

Bill No. 585
2018

By-law No. CPOL.-_____-____

A by-law to introduce the “Surplus School Site Evaluation and Acquisition Policy”.

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, C. 25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, C. 25, as amended, provides a municipality with the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purposes of exercising its authority;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London wishes to introduce the Council Policy attached as “Schedule A” with the new Council Policy template and applying the gender equity lens;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The “Surplus School Site Evaluation and Acquisition Policy” attached hereto as Schedule “A” be introduced as Council Policy.
2. This by-law shall come into effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on October 16, 2018.

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – October 16, 2018
Second Reading – October 16, 2018
Third Reading – October 16, 2018

Schedule "A"

Council Policy: Surplus School Site Evaluation and Acquisition Policy

Policy Name: Surplus School Site Evaluation and Acquisition Policy

Legislative History: None

Last Review Date: October 9, 2018

Service Area Lead: Manager, Long Range Planning and Research

1. Policy Statement

To establish a Council policy for the evaluation and acquisition of surplus school sites.

2. Definitions

Not applicable.

3. Applicability

This policy applies to the Corporation of the City of London for the evaluation of sites for potential municipal acquisition that have been identified by School Boards as surplus to school needs.

4. The Policy

4.1 Municipal Needs

Surplus school sites will be evaluated for acquisition for one or more of the following municipal needs:

- As a site for an affordable housing project. This will be the first need evaluated.
- As a site for a community centre
- As a site to address an identified parkland deficiency

4.2 Evaluation Process

An administrative review team representing Service Areas and Agencies responsible for affordable housing, parkland development and community centre development shall be established to evaluate sites within the City for potential acquisition that have been identified as surplus to a School Board's needs.

Criteria for the municipal acquisition of an identified surplus school site will be established.

Staff will report the results of the evaluation if the site meets one or more identified municipal needs, and prepare a recommendation to Council to acquire the site. If the site that is declared surplus does not meet an identified municipal need, it will not be recommended for acquisition.

4.3 Partnerships

The City may partner in the development of a site that has been recommended for acquisition in accordance with City policies regarding partnerships. Such partnerships may include the development of any portion of a site.

4.5 Sites Recommended for Acquisition

Sites that meet a municipal need will be recommended for acquisition, and a Source of Financing will be identified.

The City may consider the acquisition of sites that are larger than required to meet a municipal need, and may dispose of the portion not required for the municipal need to offset costs associated with the acquisition and development of the site.