

19TH REPORT OF THE
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Special Meeting held on July 13, 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, J. Morgan, P. Hubert, A. Hopkins, V. Ridley, S. Turner, H.L. Usher, T. Park and J. Zaifman and L. Rowe (Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillor P. Squire.

ALSO PRESENT: A. Zuidema, J.P. Barber, J. Braam, B. Coxhead, S. Datars Bere, D. Dobson, J.M. Fleming, K. Graham, M. Hayward, G. Kotsifas, L. Livingstone, A. Macpherson, V. McAlea Major, J.P. McGonigle, K. Pawelec, C. Saunders and C. Smith.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

2. Setting Priorities - Council's 2016 - 2019 Multi-Year Budget

That the following actions be taken with respect to the City of London's Multi-Year Budget:

- a) the following strategies BE ENDORSED as the Municipal Council's top priorities for new investment in the Multi-Year Budget:
 - i) Implement and enhance safe mobility choices for cyclists, pedestrians, transit users and drivers through the provision of complete streets, connected pathways, and enhanced transit services. (Building a Sustainable City, 2A); Improve travel by managing congestion and increasing roadway safety. (Building a Sustainable City, 2C);
 - ii) Address and manage the infrastructure gap to maintain what we have now and reduce the tax burden on future generations. This includes everything from roads to parks to buildings. (Building a Sustainable City, 1A);
 - iii) Support small businesses by improving City processes. (Growing our Economy, 1D); Deliver great customer service experiences to residents, businesses, and visitors. (Leading in Public Service, 5B);
 - iv) Invest in London's downtown as the heart of our city. (Growing our Economy, 2A); Partner with the London Community Foundation on the "Back to the River Project". (Growing our Economy, 1C);
 - v) Eliminate barriers for individuals facing poverty, mental health and addictions and help them find pathways to be successful.

- (Strengthening our Community, 3A) [Consider: Create new partnerships to build, and support the building of, new affordable housing. (Growing our Economy, 2B) and Reduce and prevent homelessness. (Strengthening our Community, 3C)];
- vi) Attract and retain newcomers, including international students, foreign trained professionals, and multi-generational immigrants to strengthen London's workforce. (Growing our Economy, 5D);
 - vii) Plant more trees and better protect them from deforestation, invasive species, and other threats. (Building a Sustainable City, 3C); Work together to protect all aspects of our natural environment including woodlands, wetlands, river and watercourses, and air quality as our city grows. (Building a Sustainable City, 3E);
 - viii) Use community improvement plans to coordinate City and private investment to meet both local & city-wide priorities. (Growing our Economy, 2C);
 - ix) Work better together for economic growth: Western Fair District, London Economic Development Corporation, London Hydro, London International Airport, Tourism London, London Convention Centre, Covent Garden Market, London Chamber of Commerce, Business Improvement Areas, and other key stakeholders. (Growing our Economy, 4A); Use new and emerging technology to improve quality of life and grow London's economy. (Growing our Economy, 3A); and,
 - x) Make community engagement a priority. Make the public a partner who has access to our information and helps make decisions with Council. (Leading in Public Service, 1A); Support neighbourhood driven activities and decision making. (Strengthening our Community, 1A);
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to prepare business cases for each strategy identified in a), above, for consideration during the Multi-Year Budget process; and
 - c) the staff report dated July 13, 2015, and the attached presentation from the Managing Director, Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

YEAS: M. Brown, M. van Holst, B. Armstrong, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, J. Morgan, P. Hubert, A. Hopkins, V. Ridley, S. Turner, H.L. Usher, T. Park, J. Zaifman (14)

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VI. CONFIDENTIAL

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.