

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

13th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
July 14, 2020

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. Pelozo, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier

ALSO PRESENT: M. Schulthess, S. Spring, B. Westlake-Power

Remote Attendance: L. Livingstone, A. Anderson, A.L. Barbon, S. Corman, G. Barrett, K. Dickins, K. Edwards, G. Kotsifas, S. Mathers, A. Macpherson, D. MacRae, J.P. McGonigal, J. Raycroft, K. Scherr, C. Smith, P. Yeoman

The meeting is called to order at 4:04 PM; it being noted that the following Members were in remote attendance: M. van Holst, M. Salih, M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor S. Turner discloses a pecuniary interest in the added item 5.2, having to do with potential additional legislative actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, by indicating that the matter concerns the Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, which is his employer. Councillor S. Turner further discloses a pecuniary in item 2.1 having to do with the Core Area Action Plan 2020 Progress Update, specifically related to those components having to do with the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), because he is an employee of the MLHU.

Councillor J. Morgan discloses a pecuniary interest in item 2.4 - 2nd Report of the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group, specific to item 3.2 - North Corridor, by indicating that he is an employee of Western University, which will be impacted by this.

Councillor J. Helmer discloses a pecuniary interest in item 2.4 - 2nd Report of the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group, specific to item 3.2 - North Corridor, by indicating that he anticipates being an employee of Western University, which will be impacted by this.

Councillor S. Lehman discloses a pecuniary interest in item 2.4 - 2nd Report of the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group, specific to item 3.2 - North Corridor, by indicating that he owns a business on Richmond Row.

2. Consent

2.1 Core Area Action Plan - 2020 Progress Update

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Core Area Action Plan:

- a) the staff report dated July 14, 2020 BE RECEIVED for the purpose of providing Municipal Council with an update on the progress of the implementation of the Core Area Action Plan; and,

b) the modified operating budget for 2020 components of the Core Area Action Plan 2020-2023 Additional Investment business case, as identified in the staff report dated July 14, 2020, BE APPROVED.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: S. Turner

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Core Area Action Plan:

a) the staff report dated July 14, 2020 BE RECEIVED for the purpose of providing Municipal Council with an update on the progress of the implementation of the Core Area Action Plan; and,

b) the modified operating budget for 2020 components of the Core Area Action Plan 2020-2023 Additional Investment business case, excluding Item 45 "Activate spaces and places with bistro chairs and tables" in the amount of (\$50,000), BE APPROVED.

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)

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That Item 45 of the 2020 Modified Operating Budget for the Core Action Plan, Activate Spaces and Places with bistro chairs and tables, BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (12): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Nays: (3): J. Helmer, S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

Motion Passed (12 to 3)

2.2 London Community Recovery Network

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Hillier

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the following actions be taken regarding the London Community Recovery Network:

a) the London Community Recovery Network (LCRN) BE ENDORSED as a model to coordinate London's community recovery from COVID-19, including Council membership on the sector/issue/theme discussion tables;

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to work with the Mayor and Council to constitute the LCRN as soon as possible to begin London's community recovery efforts; and,

c) the staff report on the London Community Recovery Network BE RECEIVED.

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)

2.3 London Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) Activity Update 2019

Moved by: A. Kayabaga

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

That the London Economic Development Corporation Activity Update 2019 BE RECEIVED for information.

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)

2.4 2nd Report of the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group

That the 2nd Report of the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group BE APPROVED.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

The 2nd Report of the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group meeting held on June 30, 2020 BE RECEIVED, excluding Clause 3.2.

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)

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

That clause 3.2 of the 2nd Report of the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (12): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Recuse: (3): J. Helmer, J. Morgan, and S. Lehman

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

3. Scheduled Items

3.1 2021 Development Charges Update Covering Report and Proposed By-law

Moved by: M. Cassidy

Seconded by: S. Hillier

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services & City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the 2021 Development Charges Background Study Update and the proposed 2021 Development Charges By-law BE RECEIVED;

it being pointed out that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, the following individuals made oral submissions regarding this matter:

- Mike Wallace, London Development Institute – 100% support of the staff report under consideration; noting that Bill 197 means that there is more work to be done; advising that they are happy with the discussion and that staff have been helpful; noting that the organization may have additional comments as this continues to evolve.
- Anna Maria Valastro, 133 John Street, Unit 1 – expressing concern related to Bills 108 and 197, in the ability to undercut local controls and requirements related environmental needs and community benefits; asking about rationalization of development charges and community benefit charges include means to off-set negative impacts of intensification, and require the support for city initiatives such as the urban forest strategy, climate change strategy, etc. and suggesting that the public-at-large be considered an active stake-holder in the process.

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)

Voting Record:

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: S. Turner

Motion to open the Public Participation Meeting.

Yeas: (14): 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, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): E. Pelozza

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: S. Turner

Seconded by: P. Van Meerbergen

Motion to close the Public Participation Meeting.

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)

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

That a Recess of the Committee BE APPROVED.

Motion Passed

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committees recesses from 6:45 PM to 6:54 PM.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Resignation from Eldon House Board of Directors

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Eldon House Board of Directors:

- a) the communication dated June 17, 2020 from Mark Tovey from Eldon House BE ACCEPTED; and,
- b) the civic administration BE DIRECTED to consult with the current Eldon House Board, with respect to potential membership requirements and undertake candidate recruitment for consideration accordingly.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: E. Pelosa
Seconded by: J. Helmer

That the communication dated June 17, 2020 from Mark Tovey from Eldon House BE ACCEPTED.

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. Pelosa, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

Moved by: E. Pelosa
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That staff BE DIRECTED to consult with the current Eldon House Board, with respect to potential membership requirements and undertake candidate recruitment for consideration accordingly.

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. Pelosa, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

4.2 Argyle Business Improvement Association

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the following actions be taken with respect to Argyle Business Improvement Association:

- a) the resignation of Erik Lasch BE ACCEPTED; and,
- b) Dan Eminger and Frank Boutzis BE APPOINTED for the term ending November 15, 2022.

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)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

5.1 (ADDED) Making Anti-Racism a Strategic Priority

Moved by: A. Kayabaga

Seconded by: M. Salih

That the following actions be taken with respect to making anti-racism a strategic priority:

- a) the mandate of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee BE AMENDED to include “Anti-racism, diversity, inclusion and anti-oppression” as a new bullet point under Strategic Initiatives;
- b) the terms of reference for the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee (DIAAC) be amended to replace “Community and Protective Services Committee” with “Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee”; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE ENCOURAGED to bring forward initial reports by service area responding to the Municipal Council resolution on 16 June 2020 related to the implementation of the equity and inclusion lens to the most relevant standing committee for each service area (e.g. Development and Compliance Services would report to Planning and Environment Committee; Engineering and Environmental Services would report to Civic Works Committee, and so on).

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)

5.2 Additional Legislative Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

That the following actions be taken with respect to additional legislative measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- a) the Civic Administration, including the City Solicitor, BE DIRECTED to consult with the County of Middlesex and the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Chris Mackie, and to bring forward, for consideration at the earliest opportunity by Municipal Council, any legislative measures that the Medical Officer of Health recommends the City of London should enact to reduce the risk of further COVID-19 infections within the City of London, including the possibility of a temporary municipal bylaw requiring the wearing of masks or face coverings in enclosed public spaces; and,
- b) the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Chris Mackie, BE REQUESTED to attend the standing committee meeting(s), to provide advice and answer questions about any advice or actions that may result from part a) above.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: Mayor E. Holder

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

The Civic Administration, including the City Solicitor, BE DIRECTED to consult with the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Chris Mackie, and to bring forward, for consideration at the earliest opportunity by Municipal Council, any legislative measures that the Medical Officer of Health recommends the City of London should enact to reduce the risk of further COVID-19 infections within the City of London, including the possibility of a temporary municipal bylaw requiring the wearing of masks or face coverings in enclosed public spaces.

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: M. Salih

That the motion BE AMENDED to add a new part b), as follows:

b) the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Chris Mackie, BE REQUESTED to attend the standing committee meeting(s), to provide advice and answer questions about any advice or actions that may result from part a) above.

Yeas: (14): 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, E. Pelosa, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): S. Turner

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: J. Helmer

That the motion, as amended, BE APPROVED; the motion reads as follows:

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Absent: (1): S. Turner

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

6. (ADDED) Confidential

6.1 (ADDED) Solicitor-Client Privileged Advice

Moved by: M. van Holst

Seconded by: P. Squire

That the SPPC convene, In Closed Session, in order to receive advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, as relates to potential additional legislative measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Motion Passed

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convenes, In Closed Session, from 7:35 PM to 8:06 PM, with respect to a matter pertaining to advice subject to solicitor-client privilege, as it relates to additional legislative measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 8:43 PM.