

Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group

Report

2nd Meeting of the Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group
July 15, 2024

PRESENT: Councillors E. Pelozo (Chair), S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, C. Rahman

ABSENT: S. Stevenson, S. Lehman

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor S. Trosow; M. Butlin, E. Hunt

Remote Attendance: Councillor S. Franke; A. Barbon, K. Murray, K. Pawelec, K. Scherr, C. Smith

The meeting is called to order at 9:03 AM.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

None.

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Annual Work Plan

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: J. Pribil

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group's Annual Work Plan, as amended:

a) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back in Q1 of 2025 on the potential to eliminate snow plowing of sidewalks on residential class streets by passing a by-law requiring property owners to clear the sidewalk along their property;

b) the draft Annual Work Plan as amended BE RECEIVED;

it being noted that the Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group received a communication dated July 12, 2024 from J. Kearon, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit with respect to the proposal for alcohol sales in Municipal facilities.

Motion Passed

4.2 Revenue Generating Ideas - Councillor S. Franke

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the following actions be taken with respect to the submission regarding revenue generating ideas from Councillor S. Franke:

a) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to forward the communication with respect to Local District Energy Systems for new subdivisions and the

downtown core utilizing sewer heat exchange and renewable technologies as primary energy sources to London Hydro for their review and feedback, with a request to report back to the Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group in Q4 of 2024; and

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to investigate cost-saving opportunities in our tree sourcing, specifically looking at the financial cost and benefit of owning and operating or subcontracting a tree nursery and report back to the Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group on the potential return on investment and long-term benefits in Q4 of 2025;

it being noted that the Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group received a communication date July 7, 2024 from Councillor S. Franke with respect to this matter;

it being further noted that the Civic Administration advised the working group of a planned review of tree sourcing in 2025.

Motion Passed

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: E. Peloza

That the motion BE AMENDED to add the following new part b):

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to investigate cost-saving opportunities in our tree sourcing, specifically looking at the financial cost and benefit of owning and operating or subcontracting a tree nursery and report back to the Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group on the potential return on investment and long-term benefits in Q4 of 2025;

Motion Passed

4.3 Discussion - Next Meeting Date

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That it BE NOTED that the next Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group meeting will be held on September 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

Motion Passed

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Confidential

None.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM.