

3RD REPORT OF THE
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE
(2013 BUDGET PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING #1)

Meeting held on January 14, 2013, commencing at 4:07 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor J.F. Fontana (Chair), Councillors B. Polhill, W.J. Armstrong, J.B. Swan, S. Orser, J.L. Baechler, N. Branscombe, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D.G. Henderson, P. Van Meerbergen, D.T. Brown, H.L. Usher, J.P. Bryant and S. White and L. Rowe (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: A. Zuidema, J.P. Barber, J. Braam, I. Collins, B. Coxhead, A. Dunbar, J.M. Fleming, M. Hayward, L. Livingstone, L. Palarchio, M. Ribera, C. Saunders and B. Westlake-Power.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1. That it **BE NOTED** that Councillor J.B. Swan disclosed a pecuniary interest in those matters related to Orchestra London and the use of Centennial Hall as Orchestra London is his employer and receives funding from the City of London.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

None.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2. 2013 Budget – Public Participation Meeting

Recommendation: That the following presentations **BE RECEIVED**:

- a) the attached presentation from Deb Lowery, President, Friends of the London Public Library;
- b) the attached presentation from Bill Tufts, Fair Pensions for All (FPFA);
- c) the attached presentation from Michelle Baldwin, Executive Director, Pillar Nonprofit Network; Andrew Lockie, CEO, United Way London & Middlesex; and Martha Powell, President & CEO, London Community Foundation;
- d) the attached presentation from Sean Quigley, Executive Director, Emerging Leaders London Community Network;
- e) the attached presentation from Sandy Levin, London;
- f) the attached presentation from Stephen Turner, Urban League of London;
- g) the attached presentation from Abe Oudshoorn, on behalf of the London Homeless Coalition;
- h) the attached presentation from Michele Girash, London, Ontario;
- i) the attached presentation from Tom McClenaghan, London, Ontario;
- j) the attached presentation from Andrew Lockhart, Progressive Librarians Guild London Chapter;
- k) the attached presentation from Dean Sheppard, Reforest London;

- l) the attached presentation from Tanya Park, 300 South Street, President, SoHo Community Association;
- m) the verbal delegation from Gary Brown, 35A-59 Ridout Street South, indicating the level of public engagement for this budget has been outstanding; speaking in support of the points made by preceding delegations; and pointing out the many studies in various different jurisdictions which support bike lanes as a strong component of economic well being, quality of life and property values, which would indicate that any decision to delay or delete the further implementation of bike lanes would be imprudent;
- n) the verbal delegation from Oliver Hobson indicating support for the comments by the preceding delegations and stating that he hopes the input does not fall on deaf ears;
- o) the verbal delegation from Amanda Pallant, 51 Byron Avenue, indicating support for many of the comments by the preceding delegations and that she is happy to see the level of participation; expressing concern with the condition of London's roads and requesting that funding for roads not be reduced; indicating support for bike lanes; noting that other cities have much better public transit than London, young people are looking for a good public transit system, with access to all the new neighbourhoods, and many people rely on the public transit system to get to work; and
- p) the verbal delegation from William Ryan Joseph Chawchuk, 139 Pine Lawn Avenue, indicating that the best way to solve tree problems is to replant; questioning why public transit routes would be eliminated as there is public need for this service; and noting that the way things are currently done does not dictate how they should be done.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, B. Polhill, J.B. Swan, S. Orser, J.L. Baechler, N. Branscombe, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D.G. Henderson, P. Van Meerbergen, D.T. Brown, H.L. Usher and J.P. Bryant. (13)

NAYS: (0)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

None.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.