

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

5th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
February 6, 2024

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

ALSO PRESENT: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, M. Butlin, C. Cooper, S. Corman, K. Dickins, D. Escobar, M. Feldberg, L. Marshall, S. Mathers, J. Paradis, T. Pollitt, J. Raycroft, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, K. Scott, E. Skalski, C. Smith

Remote Attendance: K. Green, E. Hunt

The meeting is called to order at 1:00 PM; it being noted that Councillors S. Franke, P. Van Meerbergen and S. Hillier were in remote attendance.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: S. Lehman

That Consent items 2.1 and 2.4 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (15): S. Lewis, H. McAlister, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier, and J. Morgan

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

2.1 Special Meeting of the Shareholder of the Housing Development Corporation, London

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: S. Lehman

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the proposed by-laws appended to the staff report dated February 6, 2024 as Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on February 13, 2024, to:

a) to ratify and confirm the special resolution of the sole shareholder of the Housing Development Corporation, London to authorize the Housing Development Corporation, London to make application for Articles of Amendment to change the number of directors to a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of ten (10);

b) to ratify and confirm the special resolution of the sole shareholder of the Housing Development Corporation, London to address certain corporate deficiencies and outstanding corporate matters, specifically to ratify, confirm and approve the following:

- i) ratify, confirm, and approve that Stephen Joseph Giustizia has never been elected as a director of the Corporation;
- ii) to ratify, confirm and approve the resignations of directors set out in the special resolution;
- iii) to ratify, confirm and approve that Craig Cooper was elected as a director of the Corporation on May 6, 2020; and
- iv) ratify, confirm, and approve all resignations and/or removals by the shareholder of the Corporation, and past appointments and elections of directors of the Corporation made by the shareholder of the Corporation.

Motion Passed

2.4 Contract Award for RFP 2023-346 - Consultation for Ward Boundary Review

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: S. Lehman

That on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the following actions be taken with respect to the award of contract for the Request for Proposal RFP 2023-346 – Consultation for Ward Boundary Review:

- a) Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. BE APPOINTED to conduct consultation services in the amount of \$123,600 including contingency, excluding HST, in accordance with Section 12.2(b) of the City of London’s Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the financing for the project BE APPROVED in accordance with the “Sources of Financing Report” as appended to the staff report as Appendix “A”;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- d) the approvals given herein, BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract with Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. for this work; and
- e) the Mayor and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations.

Motion Passed

2.2 SS-2024-042: Housing Stability Services Single Source

Moved by: E. Pelosa

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, that this SS-2024-042: Housing Stability Services Single Source report be received, and the following actions be taken regarding Housing Stability Services Municipal Purchase of Service agreements:

- a) single source procurements (SS-2024-042) with the Service Providers as outlined in Schedule 1, as appended to the staff report, for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026, with the option to renew for up to two additional two-year periods subject to the availability of future funding BE APPROVED;
- b) one-time funding requests of up to \$273,204 (with costs related to compensation and diversity recruitment consultant, fundraising supports, and security needs consultant removed) as outlined in Schedule 3, as appended to the staff report for the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 BE APPROVED;

- c) a drawdown from the Operating Budget Contingency Reserve in the amount of up to \$4,576,168 BE APPROVED to fund the costs of these procurements in excess of available budgets;
- d) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to continue to engage with the Encampment Reference Table in the design of an inclement weather plan that will be brought back for council endorsement in Q3 2024;
- 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 or entering into a Purchase of Service Agreement or other existing agreements;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated February 2, 2024 from C. Lazenby, Executive Director, Unity Project with respect to this matter.

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

Moved by: E. Pelosa

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development, that this SS-2024-042: Housing Stability Services Single Source report be received, and the following actions be taken regarding Housing Stability Services Municipal Purchase of Service agreements:

- a) single source procurements (SS-2024-042) with the Service Providers as outlined in Schedule 1, as appended to the staff report, for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026, with the option to renew for up to two additional two-year periods subject to the availability of future funding BE APPROVED;
- b) one-time funding requests of up to \$296,891 as outlined in Schedule 3, as appended to the staff report for the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 BE APPROVED;
- c) a drawdown from the Operating Budget Contingency Reserve in the amount of up to \$4,599,855 BE APPROVED to fund the costs of these procurements in excess of available budgets;
- d) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to continue to engage with the Encampment Reference Table in the design of an inclement weather plan that will be brought back for council endorsement in Q4 2024;
- 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 or entering into a Purchase of Service Agreement or other existing agreements;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated February 2, 2024 from C. Lazenby, Executive Director, Unity Project with respect to this matter.

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: J. Pribil

Motion TO AMEND parts b) and c) to remove the costs related "compensation and diversity recruitment consultant" at \$14,970, "fundraising supports" at \$5,717, and "security needs consultant" at \$3,000. Parts b) and c) to read as follows:

- b) one-time funding requests of up to \$273,204 (with costs related to compensation and diversity recruitment consultant, fundraising supports,

and security needs consultant removed) as outlined in Schedule 3, as appended to the staff report for the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 BE APPROVED;

c) a drawdown from the Operating Budget Contingency Reserve in the amount of up to \$4,576,168 BE APPROVED to fund the costs of these procurements in excess of available budgets;

Yeas: (15): S. Lewis, H. McAlister, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier, and J. Morgan

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That item 2.2, as amended, BE APPROVED.

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

Nays: (1): S. Stevenson

Motion Passed (14 to 1)

2.3 Community Advisory Committee on Planning (CACP) - Terms of Reference

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That the report entitled Community Advisory Committee on Planning (CACP) Terms of Reference BE REFERRED to the Community Advisory Committee on Planning for consultation on the amended Terms of Reference.

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy received a communication from S. Bergman, Chair, Community Advisory Committee on Planning with respect to this matter.

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

Nays: (1): P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (14 to 1)

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

Moved by: P. Cuddy

Seconded by: S. Lehman

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the following actions be taken:

a) the report entitled Community Advisory Committee on Planning (CACP) Terms of Reference BE RECEIVED for information; and,

b) the Terms of Reference for the Community Advisory Committee on Planning (CACP) BE APPROVED as appended to the staff report as Appendix "A";

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy received a communication from S. Bergman, Chair, Community Advisory Committee on Planning with respect to this matter.

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

None.

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

5.1 (ADDED) Capital Project Overruns - Mayor J. Morgan, Councillor S. Franke, Councillor A. Hopkins

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That, with respect to the resolution from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the following actions be taken:

a) that the attached resolution from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, requesting the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario BE ENDORSED;

b) that Mayor Morgan, Councillor Franke and Councillor Hopkins BE SUPPORTED by Municipal Council in raising these concerns at Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), respectively; and

c) that the communication on the Added Agenda, from Mayor Morgan, Councillor Franke and Councillor Hopkins, with respect to this matter BE RECEIVED.

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

Absent: (1): P. Van Meerbergen

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

6. Confidential

None.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Ferreira

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Draft Resolution

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).