

19TH REPORT OF THE
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on November 24, 2014, commencing at 4:05 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor J. Baechler and Councillors B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, J.B. Swan, W.R. Monteith, N. Branscombe, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D.G. Henderson, P. Van Meerbergen, D.T. Brown, H.L. Usher and J.P. Bryant and L. Rowe (Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillors S. Orser and S.E. White.

ALSO PRESENT: A. Zuidema, R. Armistead, J.P. Barber, J. Braam, I. Collins, S. Datars Bere, S. Giustizia, M. Hayward, G.T. Hopcroft, J. Lucas, V. McAlea Major, S. Miller, K. Murray, M. Ribera, C. Saunders and S. Spring.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that Councillor W.R. Monteith disclosed a pecuniary interest in clause 8 of this report having to do with Council benefits due to his age.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. Eldon House Municipal Service Board By-law Amendment to the Board Composition

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the proposed by-law, as appended to the staff report dated November 24, 2014, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on November 25, 2014 to amend By-law No. A.-6825-162 entitled "A by-law to establish a municipal service board for the purpose of operating and managing Eldon House" in order to increase the number of directors for the municipal service board known as Eldon House Corporation from five (5) directors to nine (9) directors.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (11)

3. Board Structure Resolution for London and Middlesex Housing Corporation

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the proposed by-law, as appended to the staff report dated November 24, 2014 BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on November 25, 2014 to:

- a) ratify and confirm the resolution of the Shareholder of the London & Middlesex Housing Corporation (LMHC) attached as Schedule "1" to the by-law; and
- b) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the resolution of the shareholder attached as Schedule "1" to the by-law.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (11)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4. Public Participation Meeting - Amendments to Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the proposed by-law, as appended to the staff report dated November 24, 2014, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on November 25, 2014 for the purpose of repealing By-law No. A-47, as amended, being "A by-law to provide for Various Fees and Charges" and replacing it with a new Fees and Charges By-law that updates, adds and increases certain fees and charges for services or activities provided by the City of London; it being pointed out that no individuals sought to make oral submissions at the public participation meeting associated with this matter.

Voting Record:

Motion to open the public participation meeting:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (11)

Motion to close the public participation meeting:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (12)

Motion to approve the amendments to the Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (12)

5. Public Participation Meeting - 2015 Water and Wastewater Rates

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services & City Engineer, and the Managing Director, Corporate Services & City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2015 water and wastewater rates:

- a) all rates and charges related to the provision of Wastewater and Treatment Services, with the exception of charges related to the installation or replacement of Private Drain Connections, BE INCREASED by 7%, effective January 1, 2015;
- b) all rates and charges related to the provision of Water Services, with the exception of the Customer Assistance charge, BE INCREASED by 7%, effective January 1, 2015;
- c) the proposed by-law to amend the Wastewater and Treatment Rates and Charges By-law, as appended to the staff report dated November 24, 2014, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on November 25, 2014 to effect the rates and charges noted in (a), above;
- d) the proposed by-law to amend the Water Rates and Charges By-law, as appended to the staff report dated November 24, 2014, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on November 25, 2014 to effect the rates and charges noted in (b), above; and

- e) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to update the Water Service Area Financial Plan and report back to the Municipal Council; it being noted that the 2015 rate increase is less than that presently included in the Financial Plan, and that the Financial Plan is due for an update in 2015 to coincide with Provincial Licensing requirements; it being pointed out that no individuals sought to make oral submissions at the public participation meeting associated with this matter.

Voting Record:

Motion to open the public participation meeting:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (12)

Motion to close the public participation meeting:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (12)

Motion to approve the proposed 2015 Water and Wastewater rates:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (12)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

6. Review of Acting Mayor Policy

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the following actions be taken with respect to a review of the Acting Mayor Policy:

- a) the proposed policy, as appended to the staff report dated September 24, 2014, drafted in accordance with the direction of the Municipal Council from its meeting held on September 10, 2014, BE CONSIDERED; and
- b) the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to undertake the necessary steps and bring forward any necessary by-laws to enact the changes arising from consideration of the draft policy noted above; it being noted that any changes that may be required to the Council Procedure By-law will require a public participation meeting.

Motion to approve part a):

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (12)

Motion to approve part b):

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, N. Branscombe, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (9)

NAYS: J.B. Swan, D.G. Henderson, W.R. Monteith (3)

Motion to approve parts c), d) and e):

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (12)

7. Office Reallocation - 2014 - 2018 Council Term

Recommendation: That, at the request of Councillor H.L. Usher, NO ACTION BE TAKEN to relocate his office.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (13)

8. Council Benefits

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and Chief Human Resources Officer, the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to amend the long term disability benefit for Council members in accordance with the recommendation outlined in the staff report dated November 24, 2014 and the Municipal Council's resolution of March 2, 1998, Section 1. (e) BE AMENDED to remove the words "under age 65".

Voting Record:

Motion to approve that the Council Compensation Review Task Force BE REQUESTED to report back on having a one-month severance paid to departing Council Members.

Motion Failed

YEAS: D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, H.L. Usher (4)

NAYS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown (9)

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and Chief Human Resources Officer.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (12)

RECUSED: W.R. Monteith (1)

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

9. ADDED - Confirmation of London Hydro Borrowing Requirements

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer for the City of London, that the City Treasurer BE DIRECTED to sign the letter attached as Appendix "B" to the staff report dated November 24, 2014, as confirmation that London Hydro's borrowing requirements are considered to be in the ordinary course of business and shareholder approval is not required in any event.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (13)

10. ADDED – Striking Committee Review of Citizen Applications to Boards and Commissions

Recommendation: That, notwithstanding the applicable policy/terms of reference, the Striking Committee BE REQUESTED to review citizen applications to Boards and Commissions and provide a short list of citizen candidates for the Municipal Council's consideration; it being noted that the short listing process should consider balancing gender, experience, and diversity, amongst other considerations; it being understood that the Municipal Council would still be provided with the complete file of applications for its review and consideration.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J. Baechler, J.B. Swan, N. Branscombe, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, W.R. Monteith, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher (13)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.