

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Report

5th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
March 8, 2022

PRESENT: Councillors M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, J. Fyfe-Millar, S. Hillier

ABSENT: Mayor E. Holder (Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: M. Schulthess, J. Taylor, B. Westlake-Power

Remote Attendance: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, B. Card, S. Corman, J. Davison, K. Dickins, A. Dunbar, M. Goldrup, S. Mathers, K. Murray, K. Scherr, J. Senese, C. Smith, A. Thompson, S. Thompson, J. Yanchula, P. Yeoman

The meeting is called to order at 4:01 PM; it being noted that Acting Mayor J. Morgan was in the Chair and the following members were in remote attendance: M. van Holst, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza and S. Hillier.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: M. van Holst

That Consent Items 2.1 to 2.4 BE APPROVED, excluding item 2.3.

Yeas: (14): M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): Mayor E. Holder

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

2.1 2022 Assessment Growth Funding Allocation

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: M. van Holst

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, the 2022 Assessment Growth Funding Allocation Report BE RECEIVED for information; it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated March 3, 2022 from C. Butler with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

2.2 Access to City of London Funding for Social and Economic Recovery – London Community Recovery Network

Moved by: E. Pelosa

Seconded by: M. van Holst

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the following actions be taken with respect to access to City of London funding for social and economic recovery – London Community Recovery Network:

- a) the proposed formal process for accessing community recovery funding, BE ENDORSED;
- b) the amount of \$100,000 over two years (2022-2023) from funding set aside by City Council to support social and economic recovery BE APPROVED for allocation to the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development to create the LCRN Readiness Fund in support of small-scale recovery efforts in the community; and,
- c) the report entitled Access to City of London Funding for Social and Economic Recovery – London Community Recovery Network BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

2.4 Resignation of C. Neville from the Hyde Park BIA Board of Management

Moved by: E. Pelosa

Seconded by: M. van Holst

That the resignation of Curtis Neville, Giant Tiger, from the Hyde Park BIA Board of Management BE ACCEPTED.

Motion Passed

2.3 Core Area Action Plan 2021 Review

Moved by: M. van Holst

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment & Infrastructure, the Deputy City Manager, Planning & Economic Development, and the Deputy City Manager, Social & Health Development, the following actions be taken:

- a) the staff report dated March 8, 2022 entitled “Core Area Action Plan 2021 Review”, including its appendices, BE RECEIVED;
- b) the changes to the status or end dates of the items included the Core Area Action Plan described in the report and summarized in Appendix "A": Core Area Action Plan Implementation Status Update, March 2022 BE APPROVED and used as the new basis for future progress reporting;
- c) the extension of the “Project Clean Slate” contract with Youth Opportunities Unlimited for a period from April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 BE APPROVED at a cost of \$146,760; it being noted that funding is available through the Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Economy (EEE) Reserve;
- d) the Core Area Action Plan Performance Measurement Plan contained in Appendix "G" to the report BE RECEIVED noting that it will become part

of the annual monitoring of the impacts of the Core Area Action Plan and associated report to Council;

e) the Core Area Action Plan Gap Analysis contained in Appendix "H" to the report BE RECEIVED; and,

f) staff BE DIRECTED to prepare an updated Core Area Action Plan expanding the current plan to the years 2024 to 2027 inclusive for the consideration of Council in 2023 in coordination with the next Multi-Year Budget and Strategic Plan development processes and based on the general methodology described in the report.

Yeas: (14): M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozo, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): Mayor E. Holder

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Development Charge Area Rating Policy Review – Recommended Approach

Moved by: S. Turner
Seconded by: M. Hamou

That the matter of the Development Charge Area Rating Policy Review – Recommended Approach, BE REFERRED back to the Civic Administration for further consideration, and research of options that would better recognize true cost discrepancies between new infrastructure costs inside and outside of the build area, including but not limited to stormwater management.

Yeas: (10): M. van Holst, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, S. Turner, E. Pelozo, and S. Hillier

Nays: (4): S. Lewis, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, and J. Fyfe-Millar

Absent: (1): Mayor E. Holder

Motion Passed (10 to 4)

4.2 Confirmation of Appointments to the Old East Village BIA

Moved by: J. Helmer
Seconded by: J. Fyfe-Millar

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Old East Village BIA:

a) the resignations of Jamie Sinden, Love Alchemy Hair Salon, Ellie Cook, The Root Cellar and Heather Blackwell, Western Fair District BE ACCEPTED; and,

b) Kelli Gough, The Palace Theatre Arts Commons and Michelle Scott, Western Fair District BE APPOINTED for the term ending November 14, 2022.

Yeas: (14): M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): Mayor E. Holder

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4.3 Including a Carbon Offset Strategy - Councillor M. van Holst

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: J. Fyfe-Millar

That the communication from Councillor M. van Holst with respect to a carbon offset strategy BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (14): M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): Mayor E. Holder

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Additional votes:

Moved by: M. van Holst

Seconded by: S. Hillier

That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to include additional detailed calculations/information related to carbon offsets as an option for households in the draft Climate Emergency Action Plan, in order for inclusion in the public consultation of the Plan.

Yeas: (3): M. van Holst, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Hillier

Nays: (11): S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, and J. Fyfe-Millar

Absent: (1): Mayor E. Holder

Motion Failed (3 to 11)

4.4 3rd Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 3rd Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee from its meeting held on February 17, 2022:

a) the Governance Working Group BE REQUESTED to consider continued membership or in the appointment process, the re-appointment of existing members to ensure the continuity of Advisory Committee membership; and,

b) clauses 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 7.1 BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (13): M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): Mayor E. Holder, and M. Hamou

Motion Passed (13 to 0)

Additional votes:

Moved by: J. Fyfe-Millar

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the Committee BE RECESSED at this time.

Yeas: (12): M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, and J. Fyfe-Millar

Nays: (1): S. Hillier

Absent: (2): Mayor E. Holder, and M. Hamou

Motion Passed (12 to 1)

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee recessed from 6:34 PM to 6:54 PM.

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

5.1 (ADDED) Palace Theatre Arts Commons Loan Forgiveness Business Case

Moved by: J. Fyfe-Millar

Seconded by: J. Helmer

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Palace Theatre Arts Commons loan forgiveness:

a) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to further extend the deferral period, on Community Improvement Plan loan repayments, on an interest-free basis for a further period of 274 days, being April 2022 to December 2022, where the applicant has requested a further deferral in writing; it being noted that the Jan 2023 loan repayments will be cashed as planned; and,

b) the Business Case from the Palace Theatre Arts Commons BE APPROVED and the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to forgive the remaining balance of the interest-free loan to the London Community Players, in the amount of \$78,749.83, with the previously allocated London Community Recovery Network (LCRN) funding as the source of financing;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated March 4, 2022 from K. Gough, Chair, Palace Theatre Arts Commons and a communication dated March 7, 2022 from Councillors J. Helmer and J. Fyfe-Millar with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: J. Fyfe-Millar

Seconded by: J. Helmer

Motion to approve part a)

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Palace Theatre Arts Commons loan forgiveness:

a) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to further extend the deferral period, on Community Improvement Plan loan repayments, on an interest-free basis for a further period of 274 days, being April 2022 to December 2022, where the applicant has requested a further deferral in writing; it being noted that the Jan 2023 loan repayments will be cashed as planned; and,

Yeas: (12): M. van Holst, S. Lewis, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Absent: (3): Mayor E. Holder, M. Salih, and M. Hamou

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

Moved by: J. Fyfe-Millar

Seconded by: J. Helmer

Motion to approve part b)

b) the Business Case from the Palace Theatre Arts Commons BE APPROVED and the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to forgive the remaining balance of the interest-free loan to the London Community Players, in the amount of \$78,749.83, with the previously allocated London Community Recovery Network (LCRN) funding as the source of financing;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated March 4, 2022 from K. Gough, Chair, Palace Theatre Arts Commons and a communication dated March 7, 2022 from Councillors J. Helmer and J. Fyfe-Millar with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (11): M. van Holst, S. Lewis, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Nays: (1): P. Van Meerbergen

Absent: (3): Mayor E. Holder, M. Salih, and M. Hamou

Motion Passed (11 to 1)

6. Confidential (Enclosed for Members only.)

Moved by: S. Lehman

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convene, In Closed Session, with respect to the following matters:

6.1. Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations

A matter pertaining to labour relations and employee negotiations.

6.2. Personal Matters/Identifiable Individual

A matter pertaining to personal matters, including information regarding an identifiable individual, with respect to 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.

Motion Passed

The Corporate Services Committee convenes, In Closed Session, from 7:13 PM to 8:34 PM.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: S. Lehman

Seconded by: J. Fyfe-Millar

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.