

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

3rd Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
January 16, 2024

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

ABSENT: S. Lehman

ALSO PRESENT: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, S. Corman, J. Dann, K. Dickins, D. MacRae, S. Mathers, K. Murray, J. Paradis, T. Pollitt, E. Skalski, C. Smith, J. Stanford, J. Taylor

Remote Attendance: E. Bennett, A. Dunbar, E. Hunt, M. Schulthess

The meeting is called to order at 1:02 PM; it being noted that Councillors 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: A. Hopkins
Seconded by: S. Franke

That Consent items 2.2 to 2.3 BE APPROVED.

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

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

2.2 2023 Climate Emergency Action Plan Update Report

Moved by: A. Hopkins
Seconded by: S. Franke

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment & Infrastructure, the report regarding the 2023 Climate Emergency Action Plan Update BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

2.3 1st Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee

Moved by: A. Hopkins
Seconded by: S. Franke

That the 1st Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee from its meeting held on December 13, 2023 BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

2.1 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Public Transit Stream Funding Reallocation

Moved by: D. Ferreira

Seconded by: H. McAlister

That on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure and the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, the following actions be taken regarding recent changes to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Public Transit Stream (PTS) as communicated by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO):

a) the MTO BE REQUESTED to remove Project ICIP-LON-08, Oxford Street / Wharncliffe Road Intersection Improvements from the current program and reallocate the decommitted funding to ICIP-LON-06, the Wellington Gateway project;

b) the financial impacts associated with recommendation a) above (as summarized in Appendix "A" as appended to the staff report) BE RECEIVED for information, noting that these impacts are subject to approval of this request by MTO; and

c) subject to approval by the MTO, the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to take all actions necessary to implement the capital budget changes outlined in this report;

it being noted that the Mobility Master Plan (MMP) is considering corridor improvements in the area of Oxford Street and Wharncliffe Road and this funding reallocation will support improved infrastructure project integration.

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

Nays: (1): P. Van Meerbergen

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Passed (13 to 1)

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 RBC Place London Board By-law Recommendations

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward to a future meeting of Municipal Council a by-law to incorporate the changes to the London Convention Centre Corporation By-law as requested in the communication dated December 18, 2023 from L. Da Silva, CEO, RBC Place London, provided the changes are permissible under the *City of London Act, 1992* and the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

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

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.2 London & Middlesex Community Housing

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: H. McAlister

That the following actions be taken with respect to the London and Middlesex Community Housing:

a) the communications dated December 4, 2023 from P. Chisholm BE RECEIVED;

b) the resignation of Shellie Chowns from London and Middlesex Community Housing Board of Directors BE ACCEPTED; and

c) the term for Kathleen Savoy, Board of Director Tenant BE EXTENDED from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2026;

it being noted that the usual manner to solicit applications for appointment for the position to London and Middlesex Community Housing Board of Directors has commenced, with applications to be brought forward to a future meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee for consideration.

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

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.3 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Draft Base Budget Amendments

Moved by: D. Ferreira

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That, with respect to the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Draft Base Budget Amendments, the following actions be taken:

a) on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, the report dated January 16, 2024 BE RECEIVED for information and the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Draft Base Budget Amendments related to Tourism London (as appended to the staff report dated January 16, 2024 as Appendix "A") and Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (as appended to the staff report dated January 16, 2024 as Appendix "B" and "C") BE REFERRED to the Budget Committee deliberations on the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget;

b) on the recommendation of the Chief of Police and Chair of the London Police Services Board, the Base Budget Adjustment form and revised Business Cases P-28, P-L8, P-57 and P-29 BE REFERRED to the Budget Committee deliberations on the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget; and

c) on the recommendation of the CEO/General Manager of the Covent Garden Market, the revised Business Case P-66 BE REFERRED to the Budget Committee deliberations on the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated January 15, 2024 from AM Valastro with respect to the Police 2024-2027 multi-year budget.

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

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.4 Mayor J. Morgan - Deputy Mayor and Budget Chair Positions

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That, with respect to the Deputy Mayor and Budget Chair positions, the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake the necessary actions to implement the following:

- a) a pay increase of 12.5% to the annual base Councillor salary for the Deputy Mayor position effective January 2024;
- b) a pay increase of 12.5% to the annual base Councillor salary for the position of Budget Chair effective January 2024; and,
- c) the Governance Working Group BE DIRECTED to review this as part of its larger review of Remuneration for Elected Officials and Appointed Citizen Members Policy on its Deferred Matters list, and provide any recommendations on further changes to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee in order to allow for implementation in the 2026-2030 term of Council;

it being noted that the communication dated January 8, 2024 from Mayor J. Morgan, with respect to this matter, was received.

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

Moved by: H. McAlister

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

Motion to amend part b) to read as follows:

- b) a pay increase of 12.5% to the annual base Councillor salary for the position of Budget Chair effective January 2024; and,

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

Nays: (3): J. Pribil, S. Trosow, and C. Rahman

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Passed (11 to 3)

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That item 4.4 be approved, as amended:

That, with respect to the Deputy Mayor and Budget Chair positions, the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake the necessary actions to implement the following:

- a) a pay increase of 12.5% to the annual base Councillor salary for the Deputy Mayor position effective January 2024;
- b) a pay increase of 12.5% to the annual base Councillor salary for the position of Budget Chair effective January 2024; and,
- c) the Governance Working Group BE DIRECTED to review this as part of its larger review of Remuneration for Elected Officials and Appointed Citizen Members Policy on its Deferred Matters list, and provide any recommendations on further changes to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee in order to allow for implementation in the 2026-2030 term of Council;

it being noted that the communication dated January 8, 2024 from Mayor J. Morgan, with respect to this matter, was received.

Moved by: S. Franke
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That the motion BE REFERRED to a future meeting of the Governance Working Group.

Yeas: (6): J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (8): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, P. Van Meerbergen, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Failed (6 to 8)

Moved by: J. Morgan
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That part a) be approved as follows:

- a) a pay increase of 12.5% to the annual base Councillor salary for the Deputy Mayor position effective January 2024;

Yeas: (9): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Nays: (5): J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Passed (9 to 5)

Moved by: J. Morgan
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That part b) be approved as follows:

- b) a pay increase of 12.5% to the annual base Councillor salary for the position of Budget Chair effective January 2024; and,

Yeas: (9): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Nays: (5): J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Passed (9 to 5)

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That part c) be approved as follows:

c) the Governance Working Group BE DIRECTED to review this as part of its larger review of Remuneration for Elected Officials and Appointed Citizen Members Policy on its Deferred Matters list, and provide any recommendations on further changes to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee in order to allow for implementation in the 2026-2030 term of Council;

it being noted that the communication dated January 8, 2024 from Mayor J. Morgan, with respect to this matter, was received.

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

Absent: (1): S. Lehman

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Confidential

None.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.