

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Report

2nd Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
December 12, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, S. Corman, K. Dickins, P. Ladouceur, S. Mathers, J. McGonigle, K. Murray, J. Paradis, C. Parsons, T. Pollitt, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, E. Skalski, N. Steinberg, L. Stewart, J. Taylor, B. Warner.

Remote Attendance: E. Bennett, C. Cooper, E. Hunt, V. Morgado, S. Tatavarti.

The meeting is called to order at 4:03 PM; it being noted that Councillor S. Hillier was in remote attendance.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

Moved by: H. McAlister

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That Consent Items 2.2, 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (15): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That, notwithstanding the Council Procedure By-law, a change in order of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Agenda BE APPROVED, to provide for Items 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 in Stage 2, Consent, to be considered before Stage 3, Schedule Items.

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

Nays: (2): S. Lewis, and P. Cuddy

Motion Passed (13 to 2)

2.2 2023 Resident Satisfaction Survey

Moved by: H. McAlister

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That on the recommendation of the City Manager, the report dated December 12, 2023, including the 2023 Resident Satisfaction Survey, BE RECEIVED for information.

2.3 December Progress Update - Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response

Moved by: H. McAlister
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, the December Progress Update – Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response Report BE RECEIVED for information.

2.7 8th Report of the Governance Working Group

Moved by: H. McAlister
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 8th Report of the Governance Working Group from its meeting held on November 27, 2023:

- a) the following actions be taken with respect to the "Council Members' Expense Policy":
 - i) the City Clerk's Office BE DIRECTED to bring forward a by-law to be introduced at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on December 19, 2023 to amend By-law No. CPOL.-228-480, as amended, being "Council Members' Expense Account" to update various provisions of the policy as indicated in the staff report dated November 27, 2023;
 - ii) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back on funding travel-related expenses for the annual general conference of Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for Members outside the annual expense account allotment; and
 - iii) the revised "Council Members' Expense Policy" BE REFERRED to the next meeting of Governance Working Group for consideration of community engagement expenses;
- b) on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the following actions be taken with respect to the Governance Working Group Meeting Schedule:
 - i) the report dated November 27, 2023, entitled "Governance Working Group 2024 Meeting Schedule", BE RECEIVED for information;
 - ii) the following dates BE ESTABLISHED as meeting dates for Governance Working Group (GWG):
Monday, January 22, 2024;
Monday, March 25, 2024;
Monday, May 13, 2024;
Monday, June 24, 2024;
Monday, September 23, 2024; and
Monday, November 25, 2024;
it being noted that the meeting times will be at 10:00 AM;
- c) clauses 1.1 and 4.1 BE RECEIVED.

2.8 11th Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee

Moved by: H. McAlister

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the 11th Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee, from the meeting held on November 30, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

2.4 London Economic Development Corporation Purchase of Services Agreement 2024-2027

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, in accordance with the City of London Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, Section 14.4 Single Source, the following actions be taken:

a) the proposed by-law as appended to the staff report dated December 12, 2023 as Appendix "A", BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on December 19, 2023;

b) a Purchase of Services Agreement between The Corporation of the City of London (Corporation) and the London Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) BE APPROVED;

c) the Mayor and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute the Agreement;

d) the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, and their written designates, if any, BE AUTHORIZED the power to administer the Agreement; and

e) a one-time allocation of \$300,000 BE AUTHORIZED and BE APPROVED from the Economic Development Reserve Fund to LEDC for 2024 for services to implement London's Film Strategy, as set out in section 3(g) of the Agreement as appended to the staff report, noting that additional funding beyond 2024 is subject to the City of London annual budget approval and subject to the prior written annual request of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development as directed by Council.

Yeas: (15): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

Moved by: J. Pribil

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That, with respect to the London Economic Development Corporation Purchase of Services Agreement 2024-2027, the following actions be taken:

c) the 2024-2027 Purchase of Services Agreement BE REFERRED to Civic Administration to negotiate the following changes:

i) all references to Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development BE AMENDED to City Manager or designate within the Purchase of Services Agreement;

ii) all references to "as required" joint meetings BE AMENDED to "quarterly" joint meetings in section 4 of the Purchase of Services Agreement;

iii) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to establish targets and goals

for each metric and explore additional beneficial metrics to be added as appropriate;

Yeas: (1): J. Pribil

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

Motion Failed (1 to 14)

Moved by: J. Pribil

Seconded by: S. Trosow

That pursuant to section 31.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, Councillor Pribil BE PERMITTED to speak an additional 1 minute with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (12): J. Morgan, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (3): H. McAlister, S. Lewis, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (12 to 3)

2.5 Small Business Centre 2024-2027 Grant Agreement

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the following actions be taken:

a) the proposed by-law as appended to the staff report dated December 12, 2023 as Appendix "A", BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on December 19, 2023;

b) a Grant Agreement with the London Community Small Business Centre from 2024 to 2027 BE APPROVED;

c) the Mayor and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute the Agreement; and

d) the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, or written designate BE AUTHORIZED to act as the City Representative purposes of the Agreement.

Yeas: (15): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

2.6 TechAlliance 2024-2027 Grant Agreement

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the following actions be taken:

- a) the proposed by-law as appended to the staff report dated December 12, 2023 as Appendix "A", BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on December 19, 2023;
- b) a Grant Agreement with the TechAlliance of Southwestern Ontario from 2024 to 2027 BE APPROVED;
- c) the Mayor and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign the Agreement; and
- d) the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, or written designate BE AUTHORIZED to act as the City Representative purposes of the Agreement.

Yeas: (15): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

Moved by: D. Ferreira
 Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the Committee recess at this time.

Motion Passed

The Committee recesses at 5:22 PM and reconvenes at 6:31 PM.

2.1 2023-2027 Implementation Plan

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

That on the recommendation of the City Manager, the report dated December 12, 2023, including the 2023-2027 Implementation Plan, BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (15): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

MOTION WITHDRAWN:

Moved by: J. Pribil
 Seconded by: S. Stevenson

Motion to BE AMENDED to add the following:

That Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to complete annual specific implementation plan by end of February for the upcoming fiscal year covering the period from April 1 to March 31.

Pursuant to section 33.4 of the Council Procedure By-law and at the joint request of the mover and seconder, with the permission of the standing committee, the motion is withdrawn.

3. Scheduled Items

3.1 Not to be heard before 4:00 PM - Release of the Draft 2024 - 2027 Multi-Year Budget

Moved by: E. Pelosa
Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Draft 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget, including the Tax-Supported Operating, Capital, Water and Wastewater Treatment Budgets:

- a) the Draft Budget documents BE REFERRED to the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget process; and
- b) the overview presentation by the Deputy City Manager, Finance and Supports with respect to the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget process BE RECEIVED;

it being noted that the following document was provided to the Members, and is available on the City website: Draft Property Tax Supported, Water and Wastewater & Treatment 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budgets.

Yeas: (15): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelosa, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Deputy Mayor S. Lewis and Councillor S. Franke - Submission Regarding Progress Update - Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: S. Franke

That with respect to the matter of Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response the following actions be taken:

- a) pursuant to section 35.2 of the Council Procedure By-law, the March 7, 2023 Council decision directing Civic Administration to report back monthly to future standing committees on Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response progress updates BE RECONSIDERED; and
- b) pursuant to section 35.7 of the Council Procedure By-law should reconsideration pass, that Council consider the following alternate recommendation:

the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to adjust the frequency of the overall comprehensive "Progress Update - Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response" to quarterly; it being noted that Council, via the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, will continue to receive reports on matters for it's decision-making related to the Whole of Community System Response as necessary;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated December 8, 2023 from B. Brock with respect to this matter.

ADDITIONAL VOTES

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: S. Franke

That with respect to the matter of Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response the following actions be taken:

a) pursuant to section 35.2 of the Council Procedure By-law, the March 7, 2023 Council decision directing Civic Administration to report back monthly to future standing committees on Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response progress updates BE RECONSIDERED

Yeas: (11): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Nays: (4): S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, and C. Rahman

Motion Passed (11 to 4)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Franke

b) pursuant to section 35.7 of the Council Procedure By-law that Council consider the following alternate recommendation:

the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to adjust the frequency of the overall comprehensive "Progress Update - Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response" to twice annually; it being noted that Council, via the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, will continue to receive reports on matters for it's decision-making related to the Whole of Community System Response as necessary;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated December 8, 2023 from B. Brock with respect to this matter.

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: H. McAlister

That the motion BE AMENDED to reflect the frequency of the overall comprehensive "Progress Update - Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response" from "twice annually" to "quarterly".

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

Nays: (2): S. Stevenson, and E. Pelozza

Motion Passed (13 to 2)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Franke

b) pursuant to section 35.7 of the Council Procedure By-law should reconsideration pass, that Council consider the following alternate recommendation:

That Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to adjust the frequency of the overall comprehensive "Progress Update - Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response" to quarterly; it being noted that Council, via the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, will continue to receive reports on matters for it's decision-making related to the Whole of Community System Response as necessary;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated December 8, 2023 from B. Brock with respect to this matter.

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

Nays: (1): S. Stevenson

Motion Passed (14 to 1)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Confidential (Enclosed for Members only.)

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the Committee recess at this time.

Motion Passed

The Committee recesses at 9:52 PM and reconvenes at 10:00 PM.

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convenes In Closed Session to consider the following:

6.1 Land Acquisition/Disposition / Solicitor-Client Privileged Advice / Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be Applied to Any Negotiations

A matter pertaining to the proposed acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality, including communications necessary for that purpose; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; commercial and financial information, that belongs to the municipality and has monetary value or potential monetary value and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

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

Absent: (1): P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convenes In Closed Session from 10:01 PM to 10:45 PM.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 PM.