

# Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

## Report

4th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee  
January 17, 2019

**PRESENT:** Mayor E. Holder (Chair), Councillors M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelosa, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier

**ALSO PRESENT:** M. Hayward, A. Barbon, B. Card, B. Coxhead, S. Datars Bere, J. Davies, A. Dunbar, M. Galczynski, S. King, G. Kotisfas, L. Livingstone, B. O'Hagan, S. Stafford, D. MacRae, J. Millson, K. Murray, M. Riberia, D. O'Brien, C. Saunders, M. Schulthess, and B. Westlake-Power.

The meeting is called to order at 4:03 PM, with all Members present except Councillor M. van Holst.

### 1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor S. Turner discloses a pecuniary interest in Item 3.1, specific to the request for funding from Merrymount Children's Centre, by indicating that his employer the Middlesex London Health Unit has indicated a position on the matter, and further by indicating that his spouse's employer receives EarlyON funding.

### 3. Scheduled Items

3.1 Not to be heard before 4:00 PM - Public Participation Meeting - 2016-2019 Multi-Year Budget

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen  
Seconded by: A. Kayabaga

That the following written submissions for the 2016-2019 Multi-Year Budget 2019 Public Participation Meeting BE RECEIVED for consideration by the Municipal Council as part of its 2019 Multi-Year Budget approval process:

- a) a communication dated December 12, 2018 from L Simpson;
- b) a presentation and communication from P. Howarth, Executive Director, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- c) a communication from R. Al Absi;
- d) a communication dated December 21, 2018 from L. A. Cross, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- e) a communication from S. Wells, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- f) a communication dated January 2, 2019 from W. Tapp-Moore, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- g) a communication from K. Rupert, Merrymount Family Mental Health Coordinator;
- h) a communication dated December 20, 2018 from M. Mouritzen, Healthzone Nurse Practitioner, Interim Director Clinical Services – Merrymount Children's Centre;

- i) a communication from S. O'Halloran, Bachelor of Social Work Intern Student – Merrymount Children's Centre;
- j) a communication dated January 7, 2019 from C. Foote, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- k) a communication from K. Lamport, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- l) a communication from A. Brooks, Communications & Development Coordinator, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- m) a communication dated January 2, 2019 from R. Nasswetter, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- n) a communication dated January 4, 2018 from L Sortun, Program Manager Crisis Residential/Respite Program, Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre;
- o) a communication dated January 6, 2019 from A. Connell, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- p) a communication dated December 18, 2018 from S. McKane, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- q) a communication dated January 8, 2019 from R. Macgregor, Director of Finance, Merrymount Children's Centre;
- r) a presentation from A. Conlon, Executive Director, London Children's Museum;
- s) a presentation from C. Butler;
- t) a communication from A. Bruner;
- u) a communication from C. Johnston; and
- v) a communication from J. Winston, Tourism London;

it being pointed out that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, the individuals on the attached public participation meeting record made oral submissions regarding these matters.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

**Motion Passed (15 to 0)**

Additional votes:

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: A. Kayabaga

Motion to Open the Public Participation Meeting.

Yeas: (14): Mayor E. Holder, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): M. van Holst

**Motion Passed (14 to 0)**

Moved by: M. Salih  
Seconded by: P. Van Meerbergen

Motion to Close the Public Participation Meeting.

Yeas: (14): Mayor E. Holder, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): M. van Holst

**Motion Passed (14 to 0)**

**4. Items for Direction**

None.

**5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

**5.1 Merrymount Children's Centre Funding Request**

Moved by: P. Squire  
Seconded by: E. Pelozza

That the following actions be taken with respect to the request for funding from Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre:

- a) the request for 2019 funding in the amount of \$368,704 BE REFERRED to the 2019 Budget process for consideration;
- b) the Budget Chair BE REQUESTED to work with the Civic Administration, Provincial and Federal Government officials and representatives from the Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre to investigate and determine any potential appropriate sources of funding with respect to the 2019 request for funding; and
- c) the Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre 2020 request for funding in the amount of \$238,704 BE REFERRED to the 2020-2023 Multi-year Budget Process for consideration;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a variety of communications through the Public Participation Meeting associated with the 2016 - 2019 Budget.

Yeas: (11): Mayor E. Holder, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Nays: (2): M. Cassidy, and A. Hopkins

Recuse: (1): S. Turner

Absent: (1): M. van Holst

**Motion Passed (11 to 2)**

**6. Adjournment**

Moved by: S. Hillier  
Seconded by: M. Salih

That the meeting Adjourn.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

**Motion Passed (15 to 0)**

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

### 3.1 2016-2019 Multi-Year Budget – Public Participation

- C. Butler, 863 Waterloo Street – providing information as included on the public Agenda related to suggested budget targets (2.5%), tax increase consistency/transparency request and also providing suggestions for future budgets including the limiting of taxpayer-funded liabilities, assessment growth and allocation and reserve funds.
- P. Howarth, Executive Director, Merrymount Children’s Centre – summarizing the comments contained in the written submission included on the public Agenda, requesting bridge funding for the organization in 2019 and 2020, in the amounts of \$368,704 and \$238,704, respectively.
- S. Ouellette, Chair, London Children’s Museum – providing the presentation as included on the public Agenda, in support of the reimagining of London Children’s Museum, and the financial request of the Municipal Council in support of the redevelopment of the London Children’s Museum.
- B. Tucker, Chair Fundraising, London Children’s Museum – noting that he became involved in this project because he supports the effort; asking Council for an investment in a good-news story; noting that the new facility will contribute to development of children and will become an anchor tenant at 100 Kellogg Lane destination; and advising that the support will permit the leveraging of additional funding.
- L. A. Cross, 718 Victoria Street – speaking on behalf of Merrymount Children’s Centre, summarizing the comments contained in the written submission included on the public Agenda; noting that she is speaking as an employee of Merrymount and a citizen of London and is in support of the funding request for 2019 and 2020 for Merrymount.
- W. Tapp-Moore, 536 Forest Creek Place – providing information verbally, as outlined in communication included on the Added Agenda and noting that she is an employee of Merrymount; advising of the need for the Council to support the funding request of Merrymount.
- M. Connell, 10 Kaladar Place – advising of circumstances, as outlined in communication included on the Added Agenda, from his wife; noting their family support for the funding request for Merrymount; advising that Merrymount changed their lives and urging the fullest financial support for the organization.
- D. Ruston, 433 King Street – suggesting that the draft budget update projects a tax increase that was lower than previously approved; noting concerns related to the proposed amendment of Case #2 – cancellation of planned 2019 minimum wage increase; suggesting that the City has the opportunity to pay \$15/hr, even though not legislated and urging Council to continue the original action; noting that staff affected include a variety of employees and that these individuals deserve to live and work in a city that invests in their lively; urging Council not to enact Business Case #2.
- J. Winston, Tourism London – providing information in support of Children’s Museum request for funding as outlined in his submission on the public Agenda.
- A. Billard, 1152 Oakcrossing Road – advising that his grandchildren attend programming at Merrymount and urging Council’s support of the funding request because the City needs the facility.
- C. Johnston, 1124 North Centre Road – speaking in support of the London Children’s Museum request for funding for a new facility.
- G. Brown, 59 Ridout St. S, Apt. 35A – suggesting support ongoing, future support of the vision zero program, noting that this discussion will make London roads safer, and should be prioritized over other new projects.