

REPORT NO. 376 of the
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held February 3, 2016

Present: Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Paul Borrelli
Councillor Rino Bortolin
Councillor John Elliott

Absent: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

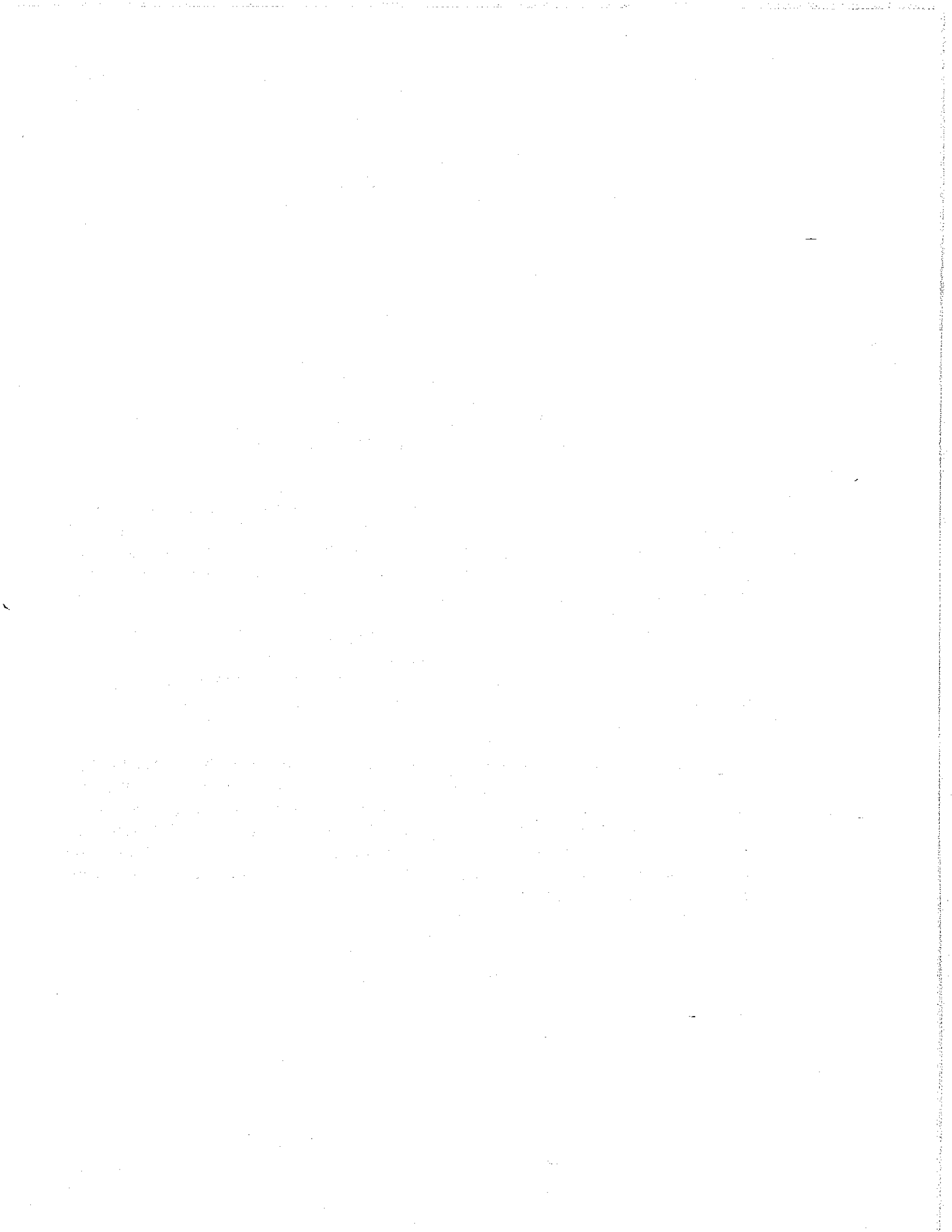
That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by Councillor Elliott,

THAT the Community Development and Health Commissioner **BE AUTHORIZED** to **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT** a CHPI Investment Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to coincide with the Ministry fiscal plan for Windsor Essex provided that any submission, amendment or reallocation does not exceed the City's budgeted contributions to the program; and

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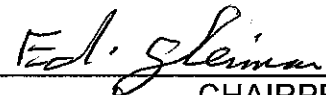
THAT the Community Development and Health Commissioner **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign, amend, or terminate agreements with Purchase of Service agencies on behalf of the City in accordance with the existing criteria and any changed criteria established by the MMAH Agreement when guidelines become available, satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor, in technical content to the Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services and financial content to the City Treasurer and where the net city contribution does not exceed \$150,000 or \$1,000,000 gross. For Purchase of Service agreements that exceed a \$150,000 net city contribution or a \$1,000,000 gross contribution, that in addition to the Community Development and Health Commissioner that the Chief Administrative Officer **BE REQUIRED** to sign as a secondary authority.

Carried.

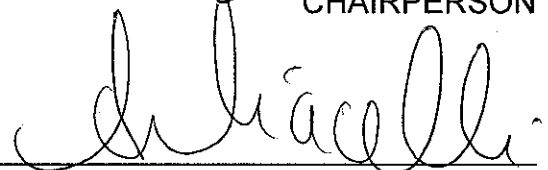
Councillor Bortolin discloses an interest and abstains from voting on this matter.

Clerk's Note: The report of the Manager, Housing Support Services dated January 11, 2016 entitled "*Investment Plan with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)*" is **attached** as background information.

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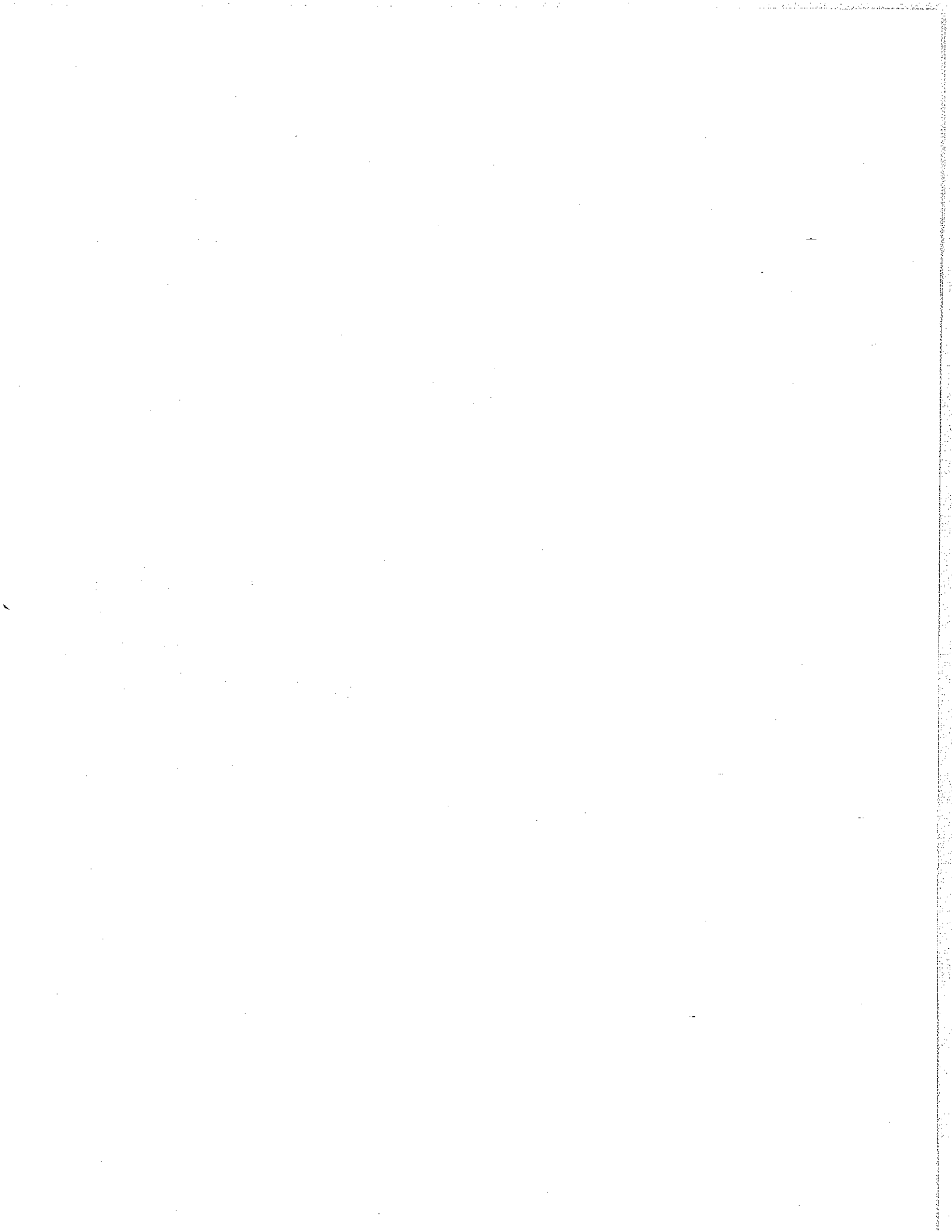


CHAIRPERSON



SUPERVISOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES

NOTIFICATION:				
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Housing and Children's Services

MISSION STATEMENT

"Our City is built on relationships – between citizens and their government, businesses and public institutions, city and region – all interconnected, mutually supportive, and focused on the brightest future we can create together"

REPORT #: S 16/2016	Report Date: 1/11/2016
Author's Contact: Lucy Sobczyk, Manager, Housing Support Services 519-255-5200 X 5250 lsobczyk@citywindsor.ca	Date to Council: February 3 2016
	Clerk's File #: GH/11710

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Subject:

Investment Plan with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)

City Wide

RECOMMENDATION:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, the provincial government committed to create a Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy. The first phase of the Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy was the establishment of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) on January 1, 2013. The first phase was consistent with the following provincial priorities:

- Integrating housing services – matching up housing with human services and supports to optimize positive results for people in need;
- Preventing homelessness;
- Providing emergency shelter when needed;
- Supporting rapid re-housing options for homeless individuals and families;
- Maintaining accessible housing options.

The vision for the CHPI is a better coordinated and integrated service delivery system that is people-centered, outcome-focused and reflects a Housing First approach to prevent, reduce and address homelessness in communities across Ontario.

The principles of the CHPI include:

- Housing First,
- People-Centred,
- Partnership Based,
- Locally Driven,
- Inclusive,
- Fiscally Responsible,
- Outcomes Focused

The program objectives for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative include:

- To enable Service Managers to better support a full range of services that aim to prevent, reduce and address homelessness at the local level;
- To facilitate the development of seamless support services programming to connect individuals and families to community resources and assist households at risk of or experiencing homelessness to obtain and retain affordable housing that is linked to supports appropriate to their needs;
- To promote a culture of policy, planning and service delivery that is focused on an outcome-based and people-centered approach while recognizing the complexity of homelessness and issues related to homelessness;
- To create and support opportunities for service managers to develop creative and innovative approaches;
- To increase flexibility at the local level to prevent, reduce and address homelessness.

The two key program outcomes for the CHPI, which will measure performance and ensure accountability are:

- a) People experiencing homelessness obtain and retain housing; and,
- b) People at risk of homelessness remain housed.

Through the creation of the Windsor Essex 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan (HHP) the City of Windsor set the vision for housing and homelessness, reflecting the provincial interest. The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative is a core program under the HHP.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative was implemented in January 1, 2013 and investments are made in the following four categories:

- Emergency Shelter Solutions (e.g. emergency shelter bed);
- Housing and Related Supports (e.g. Housing with Supports);
- Services and Supports (e.g. street and housing outreach, housing search);
- Homelessness Prevention (e.g. rent support/eviction prevention)

An Investment Plan is required to be submitted by February 15, 2016 for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The Investment Plan (IP) addresses two areas: 1) how the funding will be used, and 2) how the funding will be used by quarter and service category. The IP is divided into two sections: a financial section and a performance indicator reporting section. Service Managers are required to complete only the financial section when submitting the initial IP.

The City of Windsor's CHPI Planning Allocation for the 2016-17 year is \$9,091,000 and this funding level is contingent on provincial budget approvals. Since its inception, the primary investment for the CHPI funding is in the area of Housing and Related Supports where 56% of the funding was budgeted for the Housing with Supports Program for

subsidies for approximately 565 people who require housing and supports to daily living in 24 homes across the City and the County. The remaining funding is provided to support emergency shelters (the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women, the Salvation Army and motels), services and supports (Windsor Essex Housing Connections, Voluntary Trusteeship and the Housing Stability Plan), homelessness prevention (Keep the Heat and Rental Arrears Assistance) and administration. It is also important to note that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is reviewing the CHPI program in the 2016-17 year which has the potential to invoke changes to the program and funding levels beginning in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

RISK ANALYSIS:

Resource Risks: None identified at this time

Timing Risks: None at this time.

Cross-Corporate Impact Risks: None at this time

Community Impact Risks: Failure to complete the Investment Plan will put \$9 million in provincial funding at risk.

Other Risks: None at this time

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

A letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated March 30, 2015, provided details about the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) program funding allocations (\$9,091,000) for both 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. The ministry had decided to maintain the current funding allocation model for both years, contingent on provincial budget approval. They believed this approach will provide stability to Service Managers in the short-term as funding levels will remain the same as the previous year. This approach will also allow the ministry to consider the outcomes of the Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness, as well as the update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy which occurred in 2015-2016, on a funding allocation model for future years.

The CHPI allocation for the City of Windsor for 2016-2017 from MMAH is \$9,091,000, contingent on provincial budget approvals. The CHPI approved budget includes a combined funding contribution from the City and County in the amount of \$1,139,425.

CONSULTATIONS:

Nancy Jaekel, Financial Planning Administrator, Finance; 519 255-5200 ext. 5171

CONCLUSION:

The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative is a valuable program that aims to prevent, address and reduce homelessness by improving access to adequate, suitable and affordable housing that is linked to flexible support services based on peoples' needs. The submission of an Investment Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will allow the community to continue to benefit from the \$9 million in provincial funding that is imperative to reduce or alleviate homelessness in Windsor and Essex County.

PLANNING ACT MATTERS:

Not applicable

APPENDICES:

N/A

