

15TH REPORT OF THE
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting held on June 2, 2015, commencing at 12:06 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor M. Cassidy (Chair) and Councillors A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher and J. Zaifman and L. Rowe (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor M. van Holst; A. Zuidema, A.L. Barbon, G. Belch, J. Braam, L. Da Silva, D. Dobson, J.M. Fleming, K. Graham, M. Hayward, M. Henderson, J. Lucas, D. Munteer, A. Ostrowski, D. Popadic, A. Ripepi, J. Senese, R. Sutton and B. Warner.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 2014 Investment Report

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the staff report dated June 2, 2015 regarding the 2014 Investment Report BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

3. Authorization for Temporary Borrowing

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the proposed by-law as appended to the staff report dated June 2, 2015 BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting of June 10, 2015, to authorize the borrowing of certain sums to meet current expenditures of The Corporation of the City of London for the year 2015.

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

4. Principles of Collaboration and Commitment Between The City of London and Western University Students' Council

That the Principles of Collaboration from the University Students' Council (USC) of the University of Western Ontario, as appended to the staff report dated June 2, 2015, BE REFERRED back to staff for report back at a future meeting, subsequent to consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

5. Standing Committee Membership - Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Councillor M. Cassidy

That, subject to the approval of Councillor M. Cassidy's application to serve on a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Standing Committee, Councillor M. Cassidy BE AUTHORIZED to attend the FCM meetings as noted below, and BE REIMBURSED for her associated expenses outside of her annual expense allocation, subject to the annual budget approval process, and in accordance with Council's Travel & Business Expenses Policy:

Board of Directors Meeting - September 9-12, 2015 – Fredericton, NB
Board of Directors Meeting - November 17-20, 2015 – Ottawa, ON
Board of Directors Meeting - March 1-4, 2015 – Sherbrooke, QC
Sustainable Community
Conference & Trade Show - February 9-11, 2016 – Ottawa, ON
Annual Conference & AGM - June 3-6, 2016 – Winnipeg, MB

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

6. Standing Committee Membership - Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Councillor M. Salih

That, subject to the approval of Councillor M. Salih's application to serve on a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Standing Committee, Councillor M. Salih BE AUTHORIZED to attend the FCM meetings as noted below, and BE REIMBURSED for his associated expenses outside of his annual expense allocation, subject to the annual budget approval process, and in accordance with Council's Travel & Business Expenses Policy:

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Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

7. Standing Committee Membership - Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Councillor J. Zaifman

That, subject to the approval of Councillor J. Zaifman's application to serve on a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Standing Committee, Councillor J. Zaifman BE AUTHORIZED to attend the FCM meetings as noted below, and BE REIMBURSED for his associated expenses outside of his annual expense allocation, subject to the annual budget approval process, and in accordance with Council's Travel & Business Expenses Policy:

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Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

8. London Convention Centre Naming Rights Policy

That the communication dated May 15, 2015 from L. Da Silva, General Manager & CEO, London Convention Centre, regarding the London Convention Centre Naming Rights Policy approved by the London Convention Centre Board of Directors, BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

9. Request for Delegation Status – Community Mail Box Impact on Property Tax Assessments

That the City Manager, in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team and the relevant Committee Chairs, BE REQUESTED to consider and report back to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee on a coordinated approach with respect to the Community Mail Box Program; it being pointed out that the following individual made an oral submission in connection therewith:

- S. Trosow, 43 Mayfair Drive – indicating that there are serious implications about the loss of assessment base because of community mailboxes; stating that a realtor advised him that they lost a sale because of a community mail box and that community mail boxes are a total invasion of privacy and bring the value of a house down; referencing various newspaper articles that spoke to this subject and indicating that it is very difficult to get up to date information on this matter; noting that Canada Post is trying to put the community mail boxes on corners; asking staff to do more research on this matter and obtain more information on the potential impacts on assessment as a result of community mail boxes; advising he has been doing a lot of legal research on the matter, but there is not a lot published; pointing out that when community mail boxes came in in the 1980s, at one point the Ministry applied a 5% rule of thumb to assessments for properties affected by community mail boxes; indicating that there are a number of Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decisions, some of which acknowledged that community mail boxes had a nuisance factor; noting that the OMB decisions resulted in a 5% reduction in assessment even without the appellants going through an assessment hearing; noting that assessment reductions for properties affected by community mail boxes lapsed in the 1990s, and suggesting that a similar policy will be enacted soon; advising that a 1998 hearing in Winnipeg resulted in a downward adjustment to a property assessment on the basis that as a result of a community mail box people intruded and left litter on the appellant's property; indicating that corner lots may be subject to an additional assessment reduction as a result of the placement of a community mail box on corner lots; emphasizing that there is a good likelihood that assessment reductions for properties with a community mail box located on them will be the rule of thumb and cities across Canada need to be concerned about that; noting that assessment reductions because of community mail boxes are a problem for municipalities as this is basically Canada Post downloading costs to cities and taking away revenues at the same time; concluding that staff should be asked to do further research on the implications of community mail boxes on property assessments.

Voting Record:

That Mr. Trosow BE PERMITTED to speak for up to 5 minutes with respect to the potential impact of the Canada Post Community Mail Box Program on property assessments.

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

Motion to Approve that the City Manager, in consultation with the Senior

Leadership Team and the relevant Committee Chairs, BE REQUESTED to consider and report back to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee on a coordinated approach with respect to the Community Mail Box Program.

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

10. National Anthem in City Council Meetings

That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to make arrangements for the national anthem to be played/sung at the commencement of Council meetings; it being noted that A. Lawton requested that his written submission be withdrawn from the Corporate Services Committee agenda.

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, J. Morgan, H.L. Usher, J. Zaifman (5)

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VI. CONFIDENTIAL

(See Confidential Appendix to the 15th Report of the Corporate Services Committee enclosed for Members only.)

The Corporate Services Committee convened in camera from 1:14 PM to 2:24 PM after having passed a motion to do so, with respect to the following matters:

C-1. A matter pertaining to the purpose of instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed disposition 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 disposition of land; commercial and financial information supplied in confidence pertaining to the proposed disposition 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 disposition that belongs to the Corporation that has monetary value or potential monetary value; information concerning the proposed disposition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the Corporation or its competitive position; information concerning the proposed disposition 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 disposition.

C-2. A matter pertaining to the purpose of instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed disposition 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 disposition of land; commercial and financial information supplied in confidence pertaining to the proposed disposition 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 disposition that belongs to the Corporation that has monetary value or potential monetary value; information concerning the proposed disposition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the Corporation or its competitive position; information concerning the proposed disposition 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 disposition.

- C-3. A matter pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose with respect to the decommissioning of City owed lands known as the South Street Campus currently leased and occupied by London Health Sciences Centre; instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition 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 or pending acquisition or disposition of land; commercial and financial information supplied in confidence pertaining to the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition 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 or pending acquisition or disposition that belongs to the Corporation that has monetary value or potential monetary value; information concerning the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the Corporation or its competitive position; information concerning the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition 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 or pending acquisition or disposition and for the purpose of a vote for giving directions or instructions to officers, employees or agents of the municipality or persons retained by or under a contract with the municipality.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.