



Administrative Report

Office of the Director of Council & Community Services/Clerk

To: Warden Tom Bain and Members of County Council

**From: Mary Birch
Director of Council & Community Services/Clerk**

Date: May 16, 2018

Subject: Housing with Supports Per Diem Increase

Report #: 2018-0516-CCS-R005-MB

Purpose

To recommend that Essex County Council increase the Per Diem rate for Housing with Supports contracted service providers, in keeping with the increase approved by the City of Windsor, effective April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019.

Background

As indicated in a previous report to County Council (Report 2018-0221-CCS-R004-MB), the City of Windsor, as the Municipal Consolidated Services Manager for Social Services had indicated that they anticipated receiving additional funding commencing for 2018 from the provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI). They have confirmed the additional allocation of \$537,578 in CHPI funding for 2018-2019.

Discussion

The last increase to the per diem rates for the Housing with Supports contracted service providers in the County was approved by Council in July 2014. This 3 year plan included modest yearly increases at April 1st of 2014 through 2016. As no increases have been allowed since that time, the current per diem rate is \$51.19. Given the cost of living increases, as well

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as the legislative changes to the Employment Standards Act, Housing with Supports contracted homes have been reporting that this was affecting their financial viability and potentially the ability to provide appropriate housing for persons in need of these supportive homes.

Based on the recommendation presented by the City of Windsor Manager, Homelessness and Housing Support, on April 23, 2018, Windsor City Council approved utilizing the increase in the CHPI funding to increase the per diem rate to contracted Housing with Supports Homes in both the City and County as follows:

- Effective April 1, 2018 up to \$53.09 (increase of \$1.90 or 3.71%)
- Effective April 1, 2019 up to \$55.00 (increase of \$1.91 or 3.6%)

The recommendation included the limitation that the increase in cost does not exceed the CHPI funding allocation and the City and County's budgeted contribution to the program. (See Appendix I).

Financial Implications

The increase in the per diem is 100% funded from the additional CHPI funding so there is no financial impact to the approved 2018 County budget contribution to the Housing with Supports program.

Recommendation

That Essex County Council increase the per diem rate for Housing with Supports contracted service providers, in keeping with the increase approved by the City of Windsor by Resolution CR235/2018, such that the increase in cost does not exceed the CHPI funding allocation and the County's budgeted contribution to the program.

Respectfully Submitted

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Appendix II	City of Windsor Council Report S 47/2018