

REPORT NO. 242 of the
**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**
of its meeting held June 11, 2014

Present: Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Councillor Fulvio Valentinis

Regrets: Councillor Al Maghnieh

That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the Community Development and Health Commissioner **BE AUTHORIZED** to increase the per diem rate up to a maximum of 4% over a three (3) year period as follows: 2014-2015 contract year (2%) up to \$50.18; 2015-2016 contract year (1%) up to \$50.69; and 2016-2017 contract year (1%) up to \$51.19. This increase would be effective April 1, 2014 for licensed Housing with Supports Homes (former Domiciliary Hostel Program) currently funded under the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) and under a formal agreement with the City of Windsor; and

THAT this increase also apply to Housing with Supports Homes in the County of Essex under an agreement with the County of Essex; and

THAT Council Resolution M352-2013 which established the previous rate **BE RESCINDED**.
Carried.

LiveLink 17203, SSI/1857

Clerk's Note: The report by the Executive Director of Housing & Children's Services dated May 21, 2014 entitled "Per Diem Rate Increase for the Housing with Supports Homes (former Domiciliary Hostel Program)" is attached as background information.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee
Administrative Report

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

"The City of Windsor, with the involvement of its citizens, will deliver effective and responsive municipal services, and will mobilize innovative community partnerships"

LiveLink REPORT #: 17203 SSI/1857	Report Date: May 21, 2014
Author's Name: Dawn Bosco	Date to Standing Committee: June 11, 2014
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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Subject: Per Diem Rate Increase for the Housing with Supports Homes (former Domiciliary Hostel Program)

1. RECOMMENDATION:

City Wide: Ward(s): _____

THAT the Community Development and Health Commissioner **BE AUTHORIZED** to increase the per diem rate up to a maximum of 4% over a three (3) year period as follows: 2014-2015 contract year (2%) up to \$50.18; 2015-2016 contract year (1%) up to \$50.69; and 2016-2017 contract year (1%) up to \$51.19. This increase would be effective April 1, 2014 for licensed Housing with Supports Homes (former Domiciliary Hostel Program) currently funded under the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) and under a formal agreement with the City of Windsor; and

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

As outlined in that report to Council in July 2013 (Live link #16122), Housing and Children's Services, maintains formal agreements with 12 Housing with Supports Homes within the City of Windsor. The County of Essex maintains agreements with 12 Housing with Supports Homes.

Currently, the City of Windsor maintains an agreement with 12 providers and the County of Essex maintains agreements with 12 providers. On an average 372 persons per month received subsidized residential care in 2013 in the City of Windsor and 229 persons were assisted in the County of Essex.

Housing with Supports Homes provide permanent housing (board/lodging) and supervised care to persons with disabilities (including mental health and developmental disabilities), with ages ranging from young adults to seniors who are supported in the program.

Individuals who receive subsidized care in the Housing with Supports Homes must meet three primary criteria:

- Medical need for supervised living;
- Financial need (low-income level); and
- Appropriateness of placement (they do not require long-term care; group homes or halfway houses).

3. DISCUSSION:

In January 2013, the Domiciliary Hostel program moved from being administered by the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). This was the result of the Provincial government's efforts to consolidate housing and homelessness programs and give municipalities more flexibility to meet local needs. Funding for the following five homelessness programs was consolidated into one funding envelope administered through MMAH: The Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP); Emergency Energy Fund (EEF); Domiciliary Hostels (DH); Emergency Shelters (ES) and the Rent Bank (RB), are now covered under the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI).

The Province has established two (2) key outcomes for CHPI which will measure performance and ensure accountability:

- People experiencing homelessness obtain and retain housing
- People at risk of homelessness remain housed.

Implementation of the CHPI allowed municipalities to have the flexibility to invest in supports meeting the two (2) outcomes identified above. Housing with Supports Homes is identified under Housing and Related Supports which is one of the four service categories in CHPI, and is part of an integrated system of housing and homelessness supports.

In January 2014, the implementation of the 10 Year Windsor Essex Housing and Homelessness Plan began. It is a collaborative and community-based effort that has determined the direction for priorities and programs required in the community over the course of the next ten years to address the housing and homelessness needs of the community. The strategies developed in this plan provide guidelines and an overall approach for creating a system of housing and homelessness that puts people at the centre, moves people into permanent housing quickly, provides supports they need, and facilitates a range of housing choices to meet people's needs. Twenty-nine (29) strategies have been identified in the plan with a completion date of 2015. Approval of this recommendation would achieve the completion of *Strategy: 4.8 Re-evaluate per diem rates for housing with supports* (funded through CHPI).

In order to meet local needs and to ensure that individuals are provided with the necessary supports for daily living, and improve the quality of life, an increase to the per diem is necessary. This would ensure that the Housing with Support programs have satisfactory funding to provide

supports and services to the vulnerable individuals that they serve. Housing with Supports programs assist our community in meeting the CHPI outcome of ensuring people at risk of homelessness remain housed.

It is recommended that a total 4% increase over the next three (3) years. This would increase the per diem each year to a maximum of \$51.19/day at the end of the three (3) year period. Implementation of the increase would be as follows: 2014-2015 contract year (2%) up to \$50.18; 2015-2016 contract year (1%) up to \$50.69; and 2016-2017 contract year (1%) up to \$51.19 and that this be effective April 1, 2014. This approach will ensure that operators have a knowledge of future funding expectations and will allow them to plan for the longer term. After the 2017 year future increases will be assessed based on available funding within the Community Homelessness and Prevention envelope and the community need for this program.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

Resource Risk

In April 2013 Council approved a 3% increase that was retroactive to 2009 which was the last time that per diems were increased by the province. The cost to operate continues to increase based on typical cost drivers including food costs, utilities, salaries, insurance, etc. supporting an increase in funding at this time. Failure to provide an increase may affect the viability of homes and the available spaces for persons in need of housing supports necessitating a need to move individuals from their existing accommodation arrangement.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Based on consultation with the housing providers and taking into account the available funding, it's being recommended that the per diem rates be increased 4% over a 3 year period. The Housing with Support Homes in both the City of Windsor and County of Essex are funded through the MMAH as part of the CHPI program. In the 2014/2015 fiscal year, MMAH is providing \$8,152,419 in 100% subsidies to support all CHPI programs including Housing with Support homes. In addition, the 2014 approved CHPI budget contains \$755,367 net City funding to support the City's homes, and the 2014 County of Essex budget contains \$361,008 to support County's homes.

The current per diem of \$49.20 was approved with an effective date of April 1, 2013. The request being made to increase the per diem rate up to a maximum of \$51.19 over a three (3) year period will result in an estimated total three year increase in CHPI funding of \$422,452 including both the City of Windsor and the County of Essex, outlined as follows:

- \$208,608 in the 2014-15 budget (City \$130,872; County \$77,736)
- \$106,390 in the 2015-16 budget (City \$66,745; County \$39,645)
- \$107,454 in the 2016-17 budget (City \$67,412; County \$40,042)

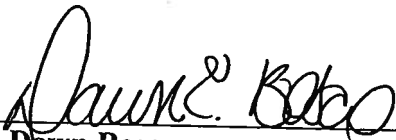
The estimated cost is based on projected annual bed days is based on the total gross per diem, including client contributions. At current funding utilization trends in both the City and the County, no additional municipal contribution is projected to be required as the increase can be absorbed within the approved CHPI budget. It is important to note that while no additional budget is being requested, there is an opportunity cost associated with this recommendation as there may be less funding available for other programs.

6. CONSULTATIONS:

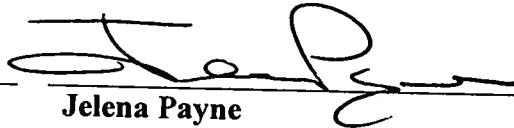
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7. CONCLUSION:

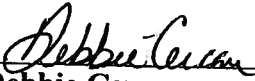
An increase in the per diem for the Housing with Supports programs will enable Administrators to provide the necessary supports and services and improve the quality of life for individuals that are vulnerable and would be at risk of homelessness without this funding and services being in place.



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