

12TH REPORT OF THE
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on August 26, 2013, commencing at 4:10 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor J.F. Fontana (Chair), Councillors B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, J.B. Swan, S. Orser, J.L. Baechler, N. Branscombe, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D.G. Henderson, P. Van Meerbergen, D.T. Brown, H.L. Usher and J.P. Bryant and L. Rowe (Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillor S.E. White.

ALSO PRESENT: A. Zuidema, J.P. Barber, G. Barrett, P. Christiaans, J.M. Fleming, P. Foto, G.T. Hopcroft, G. Kotsifas, S. Mathers, V. McAlea Major, H. McNeely, M. Ribera, C. Saunders, M. Turner, J. Yanchula and P. Yeoman.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. City Clerk - 2nd and 3rd Reports of the 2013 Council Compensation Review Task Force

Recommendation: That the 2nd and 3rd Reports of the 2013 Council Compensation Review Task Force, from its meetings held on July 26, 2013 and August 7, 2013 BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, S. Orser, J.L. Baechler, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (14)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

3. Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer - Strategic Change in Delivery of Development Charge Exemptions and Incentives Policies

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to Development Charge (DC) Exemptions Policy for the 2014 Development Charges Study:

- a) the following Development Charge exemptions outlined in the current Development Charges By-law BE MAINTAINED for the 2014 Development Charges By-law:
 - i) all mandatory statutory DC exemptions:
 - A. expansions of existing industrial buildings to the extent reflected in the Development Charges Act (generally up to 50%);
 - B. municipal and school board buildings; and,
 - C. construction of additional dwelling units, as prescribed in the DC Act regulations.
 - ii) a parking building or structure;
 - iii) a bona fide non-residential farm building;
 - iv) a structure that does not have municipal water and sanitary facilities and

that is intended for seasonal use only;

- v) a temporary garden suite installed in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, as amended; and,
- vi) an air supported structure or arch framed structure clad with fabric-type material, temporary in nature, the purpose of which is to provide indoor facilities for recreational and sports activities owned and operated by a non-profit organization for public use;

it being noted that the above exemptions maintain existing City policy, and are for uses that have no perceptible impact on growth infrastructure requirements;

- b) the City Planner BE DIRECTED to prepare or amend Community Improvement Plans (CIPs), listed in order of priority, for the following forms and areas of development to provide the basis for providing grants to individuals for a portion of, or all of, development charges paid:
 - i) existing exemptions/grants/discounts to be provided for in CIPs effective on the effective date of the 2014 Development Charges By-law (no later than August 4, 2014):
 - A. residential units, Downtown Area, Old East Village Area, and SoHo Area;
 - B. new industrial buildings and expansions not exempt by statute, city-wide; and,
 - C. hospitals, universities, places of worship/cemeteries and not-for-profit organizations that are exempt from taxation by the Assessment Act, city-wide (currently 50% of CSRF rate exempted).
 - ii) new grant to be considered for adoption in a CIP following Council adoption of the 2014 Development Charges By-law:
 - A. small businesses/minor commercial expansion, city-wide;

it being noted that the staff report dated August 26, 2013 outlines the implementation plan for bringing forward these CIPs for Council consideration, including input opportunities from interested stakeholders;

it being further noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee heard the attached presentation from P. Christiaans, Director, Development Finance, with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, J.L. Baechler, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, B. Armstrong (13)
 NAYS: S. Orser (1)

4. Managing Director, Planning and City Planner - ReThink London Discussion Papers - What We've Heard

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner, the report dated August 26, 2013 with respect to public feedback regarding the ReThink London discussion papers BE RECEIVED; it being noted that the Corporate Services Committee heard the attached presentation from G. Barrett, Manager III, Land Use Planning Policy, with respect to this matter.

(Secretary's Note: The summary of "What We've Heard" is enclosed separately in Members' envelopes. A copy is also available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office and is electronically attached to the agenda on the City of London's website.)

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, J.L. Baechler, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (11)
 NAYS: S. Orser (1)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

None.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.