

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 25, 2019
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS, CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	RAPID TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP – EXTENSION OF TERM and UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the following actions be taken with respect to the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group:

- a) the following appointments to the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group, BE EXTENDED to November 15, 2022, or until the Working Group completes its mandate, whichever is sooner: Councillors van Holst, Squire, Cassidy, Helmer, Kayabaga, Hillier, Pelosa, Hopkins and Lehman; and,
- b) subject to the approval of part a), above, the revised Terms of Reference as appended to this report as Appendix "B" BE APPROVED.

BACKGROUND

On March 5, 2019, the Municipal Council resolved:

"That the following actions be taken with respect to Rapid Transit and other transportation projects related to the Public Transit Infrastructure Stream (PTIS) funding:

- a) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to:
 - i) consign to meetings of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee (SPPC) all major Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) related matters, including but not limited to reports, presentations and Councillor submissions that have regard to Rapid Transit or any project seeking funding through the \$204 million allocated to London under the Federal Public Transit Infrastructure Stream (PTIS) and the \$170 million Provincial funding commitment, noting that this will not include any related property acquisitions;
 - ii) reports of Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group BE DIRECTED to SPPC; and
 - iii) continue with this practice until such time as council explicitly directs otherwise; and,..."

DISCUSSION

Appointments to the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group (RTIWG) made last fall, following the Municipal Election, were for a term ending November 30, 2019. In consultation with the rapid transit project team and the City Engineer, it is noted that there is value in continuing the RTIWG beyond this timing to support community engagement at key points throughout the design and construction phases and to provide for a venue for further discussion with the London Transit Commission. Meetings will be held on an as needed basis.

The Civic Administration proposes updates to the RTIWG Terms of Reference, in addition to those contemplated by Council in March of this year. A strikethrough version of the current Terms of Reference, with strikethrough outlining the proposed changes is attached as Appendix "A" of this report for consideration.

PREPARED BY AND RECOMMENDED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

Appendix “A”

RAPID TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMPOSITION:

The Working Group shall be comprised of Members of Council who have indicated to the City Clerk their willingness to serve on the Working Group and three representatives from the London Transit Commission.

TERM OF OFFICE:

The Working Group shall dissolve upon completion of its mandate.

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by the Working Group from among its Members.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP: The Working Group shall report through the [Civic Works Strategic Priorities and Policy](#) Committee.

DUTIES:

The Working Group shall:

- ~~a) Review and provide input on reports brought forward regarding the rapid transit implementation project;~~
- a) Participate, as appropriate, in broader community engagement at key points throughout the ~~planning~~, design and construction phases of the rapid transit implementation process.
- b) Serve as a liaison point between the London Transit Commission and the Municipal Council on matters respecting the ~~development and~~ implementation of London’s rapid transit initiative
- c) Review and provide input to the Municipal Council, through the [Civic Works Strategic Priorities and Policy](#) Committee, with respect to the ~~development and~~ implementation of London’s rapid transit initiative.

MEETINGS:

The meetings shall be held ~~on a monthly or~~ on an as needed basis.

RESOURCES:

Research and general support staff resources shall be provided through the relevant Managing Director and/or the General Manager of the London Transit Commission. Secretariat support shall be provided by the City Clerk’s Office.

Appendix “B”

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DUTIES:

The Working Group shall:

- a) Participate, as appropriate, in broader community engagement at key points throughout the design and construction phases of the rapid transit implementation process.
- b) Serve as a liaison point between the London Transit Commission and the Municipal Council on matters respecting the implementation of London’s rapid transit initiative
- c) Review and provide input to the Municipal Council, through the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, with respect to the implementation of London’s rapid transit initiative.

MEETINGS:

The meetings shall be held on an as needed basis.

RESOURCES:

Research and general support staff resources shall be provided through the relevant Managing Director and/or the General Manager of the London Transit Commission. Secretariat support shall be provided by the City Clerk’s Office.