

# Corporate Services Committee

## Report

19th Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee  
November 30, 2020

PRESENT: Councillors A. Kayabaga (Chair), M. van Holst, J. Helmer, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, Mayor E. Holder

ALSO PRESENT: J. Taylor, C. Saunders, M. Schulthess, B. Westlake-Power

Remote Attendance: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, G. Belch, B. Card, I. Collins, S. Corman, M. Goldrup, J. Logan, S. Miller, S. Tatavarti, B. Warner

The meeting is called to order at 12:11 PM, with Councillor A. Kayabaga in the Chair; it being noted that the following Members were in remote attendance: Mayor E. Holder, Councillors J. Helmer, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins and M. van Holst.

### 1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### 2. Consent

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: J. Helmer

That the Corporate Services Committee recess for 10 minutes, due to technical issues.

Yeas: (5): A. Kayabaga, J. Helmer, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, and E. Holder

Absent: (1): M. van Holst

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

The Corporate Services Committee recesses at 12:15 PM. The Committee resumes at 12:26 PM with all Members participating.

#### 2.1 Taxation of Properties Owned by London Middlesex Community Housing Inc.

Moved by: E. Holder

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial, the staff report dated November 30, 2020, entitled "Taxation of Properties Owned by London Middlesex Housing Inc.," BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (6): A. Kayabaga, M. van Holst, J. Helmer, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, and E. Holder

**Motion Passed (6 to 0)**

Additional Votes:

Moved by: J. Helmer

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to Corporate Services Committee with a phased approach of reducing the effective tax rate for London Middlesex Community Housing Inc. (LMCH) buildings, over a period of four years, to be equivalent to the residential tax rate.

Yeas: (3): A. Kayabaga, J. Helmer, and A. Hopkins

Nays: (3): M. van Holst, J. Morgan, and E. Holder

**Motion Failed (3 to 3)**

2.2 Report to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Virtual Meeting - September 8-11, 2020

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the communication from Councillor J. Morgan regarding the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) update on board activities from the virtual meeting held on September 8-11, 2020 BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (6): A. Kayabaga, M. van Holst, J. Helmer, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, and E. Holder

**Motion Passed (6 to 0)**

**3. Scheduled Items**

None.

**4. Items for Direction**

4.1 Consideration of Appointment to the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Moved by: J. Helmer

Seconded by: M. van Holst

That Madison Bush BE APPOINTED as a Voting Member to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the term ending June 30, 2021.

Yeas: (6): A. Kayabaga, M. van Holst, J. Helmer, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, and E. Holder

**Motion Passed (6 to 0)**

**5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

5.1 AMO 2021 Conference

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: A. Kayabaga

That the attached update from Councillor A. Hopkins, with respect to the 2021 AMO Conference, BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (5): A. Kayabaga, M. van Holst, J. Helmer, A. Hopkins, and E. Holder

Absent: (1): J. Morgan

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

**6. Confidential (Enclosed for Members only.)**

Moved by: A. Hopkins  
Seconded by: M. van Holst

That the Corporate Services Committee convene, In Closed Session, for the purpose of considering the following:

**6.1 Land Disposition / Solicitor-Client Privileged Advice / Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be Applied to Any Negotiations**

A matter pertaining to the proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality, including communications necessary for that purpose; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; commercial and financial information, that belongs to the municipality and has monetary value or potential monetary value and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

**6.2 Personal Matters/Identifiable Individuals**

A matter pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations and pertaining to personal matters about identifiable individuals as it relates to employee benefits.

**6.3 Litigation/Potential Litigation / Solicitor-Client Privileged Advice**

A matter pertaining to litigation with respect to The Corporation of the City of London v. Amal and Samir Samhouri in connection with a Default Judgment dated May 12, 2003 in Ontario Superior Court, file # 41525; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, in connection with Default Judgment dated May 12, 2003 in Ontario Superior Court, file # 41525; and directions and instructions to officers and employees or agents of the municipality regarding settlement negotiations and conduct of litigation in connection with the Default Judgment dated May 12, 20003 in Ontario Superior Court, file # 41525.

Yeas: (5): A. Kayabaga, M. van Holst, J. Helmer, A. Hopkins, and E. Holder

Absent: (1): J. Morgan

**Motion Passed (5 to 0)**

The Corporate Services Committee convened, In Closed Session, from 1:25 PM until 2:14 PM.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 PM

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, London successfully bid to host the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual Conference in 2021 (and 2023). This conference attracts hundreds of municipal representatives and provincial decision makers every year, and was moved to a virtual platform for 2020 due to the pandemic.

With the ongoing uncertainty around how long gathering restrictions will be necessary, the AMO board of directors made the difficult decision to plan for a fully virtual conference for 2021. While London will still be featured as the official host city, it seems unlikely we'll be able to have thousands of people gathered in one space for a major conference.

I am confident that we will still be able to put a distinctly London twist on the virtual conference, and Tourism London and RBC Place have already had early discussions with AMO about the potential opportunities to generate interest and economic spinoff for our city.

This decision, like so many decisions that must be made during the pandemic, is disappointing but completely understandable. As the planning gets underway for the virtual conference, there will be opportunities for participation for members of our Council, and I hope each of you will consider contributing to make sure London is an exceptional virtual host in 2021.

Sincerely,

Councillor Anna Hopkins