 2009 and heard a verbal update from the Director of Municipal Housing, with respect to the affordable housing needs assessment.

6. (8) That, on the recommendation the Council Housing Leadership Committee (CHLC), the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide a specific timeline for the receipt of the Condominium Conversion Study to the Council Housing Leadership Committee (CHLC) for its information;

it being noted that the CHLC sent a request to the former City Treasurer on September 11, 2008 asking that the Condominium Conversion Study be made available to the CHLC, no response was received; and,
it being further noted that the CHLC reviewed and received its Deferred Matters dated April 6, 2009.

7. (10) That consideration of clause 1 of the 4th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC), having to do with the attached communication prepared by the ACCAC with respect to "Making London Accessible", BE DEFERRED pending a report back from Civic Administration at the next meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee, with respect to the following:

(a) confirmation the proposed actions are within the mandate of the ACCAC; and,

(b) comments from Tourism London in relation to the proposed actions;

it being noted that a verbal presentation was heard from R. Khouri, Chair, K. Husain and A. Robertson, Members, ACCAC, with respect to this matter.

8. (10) That, on the recommendation of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC), the attached communication prepared by the ACCAC, with respect to the proposed Employment Accessibility Standard BE FORWARDED to The Honourable M. Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services to be considered in the Ministry's development of the Employment Accessibility Standard;

it being noted that the communication is the ACCAC's direct response to the request of the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the ACCAC's feedback on the proposed Employment Accessibility Standard; it being further noted that a verbal presentation was heard from R. Khouri, Chair, ACCAC with respect to this matter;

it being understood that The Corporation of the City of London will be forwarding a separate response to the Ministry of Community and Social Services outlining its own formal position with respect to the proposed Employment Accessibility Standard, which may not necessary be fully in keeping with the position of the ACCAC.

9. (12) That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to investigate and report back at a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) with respect to the applicable standards for existing and new installations of wood burning appliances in homes, including the authority of a municipality to regulate installations and use, as well as the matter of nuisance smoke related to such appliances; it being noted the CPSC received a verbal delegation and the attached information from A. Duggan, 92 Dreaney Street with respect to woodsmoke nuisance. (2009-E02-01)

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

10. (1) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report dated April 27, 2009, from the General Manager of Community Services with respect to an update on the Ontario Works caseload. (2009-C16-00)

Addendum to Housing Support Services Report of March 23, 2009

11. (2) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report dated April 27, 2009, from the General Manager of Community Services with respect to the Housing Support Services report of March 23, 2009 related to the Rent Bank and THAW Programs. (2009-C03-00)
12. (3) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) reviewed and received an information report dated April 27, 2009, from the General Manager of Community Services, with respect to the extension of the Hostels to Homes (H2H) pilot to June 30, 2010; it being noted that amendments to extend existing service agreements will be established through signed letters of understanding within the authority of the General Manager of Community Services.

13. (7) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) received and noted clauses 2 to 6, inclusive, of the 3rd Report of the London Housing Advisory Committee from its meeting held on April 8, 2009. (See Report attached.)

14. (8) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) received and noted clauses 3 to 13, inclusive, of the 4th Report of the Council Housing Leadership Committee from its meeting held on April 14, 2009. (See Report attached.)

15. (9) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) received and noted the 2nd Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee from its meeting held on March 25, 2009 (See Report attached); it being noted that the CPSC received the attached presentation from C. Wagg, Chair, and N. Cole, Member, Child Care Advisory Committee, with respect to the College of Early Childhood Educators.

16. (10) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) received and noted clauses 3 to 9, inclusive, of the 4th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from its meeting held on April 16, 2009. (See Report attached.)

17. (11) That the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) received a verbal presentation from D. Dimitrie, S. Eggett and M. Connor, Kipps Lane Community Association, as well as written communications dated, April 5, 13, 16 and 18, 2009 from D. Dimitrie, 705-752 Kipps Lane, with respect to an update on the Kipps Lane Initiative; it being noted that a full staff report and delegation is scheduled for the June 1, 2009 meeting of the CPSC, for which the staff was requested to report on any related concerns and crime statistics information and at which the Chief, London Police will also be in attendance. (2009-C06-00)

18. (Added) That the Community and Protective Services Committee received a verbal report from Dr. G.L. Pollett, Medical Officer of Health and Dr. B. Warshawsky, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Director, Communicable Disease & Sexual Health Services, Middlesex-London Health Unit, with respect to the current Swine Flu situation.

19. That Councillor Winninger disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 4 of this Report having to do with electricity sub-meters in residential rental units by indicating that he is a landlord.

20. That Councillor Armstrong disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 4 of this Report having to do with electricity sub-meters in residential rental units by indicating that he is a landlord.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.