CITY OF WINDSOR AGENDA 03/01/2023

Community Services Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Time: 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Location: Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Windsor City Hall

All members will have the option of participating in person in Council Chambers or electronically and will be counted towards quorum in accordance with Procedure By-law 98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic meetings. The minutes will reflect this accordingly. Any delegations have the option to participate in person or electronically.

MEMBERS:

Ward 2– Councillor Fabio Costante

Ward 3 – Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 – Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 5 – Councillor Ed Sleiman - Chairperson

Ward 6 – Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item #	Item Description
1.	**CALL TO ORDER**

READING OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
We [I] would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie. The City of Windsor honours all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and their valuable past and present contributions to this land.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

3.1. Minutes of the Community Services Standing Committee meeting held February 1, 2023 **(SCM 57/2023)**

4. **REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS**

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6.1. United Way - ProsperUs Collective Impact Initiative - Progress of the PropserUS Cradle to Career Strategy for Windsor

7. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

8.1. 2023 Municipally Significant Event Status, Wards 2,3,4,6,7 **(S 21/2023)**

8.2. Asylum Claimants Transferred to Windsor Hotels by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) – City Wide **(S 22/2023)**

9. **QUESTION PERIOD**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Item No. 3.1

Committee Matters: SCM 57/2023

Subject: Minutes of the Community Services Standing Committee meeting held

February 1, 2023

Community Services Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Time: 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Members Present:

Councillors
Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante
Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie
Ward 5 - Councillor Ed Sleiman - Chairperson
Ward 6 - Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac

Clerk's Note: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac and Councillor Renaldo Agostino participated via video conference (Zoom), in accordance with Procedure By-law 98-2011 as amended, which allows for electronic participation.

ALSO PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Andrew Daher, Commissioner, Human & Health Services
Ray Mensour, Commissioner – Community Services
James Chacko, Executive Director of Parks & Facilities
Jen Knights, Executive Director of Recreation & Culture
Kirk Whittal, Executive Director of Housing & Children's Services
Jennifer Tanner, Manager of Homelessness & Housing Support
Tanya Antoniw, Executive Director, Employment & Social Services
Alina Sirbu, Executive Director, Long Term Care & Administration
Michelle Staadegaard, Manager, Culture & Events
Teanna Lindsay, Coordinator, Special Events
Leonardo Gil, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Deputy Clerk calls the meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m., and calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairperson.

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac nominates Councillor Ed Sleiman for the position of Chairperson; Councillor Ed Sleiman accepts the nomination. There being no further nominations the Deputy Clerk calls for a vote. All members vote in favour.
Councillor Ed Sleiman assumes the Chair.

The Deputy Clerk calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair.

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac nominates Councillor Mark McKenzie for the position of Vice-Chair. Councillor Mark McKenzie accepts the nomination. There being no further nominations the Deputy Clerk calls for a vote. All members vote in favour.
Carried.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

3.1. Adoption of the Community Services Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held August 3, 2022

Moved by: Councillor Fabio Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

THAT the minutes of the Community Services Standing Committee meeting held August 3, 2022 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Report Number: SCM 227/2022

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None presented.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report

Marina Clemens, Chair, Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

Marina Clemens, Chair, Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
appears before the Community Services Standing Committee and is available for questions.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires about the regional housing strategy and inquires as to what point in the process is currently being undertaken. Kirk Whittal, Executive Director, Housing and Children's Services appears before the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the report "Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report" and indicates that regional meetings will be taking place with surrounding municipalities CAO's where administration will be discussing and bringing forward Windsor's expectations moving forward.

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Fabio Costante

Decision Number: **CSPS 199**
THAT the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 332/2022
Clerk's File: MB2023

7.3. Diversity Committee 2022 Annual Report

Moved by: Councillor Fabio Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSPS 201**
THAT the Diversity Committee 2022 Annual Report **BE APPROVED.**
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 2/2023
Clerk's File: MB2023

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Windsor International Diaspora African Festival - WIDAFEST 2023 - Ward 3

Queen Amina, CEO of Zalent Creatives and Christopher Alexander, Vice President of Zalent Creatives

Queen Amina, CEO of Zalent Creatives and Christopher Alexander, Vice President of Zalent Creatives appear before the Community Services Standing Committee regarding the

administrative report “Windsor International Diaspora African Festival—WIDAFEST 2023” and provide a brief overview of the Festival and several historic events as well as showcasing the Diversity of the City of Windsor. Ms. Amina indicates that they will be promoting what Windsor has to offer and provides specific details about the event including food, workshops, weeklong ceremony, business conference, parade, highlights of simple acts of kindness, and self achievement; and conclude by extending an invitation for everyone to attend.

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac commends the group for this upcoming festival and wishes them well.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino also commends the group for this event which he anticipates will be an incredible achievement.

Moved by: Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Seconded by: Councillor Fabio Costante

Decision Number: **CSSC 202**
THAT the request from Zalent Creative Inc. to host the inaugural Windsor International Diaspora African Festival, also known as WIDAFEST, scheduled for Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30, 2023, at the Riverfront Festival Plaza and Riverfront Civic Terrace **BE APPROVED,** subject to the terms and conditions of the Special Event Permit; and further,

THAT the request for Council to designate the event as a Significant Event status for the purpose of Zalent Creative Inc. applying for Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) special occasions permits as required by the AGCO, **BE APPROVED**; and,

THAT the Riverfront Festival Plaza site be extended to include the Riverfront Trail seawall between Don Sadler Way and the Civic Terrace beginning Friday, July 28, 2023 4:00 p.m. to Saturday, July 29, 2023 1:00 a.m.; beginning Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to Sunday, July 30, 2023 1:00 a.m.; beginning Sunday, July 30, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m., **BE APPROVED;** and further,

THAT the request to temporarily close Riverside Drive East between Devonshire Road and McDougall Street on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to host the official WIDAFEST Parade, **BE APPROVED.**
Carried.

Report Number: S 10/2023
Clerk’s File: SR/14497

7.2. Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report

Moved by: Councillor Fabio Costante
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **CSPS 200**
THAT the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report **BE APPROVED.**

Report Number: SCM 1/2023
Clerk's File: MB2023

9. QUESTION PERIOD

None presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee is adjourned at 9:18 o'clock a.m. The next meeting of the Community Services Standing Committee will take place on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.
Carried.

Councillor Sleiman (Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services

Subject: 2023 Municipally Significant Event Status, Wards 2,3,4,6,7

Reference:

Date to Council: March 1, 2023
Author: Michelle Staadegaard
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Recreation and Culture
Report Date: February 7, 2023
Clerk's File #: SR/14497

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Recommendation:

THAT the request from; 1933900 Ontario Ltd; Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare Foundation**;** Northern Heat Rib Series**;** Poutine Feast Ontario Inc.; Rotary Club of Windsor (1918)**;** Windsor Eats Inc.; and Windsor-Essex Pride Fest**;** for approval of designation as 'municipally significant' for the purpose of applying for their Special Occasions Permit – Public Event **BE APPROVED** by Council subject to the terms and conditions of the Special Event Agreement with the City; and further,

THAT City Council **APPROVE** the following proposed significant event dates for 2023:

Saturday May 27, 2023
Heart Breaker Challenge (Malden Park) hosted by Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare Foundation

Thursday June 1, 2023 through Sunday June 4, 2023
Windsor Rib Fest (Riverfront Festival Plaza and Riverfront Civic Terrace) hosted by Northern Heat Rib Series

Friday June 2, 2023 through Sunday June 4, 2023
Art in the Park (Willistead Park) hosted by Rotary Club of Windsor (1918)

Thursday June 8, 2023 through Sunday June 11, 2023
Poutine Feast (Riverfront Festival Plaza and Riverfront Civic Terrace) hosted by Poutine Feast Ontario Inc.

Thursday July 20, 2023
Dinner on the Pier (Assumption Park) hosted by Windsor Eats Inc.

Friday August 11, 2023 through Sunday August 13, 2023
Pride Fest (Lanspeary Park and Outdoor Rink) hosted by Windsor-Essex Pride Fest

Friday October 13, 2023 and Saturday October 14, 2023
Windsor Eats Craft Beer Fest (Willistead Park) hosted by 1933900 Ontario Ltd.

Executive Summary:

N/A

Background:

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) administers the Special Occasion Permit (SOP) program, which allows for the sale, service and in most cases consumption of liquor on special occasions, such as cash bars at weddings or private receptions, as well as larger scale events that are open to the public, such as charity fundraisers.

A Special Occasion Permit (SOP) is required any time liquor is sold or served anywhere other than in a licensed establishment or a private place. SOPs are for occasional, special events only, and not for personal profit or running an ongoing business.

AGCO defines a Public Event as an event that is advertised to the public to attend. These events can be advertised and fundraising and/or profit from the sale of liquor at the event is permitted

Public Event permits can be issued for events of “municipal significance”.

An event of municipal significance requires a designation by the municipality in which the event will take place. SOP applications for a municipally significant public event must be accompanied by either a municipal resolution or a letter from a delegated municipal official designating the event as municipally significant. Requests for municipal significance must be requested on an annual basis.

Discussion:

Previously, Council approved sixteen (16) events as “municipally significant” at its meeting of April 11, 2022, as per CR S 38/2022. Administration has received a request for seven (7) events for the 2023 season to be designated as “municipally significant”.

All seven (7) events listed in the recommendation have received no objection from either Administration or the Special Events Resources Team (SERT). Administration has met with the local AGCO representatives, who did not object to any of the events applying for “municipal significance” status noted in this report

The event organizers will be required to enter into an agreement with the Corporation to the extent similar to the other festivals and events that currently are presented at other City of Windsor municipal locations, including indemnifying the City of Windsor from liability associated with the event.

Administration notes that the designation of an event as “municipally significant” can be delegated to a municipal official, pursuant to Section 3 of the Ontario Special Occasion Permit Guide. Council could direct Administration to include this item in the next round of Delegation of Authority Bylaw updates, along with the requirement to notify Council when the designations are provided.

Risk Analysis:

There is a significant risk that if the seven (7) events noted in this report are not given Significant Event Status designation, they will not get approval for an SOP by the AGCO. If Significant Event Status were not approved, these public events would not be able to occur.

The consumption of alcohol within the festival/event site will occur at these events if they are granted a SOP. The applicant will be required to provide the required insurance. All liquor services will adhere to the AGCO regulations and Municipal Alcohol Policy, which provides information that, covers requirements for Smart Service staffing resources. These factors will mitigate the risk factor to the Corporation.

Climate Change Risks

Climate Change Mitigation:

N/A

Climate Change Adaptation:

N/A

Financial Matters:

The applicants hosting events on City owned public property would be required to rent the respective venue and pay the applicable fees as per the 2023 Schedule of Fees.

Consultations:

SERT (Special Events Resource Team)

Conclusion:

The City of Windsor recognizes the importance of special events and festivals enhancing the quality of life, tourism, culture, recreation and education, not all of which would be possible without the invaluable services of volunteers, community groups, and sponsors that add their support and skills to enhancing the community events.

Planning Act Matters:

N/A

Approvals:

Name	Title
Michelle Staadegaard	Manager, Culture & Events
Jen Knights	Executive Director, Recreation & Culture
Ray Mensour	Commissioner, Community Services
Kristina Savi-Mascaro	Deputy City Solicitor – Purchasing, Risk Management & Provincial Offences
Onorio Colucci	Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Notifications:

Name	Address	Email

Appendices:

Subject: Asylum Claimants Transferred to Windsor Hotels by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) – City Wide

Reference:

Date to Council: March 1, 2023
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Community Development and Health Services
Report Date: February 10, 2023
Clerk's File #: SS2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Recommendation:

THAT the report from the Manager, Social Policy and Planning regarding Asylum Claimants **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

THAT City Council **BE REQUESTED** to submit a letter to Immigration, Refugees, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to state the City of Windsor does not have the capacity or resources to support additional asylum claimants beyond those estimated based on the current number of secured temporary accommodations; and

THAT City Council **BE REQUESTED** to submit a letter to the appropriate senior levels of government, such as the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD), to have them identify and resource a local lead settlement agency to coordinate a response in Windsor and Essex County.

Executive Summary:

N/A

Background:

Immigration, Refugees, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has been providing temporary accommodations in hotels for asylum claimants entering Canada without accommodations since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure they had a sufficient and suitable place to quarantine. Due to the border restrictions and public

health guidelines ending on October 1, 2022, a high number of claimants continue to arrive through the Roxham Road irregular border crossing into Quebec.

These individuals are intercepted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) or local law enforcement and brought to the nearest Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) port of entry or inland CBSA/IRCC office for immigration processing. In 2022, the total number of asylum claimants intercepted by the RCMP and brought to a CBSA office totalled 63,850 across Canada1. The majority of intercepts were at the Quebec and New York border, more specifically at Roxham Road. The high number of intercepts occurring at irregular crossings at the Quebec border has caused a significant strain on the Quebec local emergency shelter system while refugee claimants wait for their claims to be processed. The pressure on the social support system has led IRCC to expand its hotel operations outside of Quebec by transferring asylum claimants via charter bus to multiple municipalities across Ontario for temporary hotel accommodations.

It is important to note that this population are not permanent residents. Different than the two categories of permanent residents are permanent resident refugees; government-assisted refugees (GARs) and privately sponsored refugees (PSRs). GARs have their initial expenses provided by the Federal Government for up to 12 months after arriving in Canada. PSRs have their initial expenses covered by private sponsors for at least 12 months. These two categories are granted permanent residency in Canada when they arrive. GARs and PSRs fall within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

In addition to permanent resident refugee categories is the classification of asylum claimant (also known as refugee claimant or asylum seeker). An asylum claimant is a person(s) who have travelled to Canada without government assistance and made their refugee claim from within Canada. An asylum claimant has been forced to flee their home country due to factors outside of their control. These factors can include but are not limited to persecution, war, or risk of torture. Once a person(s) makes their refugee claim in Canada, they are allowed to live in Canada during the time it takes for IRCC to process and make a ruling. Asylum claimants are allowed to work in Canada once they receive a work permit and can only apply for one if they require a job to pay for basic needs. If IRCC approves a refugee claim, the claimant is now classified as a 'protected person,' which would make them eligible to apply for an open work permit and permanent residency. The independent Immigration Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) reviews and rules on each refugee claim.

Although IRCC is responsible for reviewing all refugee claims, the federal government is not responsible for supporting asylum claimants in Canada. In the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) is responsible for the Newcomer Settlement Program (NSP), a provincial-wide program to help facilitate the social and economic integration of newcomers, including asylum claimants, to Ontario. In Windsor-Essex, the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County (MCC) works in partnership with the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario and with Women's Enterprise Skills Training Inc. (WEST) and College Boreal to deliver the NSP program

Discussion:

Immigration, Refugees, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) contacted City Administration on December 30th, 2022, with information about providing temporary accommodations for asylum claimants entering Canada without alternative accommodation plans. The accommodations are temporary until asylum claimants can find long-term housing. Initially, 175 hotel rooms were secured at one (1) hotel, but due to the increased pressure at the Quebec border, two (2) additional hotels have now been secured, totalling 439 rooms. According to the last demographic profile report from IRCC, over 500 claimants have arrived in Windsor, representing at least 30 nationalities and 18 languages.

Administration throughout the Human and Health Services (H&HS) Department immediately worked to assess the situation, obtain more information from Federal and Provincial officials, and coordinate with internal and external partners. Regular update meetings with IRCC and provincial officials continue to provide H&HS with the most up-to-date information about the number of intercepts at the Quebec border as well as local hotel operations. Contact was also made with other municipalities who have received claimants to share best practices and gain relevant insight.

Senior leadership from H&HS subsequently visited the first hotel to liaise with the operations lead from IRCC, view the hotel operations and visit with the numerous on-site community agencies providing services. It was evident from the site visit and subsequent meetings that Windsor would benefit from a local settlement agency for coordination services with various sector partners located in Windsor operating within the multisite hotel operations. Furthermore, that said services would be most appropriately provided by a local settlement agency with experience in working with various sector partners.

The H&HS department acknowledges and respects its duty to act as a supportive and collaborative partner to ensure the unique needs of asylum claimants arriving in Windsor are addressed in an effective, timely and compassionate manner. City administration does not take lightly the hardships endured by these individuals and families and will continue to assist where possible, while still recognizing that the Federal, Provincial and community partners all play a role in this to secure the appropriate supports needed for short and long-term success. To that end, the following departments and programs within the H&HS portfolio have been involved to date:

Employment and Social Services

Asylum Claimants are eligible to apply for Ontario Works benefits while they await their hearing with the Immigration Refugee Board of Canada (IRB). To provide support to the individuals transferred to Windsor, Employment and Social Services has deployed Ontario Works staff to process applications on-site. There is currently a small number of staff members on-site almost daily, each afternoon. As of February 15, 2023, the department has granted over 250 Ontario Works applications for asylum claimants.

Housing and Children's Services

Housing and Children's Services is actively monitoring the situation. There is currently no impact on the local emergency shelter system, but this could occur should the asylum claimant's checkout at the hotel for alternative accommodations. If that tenancy fails, the individual or family is not permitted back into the hotel and may seek to stay at a local emergency shelter.

For younger children, the Children Services Department is reviewing all opportunities to support families through their extensive network of friendly and welcoming EarlyOn Child and Family Centres. Families with school-aged children have been provided information about educational options by each of the local school boards.

Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP)

The Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) is an initiative of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to encourage communities across Ontario and Canada to develop a comprehensive plan for the delivery of newcomer services. The City of Windsor is the lead and holds the agreement with IRCC but contracts the work of the WE LIP to Workforce WindsorEssex. The WE LIP helps promote the long-term settlement and integration of immigrant newcomers into Windsor and Essex County. Although the mandate of the WELIP does not support asylum claimants, staff have been instrumental in liaising with IRCC operations and local healthcare sector partners, including Ontario Health West, Ontario Health Team, Windsor Regional Hospital and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit.

Overall, H&HS has repeatedly expressed concerns to both Federal and Provincial levels of government regarding the immediate, medium and long-term impacts this situation will have on the already stretched health care, housing and financial support sectors in Windsor-Essex County.

Risk Analysis:

The large number of asylum claimants arriving in Windsor over a relatively short period raises concerns about the City of Windsor and our partners' capacity to absorb the impact of this downward pressure without additional resources from the Federal and Provincial governments. In order to mitigate any further impacts, administration is seeking Council's support to submit a letter to IRCC and state that the City does not have the capacity or resources to support additional asylum claimants beyond current estimates based on the number of secured temporary accommodations.

The influx of Ontario Works applications has caused an increase in the overall ongoing caseload. As additional claimants arrive and other hotel sites are secured, the department anticipates a steady stream of applications being processed and granted. It is estimated that 600-650 additional OW cases could be added to the overall caseloads. In order to mitigate this additional burden, the department has submitted a one-time funding request to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) to secure the human resources required to process and maintain the increase in

caseloads. The request included funding for additional staff to complete the applications and support the ongoing case management of the Refugee Claimants.

There is a high probability that our local housing market will feel additional pressures given the current rental vacancy rate of 1.8%, with an average two-bedroom rent of nearly $1200.00 per month (as per CMHC recent report). Furthermore, there is a low to medium risk that the local emergency shelter system could experience a surge in usage should the temporary accommodations end, or a failed tenancy occurs after seeking longer-term housing.

Climate Change Risks

Climate Change Mitigation:

N/A

Climate Change Adaptation:

N/A

Financial Matters:

The City of Windsor is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) for the delivery of the Ontario Works (OW) program within Windsor and Essex County. The Province through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) provides Ontario Works Funding to support program administration, delivery of employment services, and the provision of financial assistance. Ontario Works funding is provided through two streams.

Basic Financial Assistance is funded 100% by the Ministry for the provision of income assistance for necessities like food and housing and other discretionary or health related benefits.

Ontario Works Program Delivery funding is provided to municipalities to support program administration and the provision of employment services. The Ontario Works Program Delivery funding is cost-shared with the Ministry. The first $6.7 million of program delivery funding is funded 100% by the Ministry, and the remaining budget is cost-shared with the municipality at a rate of 50/50 to a capped level of $27.3 million. Any costs above the cap becomes a municipal cost. The County of Essex shares in the municipal contribution using the arbitrated weighted assessment formula.

In light of the expected growth in caseloads due to the influx of asylum claimants, the department has submitted a one-time funding request to MCCSS to secure the human resources required to process and maintain the increase in caseloads. The additional funding would be cost shared 50/50 with the Province. The municipal share can be accommodated within the current Ontario Works Program Delivery budget.

Consultations:

Kirk Whittal, Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services

Tanya Antoniw, Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services

Linda Higgins, Manager of Intergovernmental Subsidies

Conclusion:

Human and Health Services respects and values all people and will continue to work with our Federal, Provincial and community partners to respond to the unique needs of the asylum claimants in a timely, caring and non-judgmental manner. As the number of asylum claimants temporarily living in hotels increases, the City of Windsor and partner organizations anticipate significant, financial and human resources to respond to the new pressures placed on already stressed systems. Increased funding from senior levels of government for local coordination services and addressing immediate and long-term needs is essential to ensuring the successful integration of asylum claimants into Windsor and Essex County.

Planning Act Matters:

N/A

Approvals:

Name	Title
Stephen Lynn	Manager, Social Policy and Planning
Linda Higgins	Manager of Intergovernmental Subsidies
Andrew Daher	Commissioner, Human and Health Services
Joe Mancina	Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer – Corporate Leader ,Finance & Technology
Onorio Colucci	Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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Appendices: