

December 15, 2020

Social Services Committee Report #2020-12-02

REPORT TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

Your Social Services Committee submits the following recommendations from its meeting held on December 2, 2020:

8.2.1 Homelessness Shelter Diversion Strategy Pilot [Financial Impact: None], 2020-576

- A. THAT Report 2020-576 Homelessness Shelter Diversion Strategy Pilot BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to develop a shelter diversion pilot program for implementation in April 2021 until March 2022; and
- C. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to refer to Estimates Committee as part of the budget process, the cost of implementing a shelter diversion pilot program in the gross amount of \$100,000 as an increase to the homelessness base budget as follows:
 - i. 2021 - \$75,000
 - ii. 2022 - \$25,000;
- D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to incorporate the homelessness shelter diversion strategy into a Mid to Long Term Sheltering System Plan; and
- E. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to bring the Mid to Long Term Sheltering System Plan report to Council in February 2021.

8.2.2 Housing Site Safety (Financial Impact – None), 2020-476

- A. THAT Report 2020-476 Housing Site Safety BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to implement the safety options outlined in this report with any expenses not included in current budgets subject to 2021 and 2022 budget approvals; and
- C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to include affordable housing sites in the review and development of the corporate security program; and
- D. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to conduct a review of the Keyholder position, with a potential to incorporate the current security requirements into the corporate security program

8.2.3 Assisted Funerals and Burial Services Update [Financial Impact: \$60,560], 2020-544

- A. THAT Report No. 2020-544 Assisted Funerals and Burial Services Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Indigent Funeral By-Law #93-2010, amended Indigent Funeral By-Law #41-2013 and Schedule “A” BE REPEALED in their entirety; and
- C. THAT the Brantford-Brant Assisted Funeral Rates, as determined by a competitive procurement process BE RECEIVED.

8.2.4 Assisted Funerals and Burial Services Update [Financial Impact: \$60,560], 2020-544

THAT the following BE REFERRED to seek legal advice and direct staff, the Chair, Vice-Chair of Social Services Committee and Mayor Bailey to consider available options in order to achieve a better balance with all stake holders; and

THAT after legal advice is received members consult with service providers;

- A. THAT Report No. 2020-544 Assisted Funerals and Burial Services Update BE RECEIVED;
- B. THAT the Indigent Funeral By-Law #93-2010, amended Indigent Funeral By-Law #41-2013 and Schedule "A" BE REPEALED in their entirety;
- C. THAT the Brantford-Brant Assisted Funeral Rates, as determined by a competitive procurement process BE RECEIVED.

8.2.5 Discretionary Benefits [Financial Impact - None], 2020-496

THAT Report 2020-496 Discretionary Benefits Update BE RECEIVED.

8.2.6 Homeward Bound Brantford-Brant Program Update [Financial Impact: None], 2020-478

THAT Report 2020-478 Homeward Bound Brantford-Brant Program Update BE RECEIVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor McCreary, Chair