



London
CANADA

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 4, 2011

The Council meets in Special Session in the Municipal Offices this day at 10:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor J. Fontana and Councillors W.J. Polhill, J. B. Swan, S. Orser, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D.G. Henderson, P. Van Meerbergen, D.T. Brown, H.L. Usher, J.P. Bryant and S. White; and C. Saunders (City Clerk).

ALSO PRESENT: J.A. Fielding, M. Hayward, P. McNally, J. P. Barber, G. Barrett, J. Braam, R. Brown, J. Clark, I. Collins, A. Dunbar, J.M. Fleming, E. Gamble, S. Galloway, E. Gamble, M. Henderson, G.T. Hopcroft, T.A. Johnson, V. McAlea Major, J. Page, L. Palarchio, C. Parker, J. Senese, R. Standish, J. Sura, B. Westlake-Power and J. Yanchula.

I DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

305. Councillor P. Hubert discloses a pecuniary interest on clause C-1 of the Confidential Appendix to this report, having to do with a matter pertaining to instructions and directions to officers and employees of the Corporation pertaining to a proposed acquisition or disposition of land; information concerning the proposed 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 acquisition or disposition whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the financial interests of the Corporation; and instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Corporation concerning the proposed acquisition or disposition, by indicating that he is the Executive Director of an agency that leases land from a landowner in the area.

II REPORTS

306. **Committee of the Whole**
Councillor P. Hubert presents the 31st Report

Motion made by Councillor J.B. Swan and seconded by Councillor D. Brown to Approve that clauses 1 to 9 of the 31st Report of the Committee of the Whole **BE ADOPTED**.

Motion Passed

Clauses 1 to 9, inclusive read as follows:

1. 2012 Water Budget

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Water and City Engineer, the draft 2012 Operating Budget, Capital Budget and 2013 - 2021 Capital Forecast for Water Services as presented and the ~~attached~~ proposed by-law for Water Rates and Charges (Appendix "B") **BE REFERRED** to a public participation meeting before the Committee of the Whole on November 8, 2011 for consideration;

it being noted that the Committee of the Whole heard a verbal delegation from the Director, Water and City Engineer with respect to this matter.

2. 2012 Wastewater and Treatment Budget

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Water and City Engineer, the draft 2012 Operating Budget, Capital Budget and 2013 - 2021 Capital Forecast for Wastewater and Treatment Services as presented and the ~~attached~~ proposed by-law for Sewer System Fees and Charges (Appendix "B") **BE REFERRED** to a public participation meeting before the Committee of the Whole on November 8, 2011 for consideration;

it being noted that the Committee of the Whole heard a verbal delegation from the Director, Water and City Engineer with respect to this matter.

3. Draft Terms of Reference for the 2011 Official Plan Review

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Land Use Planning and City Planner, the following actions **BE TAKEN** with respect to the 2011 Official Plan Review process:

- (a) that, on the recommendation of the Director, Land Use Planning and City Planner, the Draft Terms of Reference, as included in the report dated October, 4, 2011 for the 2011 Official Plan Review process **BE RECEIVED** and circulated for public review and comment;
- (b) that the Director, Land Use Planning and City Planner **BE DIRECTED** to bring back the Terms of Reference for the 2011 Official Plan Review at a Public Participation Meeting be held before the Strategy and Policy Committee in December 2011 following consultation with various stakeholders including, but not limited to: the public; Urban League; development industry; Chamber of Commerce, relevant government ministries and agencies; and adjacent municipalities;
- (c) that Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to initiate a Request for Proposal to retain a consultant to develop and oversee a communication and consultation program for the 2011 Official Plan Review, noting that the Request for Proposal for the consultant will not be let until Council confirms the need to review the Official Plan; and,
- (d) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to bring forward the updates to the Industrial Land Strategy and report on related adjustments to the Urban Growth boundary prior to the Comprehensive Review.

it being noted that, following the public consultation process for the Terms of Reference, Municipal Council will consider the need for an Official Plan update pursuant to Section 26(1) of the *Planning Act*;

it being further noted that the Committee of the Whole heard a verbal presentation from the Director, Land Use Planning and City Planner with respect to this matter; and

it being further noted that the Committee of Whole requested the Civic Administration to add the word "Culture" after the word "Economic" to the Phase 2 – Community Consultation on the Vision – Identification of Community Values.

4. Financing: Future Capital Initiatives

That, on the recommendation of the City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the financing of future capital initiatives:

- (a) the City municipal contribution to the capital projects indentified at the August 29, 2011 Municipal Council meeting **BE LIMITED** to \$100 million;
- (b) a 1% Special Economic Development Levy **BE APPROVED** for the 2012 Budget and 2013 to 2016 Budget Forecast Period in order to provide municipal funding and assist with leverage financing on New Economy Projects approved by Municipal Council; it being noted that a 1% Special Economic Development Levy will raise an estimated \$70 million of municipal funding toward New Economy Projects; and,
- (c) the proposal to "phase out" the Development Charge exemption and Downtown Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Grants (property tax grants) **BE REVIEWED**, prior to making decisions on New Economy Projects and that the Director of Planning provide a report back to Municipal Council on the impacts of phasing out residential development incentives, namely: the Development Charges exemption and the Downtown Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Grants;

it being noted that the contribution to these reserve funds could be used as an alternative source of funding for some of the projects anticipated in the Downtown Master Plan. It being further noted that several residential development proposals considered for the downtown and SOHO areas would attract significant municipal funded incentives which would be in addition to the current municipally funded DC exemption and Downtown Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Grant (property tax grant) programs; it being further noted that the Committee of the Whole heard a verbal presentation from the City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Financial Planning & Policy with respect to this matter.

5. Review of the Revised Draft Strategic Plan

That the revised draft strategic plan 2011-2014 **BE REFERRED** to the October 25, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. Appointment to the Middlesex-London Health Unit

That Councillor S. Orser **BE APPOINTED** to the Middlesex-London Health Unit for the term ending November 2014.

7. Revisions to the 2012 Budget Timetable

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the 2012 Budget Timetable **BE AMENDED**, as identified in the ~~attached~~ revised Timetable; it being noted that the Municipal Council previously acknowledged that changes to the 2012 Budget Timetable may be necessary as a result of the new committee structure and meeting schedule.

8. Downtown Vision - Summary of the Downtown Summit

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Land Use Planning and City Planner, the following actions be taken with respect to the Downtown Master Plan:

- (a) the presentation entitled "City of Opportunity: A Vision for Downtown" **BE RECEIVED** and **BE REFERRED** to staff to be integrated into the Downtown Master Plan; and
- (b) the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to consider, and report back on, a potential strategy, action plan and budget for advancing high priority projects within the downtown vision, recognizing the municipality's role and the role of institutional, senior government and private sector partners;

it being noted that the Committee of the Whole heard a verbal presentation from the Director, Land Use Planning and City Planner, the Manager, Land Use Planning Policy and the Manager, Community Planning and Urban Design re Downtown Vision – Summary of the Downtown Summit with respect to this matter.

9. Options for City Hall

That, the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to take the following actions with respect to future options for City Hall:

- (a) the University of Western Ontario (UWO) **BE ADVISED** that the Municipal Council will enter into discussions with respect the City's interest in the Civic Campus, which generally includes City Hall, Centennial Hall, the associated parking facility and the City of London's interest in a land lease related to Centennial House and pursuing a resituated City Hall;
- (b) the UWO **BE REQUESTED** to submit a comprehensive business plan, by March 2012, which would include details as to the potential use of the Civic Campus, any investment that may be required by the City in the current facilities, other funding partners including other levels of government, benefits to the community as a result of this endeavour, and an implementation strategy and timeline for completion;
- (c) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee on a proposed procurement process for a resituated City Hall that addresses both location and the design and construction of the facility;
- (d) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back on strategy to rationalize the City's leased and owned portfolio to accommodate the decentralized service delivery model; and,
- (e) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee with respect to a financing/investment strategy to support the above;

it being noted that the Committee of the Whole (CW) heard a verbal presentation from Managing Director, Corporate Assets with respect to this matter;

it being further noted that the CW received and noted communications from the following individuals with respect to this matter:

- B. Adamson, President and CEO, London Health Sciences Centre;
- H. W. Rundle, President, Fanshawe College;
- B. Tucker, Director of Education, Thames Valley District School Board;
- B. Meehan, Museum London;
- D. Matthews, Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care;
- G. Kernaghan, President & CEO, St. Joseph's Health Care London and M.M. Campbell, President & CEO, St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation;
- G. Slemko, President, Foundation Board, S. Nickle, President, Operating Board, D. Harvey, Executive Director and S. Ferley, Artistic Director, The Grand Theatre; and
- P. Fox, LLB Chair, and D. Sylvest, PhD, Principal, Kings University College.

10. Animal Welfare Advisory Committee Resignation

That, the Committee of the Whole (CW) received a communication dated September 27, 2011, from Jim Symons, resigning his appointment to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee. The CW accepted the resignation with regret and asked the Mayor to forward a letter of appreciation to Mr. Symons.

The Chair directs that the following Report clauses be noted.

The Committee of the Whole held a recorded vote on part (c) of clause 3 of this report, with respect to the Draft Terms of Reference for the 2011 Official Plan Review. The members voting as follows:

YEAS: Mayor Fontana, Councillors Polhill, Swan, Orser, M. Brown, Hubert, D. Brown, Usher and White. (9)

NAYS: Councillors Henderson, Van Meerbergen and Bryant. (3)

The Committee of the Whole held a recorded vote on part (a) of clause 4 of this report, with respect to the Financing: Future Capital Initiatives. The members voting as follows:

YEAS: Mayor Fontana, Councillors Swan, Orser, M. Brown, Hubert, Usher, Bryant and White. (8)

NAYS: Councillors Polhill, Henderson, Van Meerbergen and D. Brown. (4)

The Committee of the Whole held a recorded vote on part (b) of clause 4 of this report, with respect to the Financing: Future Capital Initiatives. The members voting as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Polhill, Swan, M. Brown, Hubert, Henderson, Van Meerbergen, Usher and Bryant. (8)

NAYS: Mayor Fontana, Councillors Orser, D. Brown and White. (4)

The Committee of the Whole held a recorded vote on part (c) of clause 4 of this report, with respect to the Financing: Future Capital Initiatives. The members voting as follows:

YEAS: Mayor Fontana, Councillors Polhill, Swan, M. Brown, Hubert, Usher, Bryant and White. (8)

NAYS: Councillors Polhill, Orser, Henderson, Van Meerbergen and D. Brown. (5)

307. **III ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councillor P. Hubert and seconded by Councillor M. Brown to Adjourn.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Joe Fontana, Mayor

Catharine Saunders, City Clerk