

6TH REPORT OF THE

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 15, 2015, commencing at 4:05 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor M. Brown and Councillors M. van Holst, B. Armstrong, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, P. Hubert, A. Hopkins, S. Turner, H.L. Usher, T. Park and J. Zaifman and L. Rowe (Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillor V. Ridley.

ALSO PRESENT: A. Zuidema, J.P. Barber, J. Braam, K. Chambers, I. Collins, T. Copeland, A. Dunbar, G. Gauld, A. Hagan, M. Hayward, D. Huggins, J. Lucas, R. Pedlow, C. Saunders, J. Simon, S. Spring, R. Sutton and R. Welker.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2. 2015 Budgets - Water and Wastewater Treatment - Public Participation Meeting and Review

Recommendation:

- a) That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Corporate Services & City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2015 Operating Budget, 2015 Capital Budget and associated forecasts for Wastewater and Treatment Services:

- i) the 2015 Operating Budget for Wastewater and Treatment Services BE APPROVED as submitted;
- ii) the 2016-2019 Operating Forecast for Wastewater and Treatment Services BE RECEIVED for information;
- iii) the 2015 Capital Budget for Wastewater and Treatment Services BE APPROVED as submitted;
- iv) the 2016-2024 Capital Forecast for Wastewater and Treatment Services BE RECEIVED for information;

it being noted that 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, will increase by 7%, effective January 1, 2015, as approved by the Municipal Council at its meeting on November 25, 2014; and

- b) That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Corporate Services & City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2015 Operating Budget, 2015 Capital Budget and associated forecasts for Water Services:

- i) the 2015 Operating Budget for Water Services BE APPROVED as submitted;

- ii) the 2016-2019 Operating Forecast for Water Services BE RECEIVED for information;
- iii) the 2015 Capital Budget for Water Services BE APPROVED as submitted;
- iv) the 2016-2024 Capital Forecast for Water Services BE RECEIVED for information;

it being noted that all rates and charges related to the provision of Water Services, with the exception of the Customer Assistance charge, will increase by 7%, effective January 1, 2015, as approved by the Municipal Council at its meeting on November 25, 2014; and

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee heard the attached presentation from the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the Director of Water and Wastewater, and the Manager III, Financial Planning and Policy, with respect to this matter;

it being pointed out that the following individual made an oral submission at the public participation meeting associated with this matter:

D. Szoller, Chair, Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) – noting it is often difficult for the ACE to make comment on these budgets due to the timing of the public participation meeting; enquiring if the Greenway expansion will assist in eliminating overflows, for which she was advised that the improvements will do a better job of mitigating overflows; asking what the \$837,000 expenditure was related to, to which she was advised that this represented the increased cost of projected water needs from the Primary Water Supply Systems; and enquiring what the current percentage of combined sewers in our system was, for which she was advised that there is currently about 10 km of combined sewers in our system, but that the Burbrook project would greatly reduce that number.

Voting Record:

Motion to open the Public Participation Meeting

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Brown, M. van Holst, B. Armstrong, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, S. Turner, H.L. Usher, T. Park, J. Zaifman (13)

Motion to close the Public Participation Meeting

Motion Passed

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Motion to approve the recommendation:

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Brown, M. van Holst, B. Armstrong, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, S. Turner, H.L. Usher, T. Park, J. Zaifman (13)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

None.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.