

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

21st Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
August 16, 2023

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

ABSENT: S. Stevenson, S. Hillier

ALSO PRESENT: A. Barbon, K. Dickins, H. McNeely, J. Paradis, K. Scherr, E. Skalski, C. Smith, J. Taylor, B. Westlake-Power

Remote Attendance: Councillor P. Van Meerbergen, E. Bennett, B. Card, C. Cooper, J. Ireland

The meeting is called to order at 4:00 PM.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

2.1 3rd Report of the Governance Working Group

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 3rd Report of the Governance Working Group from its meeting held on July 27, 2023:

a) the following actions be taken with respect to the draft Council Members' Expense Account Policy:

i) that section 4.2, part c), item vi BE AMENDED to read "advertising, in the manner deemed appropriate by the Member to extend greetings";

ii) that section 4.2, part c), item vii BE AMENDED to read "expenses related to ward matters, including such expenses as: neighbourhood or constituent meetings, notices, printing, and other engagement opportunities deemed appropriate by the Member;" and;

iii) the balance of the draft Council Member's Expense Account Policy BE REFERRED to the next meeting of Governance Working Group for further discussion;

it being noted that an update to the transportation allowance in 4.2c) ix A. will come forward at a future meeting of Governance Working Group (GWG) for consideration;

b) the Verbal Update on the Appointment of Deputy Mayor Policy from the City Clerk BE RECEIVED and that the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to bring forward a report on Strong Mayor legislation to a future meeting of Governance Working Group; and

c) clauses 1.1, 2.1, 4.1, 4.4 and 4.5 BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (13): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (2): S. Stevenson, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (13 to 0)

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 August Progress Update - Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response;

- a) the August Progress Update – Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response Report BE RECEIVED for information;
- b) a one-time Single Source contract agreement with Ark Aid Mission Services in the total estimated cost of \$130,000., to support continued services at 696 Dundas from 2:30pm-9:30pm daily from August 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, BE APPROVED;
- c) a one-time contract amendment agreement to Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) at a total estimated cost of \$70,000. to support the Coffee House drop-in program with additional evening hours per day from August 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, BE APPROVED;
- d) a one-time contract amendment of existing agreements to London Cares for the continuation of service provision in Encampment Service Depots for a six (6)-week extension from August 14, 2023, to September 30, 2023, the total estimated cost of \$52,000, BE APPROVED as follows:
 - i) for food total estimated cost \$42,000;
 - ii) for water total estimated cost \$5,000;
 - iii) for comfort stations total estimated cost \$5,000;
- e) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary in relation to this project;
- f) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation amending a Purchase of Service Agreement; and
- g) the Mayor and Government Relations staff BE DIRECTED to take the following actions:
 - i) undertake immediate advocacy efforts with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus, and the Government of Ontario to develop a united policy condemning the relocation of homeless individuals under false pretense or against their will;
 - ii) further work with those partners to undertake the processes to stop this practice, including the development of proper levels of funding by the senior levels of government for adequate homelessness and supportive housing services, and appropriate consequences for organizations or individuals found to be engaging in such activities;
 - iii) work with the province to develop a program by which those released from hospitals or detention centres are provided proper discharge planning that includes transportation back to their home communities; and

h) that the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to provide to the appropriate standing committee the existing data that is available with respect to this matter, including the reliability of the information.

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated August 8, 2023 from Deputy Mayor S. Lewis and Councillor E. Pelozza and a communication dated August 14, 2023 from F. Moore, President, M. Rioux, Vice-President and J. Thompson, Executive Director, LIFE*SPIN with respect to this matter.

Voting Record:

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: S. Franke

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, that the following Actions be taken;

- a) the August Progress Update – Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response Report BE RECEIVED for information;
- b) a one-time Single Source contract agreement with Ark Aid Mission Services in the total estimated cost of \$130,000., to support continued services at 696 Dundas from 2:30pm-9:30pm daily from August 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, BE APPROVED;
- c) a one-time contract amendment agreement to Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) at a total estimated cost of \$70,000. to support the Coffee House drop-in program with additional evening hours per day from August 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, BE APPROVED;
- d) a one-time contract amendment of existing agreements to London Cares for the continuation of service provision in Encampment Service Depots for a six (6)-week extension from August 14, 2023, to September 30, 2023, the total estimated cost of \$52,000, BE APPROVED as follows:
 - i) for food total estimated cost \$42,000;
 - ii) for water total estimated cost \$5,000;
 - iii) for comfort stations total estimated cost \$5,000;
- e) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary in relation to this project; and,
- f) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation amending a Purchase of Service Agreement;

Yeas: (13): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (2): S. Stevenson, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (13 to 0)

Moved by: S. Trosow

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That part b) of the recommendation BE AMENDED to read as follows:

"b) a one-time Single Source contract agreement with Ark Aid Mission Services in the total estimated cost of **\$260,000.**, to support continued services at 696 Dundas from 2:30pm-9:30pm daily from August 1, 2023, through **December 1, 2023**, BE APPROVED;"

Yeas: (3): S. Trosow, A. Hopkins, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (10): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, and E. Pelozza

Absent: (2): S. Stevenson, and S. Hillier

Motion Failed (3 to 10)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

That the Mayor and Government Relations staff BE DIRECTED to take the following actions:

a) undertake immediate advocacy efforts with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus, and the Government of Ontario to develop a united policy condemning the relocation of homeless individuals under false pretense or against their will;

b) to further work with those partners to undertake the development of processes to stop this practice, including but not limited to the withdrawal of public funding, charitable, or not for profit status of any organization found to be actively engaged in such activities and/or the suspension of professional accreditation of individuals found to be engaged in such activities; and

c) to work with the province to develop a program by which those released from hospitals or detention centres are provided proper discharge planning that includes transportation back to their home communities.

Moved by: S. Franke

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

That part b) BE AMENDED to read as follows:

"b) further work with those partners to undertake the processes to stop this practice, including the development of proper levels of funding by the senior levels of government for adequate homelessness and supportive housing services, and appropriate consequences for organizations or individuals found to be engaging in such activities;"

Yeas: (13): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (2): S. Stevenson, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (13 to 0)

Moved by: D. Ferreira

Seconded by: S. Trosow

That the motion BE AMENDED by adding the following new part d):

"d) that the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to provide to the appropriate standing committee the existing data that is available with respect to this matter, including the reliability of the information;"

Yeas: (12): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozo, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (3): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: E. Pelozo

That the motion, as amended, BE APPROVED, as follows:

That the Mayor and Government Relations staff BE DIRECTED to take the following actions:

a) undertake immediate advocacy efforts with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus, and the Government of Ontario to develop a united policy condemning the relocation of homeless individuals under false pretense or against their will;

b) further work with those partners to undertake the processes to stop this practice, including the development of proper levels of funding by the senior levels of government for adequate homelessness and supportive housing services, and appropriate consequences for organizations or individuals found to be engaging in such activities; and

c) to work with the province to develop a program by which those released from hospitals or detention centres are provided proper discharge planning that includes transportation back to their home communities;

d) that the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to provide to the appropriate standing committee the existing data that is available with respect to this matter, including the reliability of the information;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated August 8, 2023 from Deputy Mayor S. Lewis and Councillor E. Pelozo and a communication dated August 14, 2023 from F. Moore, President, M. Rioux, Vice-President and J. Thompson, Executive Director, LIFE*SPIN with respect to this matter.

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: E. Pelozo

Motion to approve part a) of the amended motion:

Yeas: (10): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, and E. Pelozo

Nays: (2): S. Trosow, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (3): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (10 to 2)

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: E. Pelozo

Motion to approve part b).

Yeas: (12): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (3): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: E. Pelozza

Motion to approve part c)

Yeas: (10): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Nays: (2): S. Trosow, and A. Hopkins

Absent: (3): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (10 to 2)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: E. Pelozza

Motion to approve part d), and the "it being noted portion of the clause".

Yeas: (12): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (3): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

4.2 Consideration of Appointment to the Museum London Board of Directors (Requires 1 Council Member)

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

That Councillor S. Trosow BE APPOINTED to the Museum London Board of Directors for the term ending November 14, 2026.

Yeas: (11): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (4): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, S. Lehman, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (11 to 0)

4.3 Confirmation of Appointment to the Old East Village Business Improvement Area

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: S. Franke

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Old East Village Business Improvement Area:

a) the resignations of Kimberly DeSousa, Libro Credit Union and John Young, East Village Market BE ACCEPTED; and,

b) Caileigh Robson, Libro Credit Union BE APPOINTED to the Old East Village Business Improvement Area for the term ending November 14, 2026;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated July 26, 2023 from M. Drangova, Board Chair and J. Pastorius, General Manager, Old East Village BIA with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (11): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelosa, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (4): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, S. Lehman, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (11 to 0)

4.4 (ADDED) Confirmation of Appointments to the Hamilton Road BIA

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the following individuals BE APPOINTED to the Hamilton Road BIA for the term ending November 14, 2026:

Councillor H. McAlister
Shahin Kardan, Vice Chair, Apollo Pizza and Wings
Gursharan Singh, Baked Bites
Dan Martens, Western IT
Naz Tilva, Sak's Variety Store
Rick Pinheiro, Pinheiro Realty

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated August 9, 2023 from C. Luistro, Executive Director, Hamilton Road BIA with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (11): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelosa, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (4): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, S. Lehman, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (11 to 0)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Confidential (Enclosed for Members only.)

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convenes In Closed Session to consider the following:

6.1 Personal Matters / Identifiable Individual

A matter pertaining to an identifiable individual; employment-related matters; advice or recommendations of officers and employees of the Corporation,

including communications necessary for that purpose and for the purpose of providing instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation.

6.2 Solicitor/Client Advice

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, as it relates to the Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response and future operation of the Hubs.

Yeas: (10): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (5): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, S. Lehman, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (10 to 0)

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convenes in Closed Session from 6:18 PM to 6:21 PM.

Voting Record:

Moved by: J. Pribil

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the following closed session BE ADDED to item 6:

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, as it relates to the Health and Homelessness Whole of Community System Response and future operation of the Hubs.

Yeas: (10): J. Morgan, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (5): H. McAlister, S. Stevenson, S. Lehman, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (10 to 0)

7. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Ferreira

Seconded by: S. Franke

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.