

10TH REPORT OF THE
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Special Meeting held on May 3, 2017, commencing at 4:00 PM, Budweiser Gardens, 99 Dundas Street, London, Ontario.

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

ABSENT: Councillors M. Salih and J. Zaifman.

ALSO PRESENT: M. Hayward, B. Card, K. Paleczny, C. Saunders, K. Scherr, E. Soldo and G. Tucker.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. Absence from Meeting – Councillor V. Ridley

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee (SPPC) received two communications dated April 24, 2017 and April 27, 2017, respectively, from Councillor V. Ridley, with respect to her attendance at the May 3, 2017 meeting of the SPPC.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

3. SHIFT Rapid Transit

That the following actions be taken with respect to the May 3, 2017 public participation meeting associated with SHIFT Rapid Transit:

- a) the attached presentation from B. Hollingworth and Eric Peissel, IBI Group Inc., BE RECEIVED;
- b) the staff report dated May 3, 2017, entitled “Rapid Transit Alternative Corridor Review” BE RECEIVED for information;
- c) the following written communications BE RECEIVED:
 - i) a letter dated April 13, 2017, from J. Winston, General Manager, Tourism London, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Tourism London, outlining concerns regarding the current plan and requesting consideration of alternative routing options that minimize business disruption and maximize community buy-in;
 - ii) a communication from A. Stark, supporting moving forward with a strong rapid transit system;
 - iii) a communication from A. Stratton, supporting moving forward with a strong rapid transit system;
 - iv) a communication dated April 30, 2017, from C. Butler, indicating route preferences and matters that should be considered in developing a rapid transit plan, and indicating support for proceeding with BRT without the tunnel;
 - v) a communication dated April 26, 2017, from D. Bray, suggesting that the plans needs to slow down and more careful consideration needs to be given to the matter prior to moving forward as the prospect and implications of the tunnel alone are ominous;

- vi) a communication from D. Perry indicating continued support for rapid transit in London;
- vii) a communication from F. Berry, outlining some concerns with the plan, citing some examples of bus rapid transit which have proven successful in other municipalities, and suggesting that the City needs to go back to the 2013 London Transit Commission Plan and start doing some realistic planning, based upon best practices elsewhere so London gets it right;
- viii) a communication from J. Hassan indicating support for moving ahead with a strong rapid transit system;
- ix) a communication from J. Jordan, 970 Willow Drive, indicating support for the current proposed routes, including the tunnel and King Street 2-way;
- x) a communication dated May 1, 2017, from K. Cook, supporting moving forward with a strong rapid transit system;
- xi) a communication from L. Bursch supporting moving forward with a strong rapid transit system;
- xii) a communication from R. Barker, indicating concerns with the plans and the associated costs;
- xiii) a communication from S. Morrison raising concerns about the plan, stating that the proposal is not citizen-friendly and questioning the cost projections;
- xiv) a communication from S. Quigley, indicating support for the proposed routes and tunnel and a strong rapid transit system; and
- xv) a communication from S. Shuit, indicating that he does not support the current rapid transit system plan; and

it being pointed out that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, the individuals indicated on the attached public participation meeting record made an oral submission.

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

None.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VI. CONFIDENTIAL

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.