



# INFORMATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	August 10, 2015
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Tripartite Agreement re: Poverty Reduction (CM15015) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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## **Council Direction:**

At the September 16, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting (COW 10-025) a presentation (Item 6.1) was given by Tom Cooper from Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction relating to its new strategic directions.

At its September 29, 2010 meeting, Council approved the following:

- (a) That staff and Council investigate and negotiate a tripartite pilot agreement on poverty reduction between the City of Hamilton, the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government and other appropriate logical partners, and report back to the Committee of the Whole; and
- (b) That the tripartite agreement include programming, governance, funding parameters, commitments and time-lines.

## **Information:**

Two well-known tripartite agreements have been signed in the past between the Federal Government, a provincial government and a municipality. The agreements were signed in the mid-1990s and early 2000s. Those agreements were the *Vancouver Agreement* which was signed in March 2000 for a 5-year term and the *Winnipeg Development Agreement* first signed in 1995.

The Winnipeg Development Agreement was an agreement between the three levels of government first signed in 1995 to provide funds and co-ordination to revitalize Winnipeg's central neighbourhoods.

A renewed agreement was signed by all governments in 2004, which was in effect till 2010. The agreement was not renewed.

In March 2000 the *Vancouver Agreement* was signed between the Federal Government, British Columbia and the City of Vancouver. The primary aim of the agreement was to co-ordinate efforts among governments, community groups and businesses to revitalize Vancouver – in particular the City's downtown eastside.

The initial 5 year agreement was signed in March 2000 and renewed in 2005 for another 5 years. The agreement expired in March 2010 and was not renewed.

The Federal Government at this time has not entertained signing new agreements (or renewing those previous agreements). Generally speaking, funding from the Federal Government has come through national agreements with provinces and territories, through unilateral announcements of funds such as the Building Canada Fund and the creation of the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev).

In light of the reluctance to entertain formal agreements, staff will continue to dialogue with both senior levels of government in an effort to enhance relationships and develop individual agreements with both the federal and provincial governments that align to local and government priorities.

Staff, in partnership with the Mayor and Members of Council will also continue to meet with members of both the provincial and federal governments to move the agenda of housing and poverty forward as these are two of our government relations priorities.