

**COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REPORT 10  
26 FEBRUARY 2020**

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**EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 10  
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**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE  
DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 10  
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CANADA-ONTARIO COMMUNITY HOUSING BENEFIT

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#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve :**

- 1. That the Director, Housing Services be delegated the authority to sign a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Finance, identify program priority household groups, and submit to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, reports on a quarterly and annual basis, for the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Program (COHB) based on the details of the program and the spending plan outlined in this report;**
- 2. That the Director, Housing Services, be delegated the authority to reallocate funding from one Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Program priority household group to another priority group within the same program year if the original planned commitment for funding as outlined within the approved Priority Household Plan cannot be met;**
- 3. That in the event additional funding becomes available under the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Program due to any reallocation by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Director, Housing Services, be delegated the authority to allocate the**

**additional funding in keeping with the process outlined in this report; and,**

- 4. That the Director, Housing Services be delegated the authority to allocate all Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Program funding provided such allocations are in accordance with the provincial guidelines, and the priorities as set out in this report.**

Donna Gray, General Manager, Community and Social Services, Shelley Van Buskirk, Director, Housing and Lisa Goodfellow, Program Manager, Social Housing responded to various questions from Committee Members such as:

- Although not mentioned outright in report families are included based on priority. The amount is approximately \$560 per family per month.
- Any motions regarding placing families as priority would be best at the March 27 meeting when the 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Mid-Point Refresh is discussed.
- The City provides housing allowance for families now up to \$600 per month for up to 3 years. What is needed is stable long-range funding especially since rents are increasing in this present market.
- There is a timing issue since the Federal Government is consulting now for the budget. A direction to staff was approved by committee.

The report recommendations were put to Committee and CARRIED as presented.

#### **DIRECTION TO STAFF**

That the Community and Protective Services Committee direct staff to work with the Mayor, Chair of Community and Protective Services, and Housing and Homelessness Liaison on a submission to the Federal 2020 Budget.