

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

20th Special Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
July 24, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, E. Bennett, K. Dickins, M. Feldberg, D. Kramers, P. Ladouceur, S. Mathers, H. McNeely, J. Paradis, J. Taylor, K. Scherr, C. Smith, B. Westlake-Power

Remote Attendance: B. Card, S. Corman, M. Schulthess

The meeting is called to order at 4:02 PM; it being noted that Councillors P. Van Meerbergen and S. Hillier were in remote attendance; it being further noted that Councillor E. Pelozo was in remote attendance at 8:13 PM.

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 London's Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response Proposed Hubs Implementation Plan

At 4:04 PM, His Worship Mayor J. Morgan places Councillor S. Lewis in the Chair and takes a seat at the Council board.

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in writing; it being noted that the impact of deferring loan repayments will require an additional contribution to the Community Improvement Program Reserve Fund of up to \$1.97 million subject to the number of requests for deferral, with funding to be sourced from the Operating Budget Contingency Reserve from funds set aside to offset the financial impacts of COVID-19;

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h) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to complete the following:

i) initiate a continuous public feedback loop as part of the Communications Plan on all aspects associated with the Hubs Implementation Plan and the overall System response, both now and into the future, while also ensuring that the Get Involved portal hosts the most up to date documents and has a continuous public input option; and,

ii) initiate and host a series of public engagement sessions regarding the Hubs Implementation Plan;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a presentation from the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, C. Lazenby, Unity Project and S. Warren, London Intercommunity Health Centre with respect to this matter;

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 - a communication from Mayor Morgan;
 - a verbal delegation from M. Wallace, London Development Institute;
- and,
- a verbal delegation from J. Herb.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the following delegations BE APPROVED to be heard at this time:

- M. Wallace, London Development Institute;
- J. Herb

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. Pelosa, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Nays: (1): S. Trosow

Motion Passed (14 to 1)

Moved by: J. Morgan
Seconded by: C. Rahman

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

That pursuant to section 9.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, Mayor J. Morgan BE PERMITTED to speak longer than 5 minutes with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen
Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That consideration of the matter of London's Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response BE REFERRED to a future special meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee which would include a public participation meeting.

Yeas: (4): P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Hillier

Nays: (11): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Motion Failed (4 to 11)

Moved by: D. Ferreira
Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee recess at this time.

Motion Passed

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee recesses at 7:20 PM and reconvenes at 7:46 PM.

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That part g) BE AMENDED to read as follows:

“g) the Mayor and the Budget Chair BE APPOINTED to represent the Municipal Council at the Strategy and Accountability table, for the Whole of Community System response, with the Deputy Mayor to serve as an alternate for either, if required; and”

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Motion Passed (15 to 0)

Moved by: J. Morgan
Seconded by: C. Rahman

Motion to approve part a):

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Nays: (4): P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (11 to 4)

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: C. Rahman

Motion to approve part b):

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake a competitive procurement process to select the Lead Agencies and their corresponding locations for the implementation of the first five Hubs and report back with the results and sources of financing for approval;

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

Nays: (3): P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, and P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (12 to 3)

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: C. Rahman

Motion to approve the balance of the motion, including the amended part g),

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

Nays: (1): S. Hillier

Motion Passed (14 to 1)

4.2 July Progress Update - Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, the following actions be taken:

- a) the July Progress Update – Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response Report BE RECEIVED for information;
- b) the Request for Proposal (RFP-2023-174) submitted by 2190876 Ontario Inc. - Sagecomm www.sagecomm.com 117 York St, London ON N6A 1A8, at the cost of \$125,000, plus H.S.T. BE ACCEPTED;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary in relation to this project; and,
- d) the approvals hereby given BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract or having a purchase order relating to the subject matter of this approval.

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

Nays: (1): S. Stevenson

Absent: (2): P. Van Meerbergen, and E. Pelozza

Motion Passed (12 to 1)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Confidential

None.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.