

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

11th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
June 9, 2020

PRESENT: Mayor E. Holder (Chair), Councillors M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier

ALSO PRESENT: C. Saunders, M. Schulthess, S. Spring, B. Westlake-Power
The following were in remote attendance: L. Livingstone, A.L. Barbon, B. Card, C. Cooper, K. Dickins, O. Katolyk, C. Smith, S. Stafford, P. Yeoman
The meeting is called to order at 4:01 PM; it being noted that the following were in remote attendance: M. van Holst, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor S. Turner discloses a pecuniary interest in Item 5.2 b), having to do with London Boards - Black Lives Matter Rally, specifically as it relates to the Middlesex London Health Unit (MLHU), by indicating that the MLHU is his employer.

Councillor J. Morgan discloses a pecuniary interest in Item 4.1, having to do with an appointment to the London Library Board, by indicating that one of the applicants is a Board Member of his employer, Western University.

2. Consent

None.

3. Scheduled Items

3.1 Housing Development Corporation, London - 2019 Annual Meeting of the Shareholder Annual Resolutions

Moved by: S. Turner

Seconded by: J. Morgan

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Housing Development Corporation, London:

a) the presentation by S. Giustizia, President and CEO, Housing Development Corporation, London BE RECEIVED;

b) the proposed by-law appended to the staff report dated June 9, 2020 as Appendix "A" entitled "A by-law to ratify and confirm the Annual Resolutions of the Shareholder of the Housing Development Corporation, London", BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on June 16, 2020 to:

i) ratify and confirm the Annual Resolution of the Shareholder of Housing Development Corporation, London; and,

ii) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Annual Resolution of the Shareholder of Housing Development Corporation, London;

c) the Housing Development Corporation, London - 2019 Annual

Shareholder Report BE RECEIVED; and

d) the financial statements of the Housing Development Corporation, London year ended December 31, 2019 BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

3.2 London & Middlesex Community Housing - 2019 Annual Meeting of the Shareholder Annual Resolutions

Moved by: P. Squire

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.:

a) the presentation from London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc. BE RECEIVED;

b) the proposed by-law appended to the staff report dated June 9, 2020 as Appendix "A" entitled "A by-law to ratify and confirm the Annual Resolutions of the Shareholder of London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.", BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on June 16, 2020 to:

i) ratify and confirm the Annual Resolution of the Shareholder of London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.; and

ii) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Annual Resolution of the Shareholder of London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.;

c) London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc. Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2019 BE RECEIVED; and

d) the financial statements of the London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc. year ended December 31, 2019 BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

3.3 2019 Annual Meeting of the Shareholder Annual Resolutions

Moved by: M. van Holst

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2019 Annual General Meeting of London Hydro Inc.;

a) the presentation by V. Sharma, CEO and G. Valente, Board Chair, London Hydro Inc., BE RECEIVED;

b) the proposed by-law appended to the staff report dated June 9, 2020 as Appendix "A" entitled "A by-law to ratify and confirm the Annual Resolutions of the Shareholder of London Hydro Inc." BE INTRODUCED

at the Municipal Council meeting to be held June 16, 2020 to:

i) ratify and confirm the Annual Resolution of the Shareholder of London Hydro Inc.; and,

ii) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Annual Resolution of the Shareholder of London Hydro Inc.; and,

c) the 2019 Report on Finance for London Hydro Inc., BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (14): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): A. Hopkins

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Consideration of Appointment to the London Public Library (Requires 1 Member)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Hillier

That the matter of the ballot appointment of a member to the London Public Library Board, BE REFERRED to a future meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, at such time when all the members are able to vote simultaneously.

Yeas: (12): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

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

Recuse: (1): J. Morgan

Motion Passed (12 to 2)

Additional votes:

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

The appointment process which would proceed with a 26 name slate for consideration of appointment to the London Public Library Board, BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (9): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, P. Squire, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Nays: (5): J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

Recuse: (1): J. Morgan

Motion Passed (9 to 5)

Moved by: M. van Holst

Shall the ruling of the Chair to proceed with consideration of a referral of the appointment process motion, BE SUSTAINED?

Yeas: (12): Mayor E. Holder, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Nays: (2): M. van Holst, and P. Van Meerbergen

Recuse: (1): J. Morgan

Motion Passed (12 to 2)

4.2 Resignation from the Argyle Business Improvement Association

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: S. Hillier

That the communication dated May 22, 2020 from R. Sidhu, Executive Director, Argyle BIA with respect to the resignation of Dale Irwin BE ACCEPTED.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

4.3 Resignation and Confirmation of Appointment to the Hyde Park Business Improvement Association

Moved by: J. Morgan
Seconded by: S. Hillier

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Hyde Park Business Improvement Association:

a) the resignation of Mandi Hurst dated May 21, 2020 from the Hyde Park Business Improvement Association BE ACCEPTED; and,

b) Jean Coles BE APPOINTED to the Hyde Park Business Improvement Association for the term ending November 15, 2022.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

4.4 Resignation from the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

Moved by: J. Helmer
Seconded by: M. van Holst

That the communication dated May 19, 2020 regarding the resignation of Kimble F. Ainslie from the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority BE ACCEPTED.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

5.1 Anti-Black, Anti-Indigenous, People of Colour Racism

Moved by: M. Salih
Seconded by: Mayor E. Holder

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London acknowledges that systemic anti-Black, anti-Indigenous and people of colour racism exists in London;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council unequivocally condemns racism in all of its forms:

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council acknowledges that the Corporation's workforce is not reflective of the population it services and that it will continue to work to ensure a reflective workforce;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council affirms the commitment to help eradicate anti-Black, anti-Indigenous and people of colour oppression:

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to

- a) report back to a future meeting of the appropriate Standing Committee with an update on the implementation of the Community Diversity & Inclusion Strategy, providing specific details with respect to the equity and inclusion lens of the Strategy and the next steps that will be taken to end racism in London;
- b) report back to the appropriate Standing Committee with respect to metrics that may be or are currently implemented to demonstrate progress with respect to hiring to reflect the diversity of the community; and
- c) report back to the appropriate Standing Committee with respect the establishment of a Black Liaison Officer position at the City of London, similar to the previously approved Indigenous Liaison Officer position, including input from the community and related financing, with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

5.2 London Boards - Black Lives Matter Rally

Moved by: J. Helmer

Seconded by: Mayor E. Holder

That the following actions be taken with respect to the City of London Boards:

- a) the London Police Services Board and all School Boards operating in London BE REQUESTED to respond to the issues raised by Londoners during the Black Lives Matter Rally held on June 6, 2020; and,
- b) the Middlesex-London Health Unit Board BE REQUESTED to respond to the issues raised by Londoners during the Black Lives Matter Rally held on June 6, 2020.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: J. Helmer

Seconded by: Mayor E. Holder

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Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

Moved by: J. Helmer
Seconded by: Mayor E. Holder

That the Middlesex-London Health Unit Board BE REQUESTED to respond to the issues raised by Londoners during the Black Lives Matter Rally held on June 6, 2020.

Yeas: (14): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier
Recuse: (1): S. Turner

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 7:31 PM.