

4TH REPORT OF THE
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 7, 2014, commencing at 1:05 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor J.F. Fontana (Chair), Councillors J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, J.B. Swan and H.L. Usher and L. Rowe (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor S. Orser; A. Zuidema, J. Braam, L. Burgess, S. Corman, J. Davies, K. Dawtrey, A. Dunbar, J. Edward, A. Hagan, M. Hayward, G.T. Hopcroft, V. McAlea Major, K. Owen, M. Ribera, C. Saunders, K. Shehata, E. Soldo, M. Turner, J. Smout and B. Warner.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that Councillor J.B. Swan disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 7 of this report having to do with a question on the ballot regarding the funding of a Performing Arts Centre by indicating that his employer, Orchestra London, is currently involved in the process with the City of London.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. Declare Surplus - City-Owned Property - 2532 Main Street, former London Police Service Substation in Lambeth

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, with the advice of the Manager of Realty Services, with respect to the City-owned property at 2532 Main Street, legally described as Part Lots 1 and 2, Plan 443, south of Main Street east of Colonel Talbot Road, as shown on Schedule "A" attached to the staff report dated January 7, 2014, the following actions be taken:

- a) the subject property BE DECLARED surplus; and
- b) the subject property BE DISPOSED OF in compliance with the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (5)

3. Letter of Agreement - Provincial Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the proposed by-law (Appendix "A") as appended to the staff report dated January 7, 2014 BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on January 14, 2014 to authorize the Mayor and the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer to execute a Letter of Agreement between the Province of Ontario and the City of London with respect to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (5)

4. Enterprise License Agreement with ESRI Canada Inc.

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Chief Technology Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to an Enterprise License Agreement with ESRI Canada Inc.:

- a) the proposed by-law (Appendix "A") as appended to the staff report dated January 7, 2014 BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on January 14, 2014 to:
 - i) authorize and approve an Enterprise License Agreement (attached as Schedule 1 to the by-law) between The Corporation of the City of London and ESRI Canada Inc. to qualify for obtaining unlimited end user licenses for most ESRI products;
 - ii) delegate to the Chief Technology Officer the authority to execute the agreement authorized and approved in part a), above; and
- b) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the necessary administrative acts in connection with this matter.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (5)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

5. Public Participation Meeting – Introduction of Electronic Bingos in the City of London

Recommendation: That the matter of introducing electronic bingos in the City of London BE REFERRED back to the City Clerk to report back at a future meeting of the Corporate Services Committee (CSC) with a proposed course of action based upon the following, and including the original staff report from the CSC meeting held on May 28, 2013, for reference purposes:

- a) public input that has been received with respect to this matter;
- b) further input from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG), including details as to where the OLG sees the gaming landscape in the next five years;
- c) an assessment of whether the proposed allocation of revenues is acceptable; and
- d) details of the experience of other municipalities that have implemented electronic bingos;

it being noted that the CSC received a brief overview regarding this matter from the Manager, Licensing and Elections;

it being pointed out that the following individuals made oral submissions in connection with this matter:

- Dale Mackness, Citizens Against Gambling Expansion – expressing the hope that a full-fledged casino does not come to London; indicating that he had gambling issues as a youth; commending staff for the concerns they have noted with respect to the agreement the OLG is requiring municipalities to sign when implementing electronic bingo, as he shares those concerns; suggesting that the agreement conditions leave it open to add other games in the future, without consulting the municipality, which could see such things as slots and alcohol in bingo halls; noting that the OLG has not permitted any municipality to amend the agreement; noting that the City would not have any power to terminate the agreement, but the OLG would; indicating he has no concerns with charging back any expenses that are incurred; pointing out that Nordex Research determined that expanded gambling was not popular in London, Ontario and that the leading rationale against expanded

gambling included such matters as addictions, family issues, distrust of foreign ownership; further pointing out that the arguments in support of expanded gambling did not resonate well with respondents, who also did not see gambling as a recreational activity, all as detailed in the attached submission; requesting that a referendum be held for any proposal for expanded gambling, which he feels would be the case if the City of London were to enter into the standard agreement for electronic bingo and that a further referendum be held specific to the matter of expanded gambling; and further requesting to keep the bingo halls operating “as is”.

- Dr. Chris Robson, 13-1625 Attawandaron Road – indicating that he has a good understanding of gamblers and gambling; noting that the OLG has the largest non-taxable revenue source through gaming; suggesting that this is the biggest “train robbery” of the century with implementing electronic bingos and eliminating slots; stating that the “modernization” is really just a move to end slots and create more casinos and electronic bingos, the latter of which is really just like slots; noting that e-bingos are addictive, and are just like slots, and therefore a bad deal for London and the Province of Ontario; noting that the “less well off” in society are most likely to play bingo and are therefore the ones donating to the charities, but it should be the wealthy that donate to charities; indicating that while he feels the Western Fair District is responsible, the gambling mentality belongs and should be kept at the race track as that’s where it is best done; and stating that owners of bingo get 47% and we are biting off the hand that feeds us if we go with expanded gambling.
- Wes Bydeweg, 178 Martinet Avenue – indicating he is not talking on behalf of the OLG or Dearness Drive Bingo Association, but on behalf of one of the charities running a bingo at the Dearness Drive Bingo Hall for about eight years; noting St. Roberts Catholic School has been involved in bingos for about 20 years; stating he can understand concerns with gambling and gambling addictions, but much like any form of gambling it can be a form of entertainment when handled responsibly; indicating his belief that bingo in and of itself is one of the largest sources of monies that schools can take advantage of to purchase things above and beyond the school budget; stating that this is a great revenue source for helping students to enjoy school, including accessing technological advancements such as smart boards, iPads, etc.; noting this his school has the highest cultural diversity of any other school and is in a lower socio-economic area; stating he sees this as an enhancement to the bingo experience and that the licensing costs should be set at a level to cover the City’s costs.
- Ken Ross, 15 Tewkesbury Crescent – representing the Dearness Drive Charity Association as the Chairperson of the Executive, rebutting most of what said tonight as believes people are misinformed about what bingos are all about; stating we are not here to fill the City’s or Province’s pockets, but to fill the charities’ pockets; stating he has been involved in bingos since 1976; noting a charity he has been involved in some years ago made \$250,000 while this year it only made \$9,600; pointing out that there were some cooperative changes between operators and the City which reduced the number of bingo halls and the revenue distribution; stating it is difficult to raise the same kind of funds today; noting there has been a decline because the demographics of the player is older, not that they are on welfare; suggesting that lots of the players are older and single and looking for an inexpensive evening out; totally disagreeing with other’s views of what the demographic of the players are; noting we need to change the people that are attracted to the bingo halls; suggesting we need to attract younger people and younger people like electronics, which is why e-gaming is a way to go; noting there was reference that if bingo halls had slot machine-type operations, that less people would go to casinos but the opposite effect happened when casinos came to Ontario; stating that when casinos appeared bingo revenues declined dramatically because people are playing electronically, not with paper; agreeing that the reference to gambling being an addiction can be true; and pointing out that bingos happen to be one way of raising funds and if bingos are not there people will turn to another form of gambling to raise funds because the rich don’t always give to charities.

Voting Record:

Motion to Approve clause 5:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (5)

Motion to open the public participation meeting:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (5)

Motion to close the public participation meeting:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (5)

6. State of the Infrastructure Report 2013

(Secretary's Note: A copy of the State of the Infrastructure Report 2013 booklet and brochure are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office and are electronically attached on the City of London's website.)

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to the State of Infrastructure Report 2013:

- a) the State of Infrastructure Report 2013 BE RECEIVED;
- b) the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer BE DIRECTED to advise the Municipal Council, at its meeting to be held on January 14, 2014, as to what additional recommendations may be in order in response to the above-noted Report; and
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to develop a Corporate Asset Management Plan prior to the 2015 Budget, that is to be updated annually, in order to ensure the Municipal Council has a current Plan to consider when deliberating future years' Budgets;

it being noted that the Corporate Services Committee heard the attached presentation from the Division Manager, Corporate Asset Management and Ross Homeniuk, Vice President, Utilities Management Solutions, CH₂MHill, with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (4)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

7. Funding of Performing Arts Centre - 2014 Municipal Election Ballot

Recommendation: That NO ACTION BE TAKEN with respect to the communication dated December 6, 2013, from Councillor S. Orser, regarding placing a plebiscite question on the next 2014 Municipal Election ballot pertaining to the City of London financing a Performing Arts Centre.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (3)

8. Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting - Ottawa, ON - November 26 - 29, 2013

Recommendation: That the communication dated January 7, 2014 from Councillor H.L. Usher and Councillor J.L. Baechler regarding the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors meeting held on November 26-29, 2013 in Ottawa, Ontario BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (4)

9. Consideration of Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the following individuals BE APPOINTED to the Accessibility Advisory Committee as Voting Members for the term ending February 28, 2015:

Voting - Members at Large (Requires 2):

- Julia Cunningham
- Jim Sanders

Voting - Persons with a Disability (Requires 4):

- Rob Campbell
- Florencia de Lasa
- Carrie Dodman
- Clifton S. Young

Voting - Parent with a Child with a Disability (Requires 1):

- Renee MacLachlan

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (4)

10. Consideration of Appointments to the Advisory Committee on the Environment

Recommendation: That the following individuals BE APPOINTED to the Advisory Committee on the Environment as Voting Members-at-Large for the term ending February 28, 2015:

Voting:

- Jamie Baxter
- Becki Schulz

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (4)

11. Consideration of Appointments to the London Housing Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That the following individuals BE APPOINTED to the London Housing Advisory Committee as Voting Members for the term ending February 28, 2015:

Voting - Member at Large (Requires 2):

- Chris Moss
- Peggy Stewart

Voting - Emergency Housing Non-Profit (Requires 1):

- Doug Nemeth

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (4)

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

12. ADDED - B. Hall, Chief Commissioner, Ontario Human Rights Commission
- Municipal Regulation of Methadone Health Services in the City of London

Recommendation: That the attached communication dated December 18, 2013, from the Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC), BE REFERRED to the Civic Administration to collect the requested documentation and provide same to the OHRC, emphasizing the City's ongoing commitment to upholding human rights, and for the Civic Administration to monitor and report back to the Corporate Services Committee, as appropriate, with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (4)

VI. CONFIDENTIAL

(See Confidential Appendix to the 4th Report of the Corporate Services Committee enclosed for Members only.)

The Corporate Services Committee convened in camera from 3:50 PM to 4:32 PM after having passed a motion to do so, with respect to the following matters:

- C-1. A matter pertaining to instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed acquisition of land; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; reports or advice or recommendations of officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed acquisition of land; commercial and financial information supplied in confidence pertaining to the proposed acquisition the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to, prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of the Corporation, result in similar information no longer being supplied to the Corporation where it is in the public interest that similar information continue to be so supplied, and result in undue loss or gain to any person, group, committee or financial institution or agency; commercial, information relating to the proposed acquisition that belongs to the Corporation that has monetary value or potential monetary value; information concerning the proposed acquisition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the Corporation or its competitive position; information concerning the proposed acquisition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the financial interests of the Corporation; and instructions to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Corporation concerning the proposed acquisition.
- C-2. A matter pertaining to instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed acquisition of land; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; reports or advice or recommendations of officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed acquisition of land; commercial and financial information supplied in confidence pertaining to the proposed acquisition the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to, prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of the Corporation, result in similar information no longer being supplied to the Corporation where it is in the public interest that similar information continue to be so supplied, and result in undue loss or gain to any person, group, committee or financial institution or agency; commercial, information relating to the proposed acquisition that belongs to the Corporation that has monetary value or

potential monetary value; information concerning the proposed acquisition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the Corporation or its competitive position; information concerning the proposed acquisition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the financial interests of the Corporation; and instructions to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Corporation concerning the proposed acquisition.

- C-3. A matter pertaining to reports, advice and recommendations of officers and employees of the Corporation concerning labour relations and employee negotiations in regard to one of the Corporation's associations or unions and advice which is the subject of solicitor client privilege and communications necessary for that purpose.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM.