

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Report

25th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
October 10, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor J. Morgan (Chair), Councillors H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier

ABSENT: A. Hopkins

ALSO PRESENT: A. Barbon, D. Bordin, G. Clark, S. Corman, N. de Witt, K. Dickins, S. Mathers, K. Murray, J. Paradis, K. Shahata, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, E. Skalski, C. Smith, J. Taylor, S. Thompson, J. Yanchula

Remote Attendance: E. Bennett, B. Card

The meeting is called to order at 4:00 PM; it being noted that Councillors S. Hillier, E. Pelozza and P. Van Meerbergen were in remote attendance.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor S. Franke discloses a pecuniary interest in Item 4.2, having to do with appointments to the London Transit Commission by indicating that her brother is an applicant.

2. Consent

Moved by: C. Rahman
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That Consent Items 2.1 to 2.3 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): A. Hopkins

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

2.1 City of London Strategic Financial Framework

Moved by: C. Rahman
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, the following action be taken:

a) the City of London Strategic Financial Framework, as appended to the staff report dated October 10, 2023 as "Appendix A", BE APPROVED; and

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to make the Strategic Financial Framework available on the City's website.

Motion Passed

2.2 Core Area Ambassador Pilot Program Review

Moved by: C. Rahman
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the following actions be taken with respect to a proposed strategy for the Core Area in alignment with the 2023-2027 City of London Strategic Plan:

- a) the staff report dated October 10, 2023, entitled “Core Area Ambassador Pilot Program Review” BE RECEIVED; and
- b) the Core Area Ambassador Pilot Program BE CONCLUDED at the end of 2023.

Motion Passed

2.3 6th Report of the Governance Working Group

Moved by: C. Rahman
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 6th Report of the Governance Working Group from its meeting held on September 25, 2023:

- a) the following actions be taken with respect to the draft Electronic Meeting Participation Policy:
 - i) the above-noted draft policy, as appended to the Governance Working Group agenda, BE APPROVED; and,
 - ii) the ~~attached~~ proposed by-law to enact the aforementioned policy BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on October 17, 2023;
- b) the following actions be taken with respect to the 2023 Governance Working Group Deferred Matters List:
 - i) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee revisions to the Selection Process Policy for Appointing Members to Committee, Civic Boards and Commissions and the Appointment of Council Members to Standing Committees of Council and Various Civic Boards and Commissions Policy to enact the following:
 - A) the requirement to fully complete the selections for appointments of Council Members to standing committees during the selection voting process; and,
 - B) the requirement for members to fully complete the submission form(s) for consideration of appointments to standing committees;
 - ii) the above-noted Deferred Matters List BE RECEIVED; and
 - c) clauses 1.1 and 5.1 BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 2023 Corporate Asset Management Plan

Moved by: S. Lehman
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, the following actions be taken with respect to 2023 Corporate Asset Management Plan:

- a) the report and the “2023 Corporate Asset Management Brochure” as appended to the staff report dated October 10, 2023 as Appendix “A” BE RECEIVED for information; and
- b) the “2023 Corporate Asset Management Plan”, as appended to the staff report dated as Appendix “B”, BE APPROVED;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a presentation with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozo, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): A. Hopkins

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.2 Consideration of Appointments to the London Transit Commission (Requires 2 Members)

Moved by: S. Stevenson
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the following BE APPOINTED to the London Transit Commission for the term ending November 14, 2026:

- Jacqueline Madden
- David Little

Yeas: (13): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, E. Pelozo, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): A. Hopkins, and S. Franke

Motion Passed (13 to 0)

Election

Consideration of Appointments to the London Transit Commission

Nuno Dias (0.00 %):None

Eric Franke (0.00 %):None

Tariq Khan (0.00 %):None

David Little (26.92 %):S. Hillier, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Lehman, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, D. Ferreira

Jacqueline Madden (50.00 %):J. Morgan, S. Lewis, S. Hillier, E. Pelozo, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Lehman, H. McAlister, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, D. Ferreira, C. Rahman

Angie Ryan (0.00 %):None

Mel Sheehan (11.54 %):E. Pelozo, H. McAlister, S. Trosow

Christine Wilton (11.54 %):J. Morgan, S. Lewis, C. Rahman

Liza Worsfold (0.00 %):None

Conflict (0): None

Majority Winner: Jacqueline Madden; David Little

4.3 Lobbyist Registrar - Councillors D. Ferreira and S. Franke

Moved by: D. Ferreira

Seconded by: S. Franke

Motion failed.

Original motion read as follows:

That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to conduct a review and present a report on the feasibility, purpose, and associated expenses of implementing a mandatory municipal lobbyist registry. The review should encompass the establishment of a publicly accessible electronic portal for tracking lobbying activities within the municipality, the appointment of a registrar responsible for overseeing the registry, registration rules, potential exemptions, penalties, fines, enforcement mechanisms, and general provisions related to lobbying regulations;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated October 10, 2023 from Councillors D. Ferreira and S. Franke with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (5): H. McAlister, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (9): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): A. Hopkins

Motion Failed (5 to 9)

4.4 Establishing Homes Ontario - T. Kernaghan, MPP

That the following actions be taken with respect to correspondence from T. Kernaghan:

a) the correspondence from T. Kernaghan, Member of Provincial Parliament, London North Centre dated October 1, 2023 and entitled "Establishing Homes Ontario" BE RECEIVED;

b) the Government of Ontario BE ADVISED that the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London supports the house debate of the following motion "that, in the opinion of this House, the Government of Ontario should establish and fund a new public agency called Homes Ontario to finance and build 250,000 new affordable and non-market homes on public land over ten years, to be operated and/or constructed by public, non-profit or co-op housing providers"; and

c) that this matter also BE REFERRED to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for consideration.

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the correspondence from T. Kernaghan, MPP dated October 1, 2023 entitled "Establishing Homes Ontario" BE RECEIVED.

Moved by: S. Trosow
Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the motion BE AMENDED to include parts b) and c) as follows:

b) that the Government of Ontario BE ADVISED that the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London supports the house debate of the following motion: "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of Ontario should establish and fund a new public agency called Homes Ontario to finance and build 250,000 new affordable and non-market homes on public land over ten years, to be operated and/or constructed by public, non-profit or co-op housing providers"; and

c) that this matter also BE REFERRED to AMO for consideration.

Yeas: (7): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (6): P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): A. Hopkins, and E. Pelozo

Motion Passed (7 to 6)

Moved by: D. Ferreira
Seconded by: S. Trosow

Part a), as amended, BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (13): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): A. Hopkins, and E. Pelozo

Motion Passed (13 to 0)

Moved by: D. Ferreira
Seconded by: S. Trosow

Part b), as amended, BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (7): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (6): P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): A. Hopkins, and E. Pelozo

Motion Passed (7 to 6)

Moved by: D. Ferreira
Seconded by: S. Trosow

Part c), as amended, BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (8): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (5): P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): A. Hopkins, and E. Pelozo

Motion Passed (8 to 5)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Confidential

None.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Franke

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.