

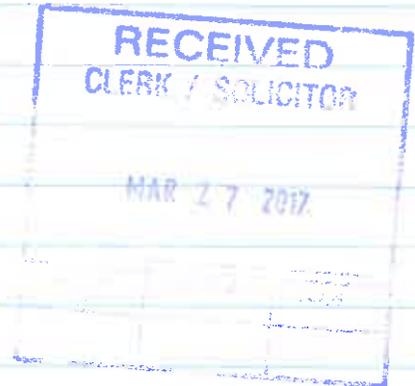
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March 26, 2017

ATTENTION: CITY CLERK

I purpose that 3 hour meters be put on High Street West in the 100 block. There are 2 hour meters there now and it doesn't give you enough time to curl a game and get to your car in 2 hours. Not enough parking in Mosaic parking lot for all the curlers to park in unpaid spots. Three hour meters on this block would not create problems for businesses especially when it is a low customer based area. If you get a parking ticket every game it doubles the cost of curling.

I feel this ticket is unfair and I would like it to be cancelled. The number of the ticket is 3122982.

Thanks for your time,

Pat Morrison

CITY OF MOOSE JAW

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

TO: Executive Committee **DATE OF MEETING:** April 3, 2017
FROM: City Clerk/Solicitor's Department **FILE:** 203-1
SUBJECT: Email dated March 24, 2017 from Ms. Lori Lancaster, Executive Director of the Moose Jaw Transition House
Re: Request to Address Executive Committee – Request for Social Housing Funds

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS:

The City Clerk/Solicitor's Department received the attached email dated March 24, 2017 from Ms. Lori Lancaster, Executive Director of the Moose Jaw Transition House (The Moose Jaw Women's Transition Association Inc.) requesting permission to address members of the Executive Committee regarding a request for funding from the City's Social Housing Fund for a one-time grant of \$40,000.

By way of background information, in 1952, the City signed the first tri-party agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan and the Federal Government for 75 social housing units. The City's share was 10% on these original units. On subsequent agreements, the City's share was 5%. The province decided to sell 114 single family dwellings in Moose Jaw and replace these units that were built over 40 years ago with new multi-family units. There have been 91 multiple dwelling units constructed.

In early 2015, the City of Moose Jaw received a request from Saskatchewan Housing Corporation requesting the City of Moose Jaw to reinvest all the sales proceeds from the sale of the single family housing units that would be replaced by new multiple family dwelling unit buildings. The proposal was for a one-time capital grant with no ownership or partnership stake. Since there was no ownership or partnership offered, the request was denied and the sales proceeds continue to be deposited into a housing reserve fund that can be utilized for a future housing project.

The City has a balance of \$600,981.88 in the Housing Reserve. To date, the City has received sale proceeds on 45 of the 114 units.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Ms. Lori Lancaster, Executive Director of the Moose Jaw Transition House, be allowed to address members of the Executive Committee.
2. To be a decision of City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Wittke
Tracy Wittke
Assistant City Clerk
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Myron Gulka-Tiechko
Myron Gulka-Tiechko
City Clerk/Solicitor

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Matt Noble
CITY MANAGER

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Fraser Tolmie
MAYOR



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City of Moose Jaw Social Housing Fund

Funding Request

From: The Moose Jaw Women's Transition Association Inc.

The Moose Jaw Transition House is a registered non-profit organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. We are a 15 + 1 bed emergency safe shelter for women and their children who have been exposed to or are in danger of interpersonal violence. We also provide community outreach services, a children's program, a life skills program and a follow-up program.

The vision of the Transition House is "Providing safety for the present and empowerment for the future". Our mission statement is: Moose Jaw Transition House is committed to working toward ending the cycle of abuse and violence within the Moose Jaw and District community by providing emergency shelter, support, advocacy, education and referral to those in need.

At present, the Moose Jaw Transition House has just begun a Second Stage Housing program to run as a two year pilot program. Partnering with Moose Jaw Housing Authority, we have set up two single family units that will be furnished and supplied with the basic household necessities such as linens, dishes, pots and pans etc. Selected clients in crisis with high needs would be able to move from the emergency shelter to one of these units for a period of between 6 months and a year. They would participate in a number of programs to develop the financial literacy, tenancy and life skills needed to help them successfully build an independent life free of violence for themselves and their families. This program would only be available for women who have children living with them.

Clientele coming into the shelter sometimes have very complex needs. Maximum length of stay for a woman with children at the shelter is 6 weeks. Sometimes, this period of time is not sufficient for the client to successfully transition into independence, even with the assistance of the Follow-Up program. There also may be other barriers, such as unpaid bills, that make the client unable to find suitable housing.

Desired Outcomes:

Empower clients to provide a safe, independent future for themselves and their children.

Direct:

- Time for families to recover from trauma of the violent environment.



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- More focused support for families to rebuild a stronger foundation for the family.
- A great number of clients have had their abilities to learn and use life skills restricted. Clients will learn basic life skills (financial, household, etc) leading to improved tenancy skills.
- The opportunity to build a strong tenancy and financial record with rent and bills paid on time, unit kept clean and yard maintained.
- Some clients are unable to get housing as they have unpaid bills. This may be due to financial abuse from their partners or to poor financial literacy. We will work with the clients to establish a repayment plan that will allow them to clear their credit record sufficiently to rent independently.

Indirect:

- Improved family safety.
- Enhanced support systems.
- Reduced risk of future homelessness.
- Promote community involvement.
- Offer opportunities for a better future for themselves and their children.
- Empower clients and families to provide a safe environment.
- Encourage more appropriate use of other agencies (social services, schools, physical and mental health services, etc).
- Reduced risk of sexual assault and exploitation for clients and children.
- Reduced returns to abusive partners.

The Moose Jaw Transition House has entered into a partnership with Moose Jaw Housing Authority and Saskatchewan Housing. MJHA has designated two of their three bedroom single family units in a location of the Transition House's choosing for this program and will act in the capacity of building manager. The MJTH will select the clients, furnish the suites and provide all supervision and programming.

Depending upon length of stay and active participation in programming, clients may be able to take the furnishings and household items with them when they leave. This reduces costs for the clients as they are moving to independence, allowing them better financial stability. As a preventative measure to the bedbug issue, clients will take their beds and bedding with them when they leave.



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Second Stage Housing is not funded by the Ministry of Justice. Clients will pay rent based on Moose Jaw Housing Authority rates. Utilities have been put into the name of Moose Jaw Transition House on equalized payments. Clients will pay the utility costs to the Transition House and the rent to Moose Jaw Housing Authority. MJTH will cover all other costs through a combination of donations, grants and fund-raising.

The Moose Jaw Women's Transition Association Inc. is asking the City of Moose Jaw's Social Housing Fund for a one-time start-up grant of \$40,000. We would add this to our seed money to establish the program and seek out grants and do fund-raising activities to complete the pilot project and, if feasible, sustain this program beyond the pilot period. An estimated budget for the two year pilot program is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,

Lori Lancaster

Lori Lancaster

Executive Director

Budget for Second Stage Housing

Two Year Pilot Project

Two Suites – 6 month to 1 year residency

Salaries:

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| 1. Supervision - $\$30 \times 5 \text{ hr/week} \times 52 \times 2 =$ | 15,600 |
| 2. Program - $\$20 \times 10 \text{ hr/week} \times 52 \times 2 =$ | 20,800 |

Programs:

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| 1. Supplies - $\$1,000 \times 2 =$ | 2,000 |
| 2. Childcare - $\$2,500 \times 2 =$ | 5,000 |
| 3. Performance incentives - | 5,000 |

Furnishings:

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| 1. Dishes and linens - $\$1,000 \times 8 \text{ clients}$ | 8,000 |
| 2. Furniture - $\$4,000 \times 8 \text{ clients}$ | 32,000 |
| 3. Washer/dryer – (remain in suites) $\times \$1,500 \times 2 =$ | <u>3,000</u> |

TOTAL COST: 91,400