

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

11th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
March 8, 2023

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

ABSENT: S. Trosow

ALSO PRESENT: A. Barbon, S. Corman, K. Dickins, P. Ladouceur, S. Mathers, R. Morris, K. Scherr, C. Smith, N. Steinberg, J. Taylor, B. Westlake-Power, R. Wilcox

Remote attendance: B. Card.

The meeting is called to order at 4:04 PM, it being noted that Councillors S. Franke, S. Hillier and P. Van Meerbergen were in remote attendance; it being further noted that Councillors S. Lewis and E. Pelozza were in remote attendance after 7:39 PM and 9:41 PM respectively.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

None.

3. Scheduled Items

3.1 Not to be heard before 4:05 PM - Public Participation Meeting - Council's Draft 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

That it BE NOTED that at the public participation meeting, the following individuals made submissions and oral presentations to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, with respect to Council's Draft 2023 - 2027 Strategic Plan:

- a communication dated February 20, 2023 from V. Lubrano III;
- a communication dated February 21, 2023 from M. Prado;
- a communication dated February 27, 2023 from A. McClenaghan, Owner, London Bicycle Cafe;
- a communication dated February 27, 2023 from S. Climans, Neurologist;
- a communication dated February 28, 2023 from M. Quinton;
- a communication dated March 1, 2023 from C. McInnis;
- a communication dated March 3, 2023 from B. Durham;
- a communication dated March 3, 2023 from R. Richards;
- a communication dated March 5, 2023 from C. Butler;
- a communication from B. Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Roots London;

- a communication dated March 6, from B. Samuels;
- a communication from T. Smale, Executive Director, London Heritage Council;
- a communication dated March 7, 2023 from L. Durham;
- a communication dated March 6, 2023 from R. Buchal, Member, Integrated Transportation Community Advisory Committee;

it being noted at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, the following individuals made oral submissions:

- A. Loewen;
- M. McCann;
- T. Smale, Executive Director, London Heritage Council;
- N. Danczak;
- J. Look, VP External Affairs Western University Student Council;
- M. Cassidy, Interim CEO, Pillar Nonprofit Network;
- P. Moore;
- E. Yi, Executive Director, London Arts Council;
- R. Singh, Western University Student Council;
- T. Rutan
- L. Patricio Project Co-Lead, Pillar Nonprofit Network;
- M. Viczko et al., Orchard Park Bike Bus;
- J. Ryan, Indwell Housing;
- L. Durham;
- J. Idsinga;
- V. Lubrano III;
- A. Lei, Western University Student Resident
- C. Butler;
- N. Judges;
- J. Wilcox;
- J. Spence;
- Resident
- B. Whitaker;
- C. O'Neill;
- B. Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Roots London;
- Resident;
- T. Smuck, Executive Director, Changing Ways;
- M. Baobaid, Muslim Resource Centre;
- B. Williamson;
- S. Climans, Neurologist;

- C. Niche et al., Girl Guides;
- T. Collins;
- L. Grushka;
- M. van Holst;
- J. Martino, Executive Director, Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre; and
- M. Wallace, Executive Director, London Development Institute (LDI).

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

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

Motion to open the public participation meeting.

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

Absent: (1): S. Trosow

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: P. Cuddy
 Seconded by: D. Ferreira

Motion to close the public participation meeting.

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

Absent: (3): S. Lewis, S. Trosow, and P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

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

That the Committee recess at this time.

Motion Passed

The Committee recesses at 6:34 PM and reconvenes at 7:08 PM.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 (ADDED) Developing Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan: Community Engagement Update

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

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the report dated March 8, 2023 entitled "Developing the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan: Community Engagement Update" BE RECEIVED for information.

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

Absent: (3): S. Lewis, S. Trosow, and P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

4.2 (ADDED) Council's Draft 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That, the following actions be taken with respect to developing the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan:

a) on the recommendation of the City Manager, the report dated March 8, 2023 entitled "Council's Draft 2023-2027 Strategic Plan" BE RECEIVED for information; and

b) that consideration of the remaining portions of the Draft Strategic Plan, BE REFERRED to the next meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee.

Yeas: (12): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Absent: (3): S. Trosow, P. Van Meerbergen, and E. Pelozza

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

At 7:47 PM, His Worship Mayor J. Morgan, places Councillor E. Pelozza in the Chair.

At 7:49 PM, His Worship Mayor J. Morgan resumes the Chair.

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: J. Morgan

That, the Vision Statement BE AMENDED in the Draft Strategic Plan to read:

"London is a sustainable city within a thriving region, committed to a vibrant culture, innovation and providing a safe, affordable, welcoming, and healthy future for today and for the next generation."

Yeas: (10): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Nays: (3): S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, and E. Pelozza

Absent: (2): S. Trosow, and P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (10 to 3)

Moved by: S. Stevenson

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the strategic area of focus "Reconciliation, Equity and Inclusion" be removed from the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, with the proposed Outcomes to be reassigned within the remaining strategic areas of focus.

Yeas: (4): P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, and S. Hillier

Nays: (9): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (2): S. Trosow, and P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Failed (4 to 9)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Lehman

That, the Strategic Area of Focus: Housing and Homelessness, Outcome 2, Expected Result 2.4 BE REMOVED and Draft Strategy BE AMENDED to add a new part d) "Implement a program of proactive rental property compliance blitzes to protect the health and safety of tenants" under Outcome 1, Expected Result 1.1.

Yeas: (8): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, and S. Hillier

Nays: (4): H. McAlister, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (3): S. Trosow, P. Van Meerbergen, and E. Pelozza

Motion Passed (8 to 4)

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, the Strategic Area of Focus: Wellbeing and Safety, Outcome 1, Expected Result 1.2, BE AMENDED to add a new part e) "Collaborate with volunteer-involved organizations to build on London's history of individual and corporate volunteerism".

Yeas: (7): H. McAlister, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (6): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): S. Trosow, and P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (7 to 6)

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the Committee recess at this time.

Motion Passed

The Committee recesses at 9:13 PM and resumes at 9:35 PM.

At 9:45 PM, His Worship Mayor J. Morgan, places Councillor A. Hopkins in the Chair.

At 9:48 PM, His Worship Mayor J. Morgan resumes the Chair.

Moved by: J. Pribil

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That, the Strategic Area of Focus: Economic Growth, Culture, and Prosperity, Outcome 1, Expected Result 1.1, BE AMENDED in part a) "Strengthen existing and introduce new partnerships and programs that support small and growing businesses, cultural and non-profit organizations, and entrepreneurs".

Yeas: (8): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, E. Pelosa, and S. Hillier

Nays: (5): S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, S. Lehman, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (2): S. Trosow, and P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (8 to 5)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 PM.