

# Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

## Report

4th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee  
January 26, 2021

**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, S. Hillier

**ABSENT:** A. Kayabaga

**ALSO PRESENT:** ALSO PRESENT: J. Taylor, C. Saunders

Remote Attendance: L. Livingstone, R. Armistead, A. Barbon, B. Card, S. Corman, K. Dickins, T. Fowler, G. Kotsifas, P. McKague, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, C. Smith, S. Stafford, B. Westlake-Power, R. Wilcox

The meeting is called to order at 4:03 PM; it being noted that the following Members were in remote attendance: Councillors M. van Holst, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozo and S. Hillier.

### 1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that Councillor S. Lehman disclosed a pecuniary interest in item 4.2, having to do with appointments to the Downtown London Business Association, by indicating that he is a member of the Association.

### 2. Consent

#### 2.1 London Community Grants Program Policy Update

Moved by: E. Pelozo

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the London Community Grants Policy:

- a) the proposed by-law as appended to the staff report dated January 26, 2021 as Appendix "A" BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council Meeting to be held on February 2, 2021, to repeal and replace By-law No. CPOL.-390-124, entitled London Community Grants Policy;
- b) that the staff report BE RECEIVED for information; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring back recommendations for the potential introduction of an anonymized application process for the London Community Grants Program that could be implemented for 2022 funding allocations and be used going forward.

**Motion Passed**

Voting Record:

Moved by: E. Pelozo

Seconded by: S. Lewis

Motion to approve parts a) and b):

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the following actions be taken with respect to the London Community Grants Policy:

- a) the proposed by-law as appended to the staff report dated January 26, 2021 as Appendix "A" BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council Meeting to be held on February 2, 2021, to repeal and replace By-law No. CPOL.-390-124, entitled London Community Grants Policy;
- b) that the staff report BE RECEIVED for information; and,

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, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (14 to 0)**

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

Motion to approve part c):

- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring back recommendations for the potential introduction of an anonymized application process for the London Community Grants Program that could be implemented for 2022 funding allocations and be used going forward.

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

Nays: (2): P. Squire, and P. Van Meerbergen

Absent: (1): A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (12 to 2)**

2.2 Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations Update on City of London Efforts

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

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the staff report dated January 26, 2021 entitled "Truth and Reconciliation Commissions – Update on City of London Efforts", BE RECEIVED for information.

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, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (14 to 0)**

**3. Scheduled Items**

None.

#### 4. Items for Direction

##### 4.1 Comparison of Proposed London Hydro Restructuring Options

Moved by: J. Helmer

Seconded by: J. Morgan

That the following actions be taken with respect to the comparison of proposed London Hydro Inc. restructuring options:

a) the report dated January 26, 2021 entitled "Comparison of Proposed London Hydro Restructuring Options", BE RECEIVED;

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to a future meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee with the necessary by-laws and documentation to implement the proposed "Newco Option" with respect to London Hydro Inc. restructuring;

c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to advise the Board of London Hydro Inc. that the Municipal Council will not be proceeding with the proposed "Holdco Option"; and,

d) the Board and staff of London Hydro Inc. and the Civic Administration of the City of London, BE THANKED for the work undertaken with respect to London Hydro Inc. restructuring;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated January 24, 2021 from Councillor M. van Holst with respect to this matter.

**Motion Passed**

Voting Record:

Moved by: J. Helmer

Seconded by: J. Morgan

Motion to approve parts a), b) and d):

That the following actions be taken with respect to the comparison of proposed London Hydro Inc. restructuring options:

a) the report dated January 26, 2021 entitled "Comparison of Proposed London Hydro Restructuring Options", BE RECEIVED;

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to a future meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee with the necessary by-laws and documentation to implement the proposed "Newco Option" with respect to London Hydro Inc. restructuring;

d) the Board and staff of London Hydro Inc. and the Civic Administration of the City of London, BE THANKED for the work undertaken with respect to London Hydro Inc. restructuring;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated January 24, 2021 from Councillor M. van Holst with respect to this matter.

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, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (14 to 0)**

Moved by: J. Helmer  
Seconded by: J. Morgan

Motion to approve part c):

c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to advise the Board of London Hydro Inc. that the Municipal Council will not be proceeding with the proposed "Holdco Option"; and,

Yeas: (13): 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, and S. Hillier

Nays: (1): M. van Holst

Absent: (1): A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 1)**

#### 4.2 Confirmation of Appointments to Downtown London

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

That the following BE APPOINTED to the London Downtown Business Association for the term ending November 15, 2022:

Jerry Pribil - Marienbad Restaurant  
Scott Collyer - Emphyrean Communication Resources.

Yeas: (13): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Recuse: (1): S. Lehman

Absent: (1): A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 0)**

#### 4.3 1st Report of the Governance Working Group

Moved by: J. Morgan  
Seconded by: P. Van Meerbergen

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 1st Meeting of the Governance Working Group meeting held on January 11, 2021:

a) the following actions be taken with respect to the Advisory Committee Review:

i) the report dated January 11, 2021 entitled "Advisory Committee Review - Interim Report IV", BE RECEIVED;

ii) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to proceed with drafting revised Terms of References for Advisory Committees based on the proposed changes set out in staff report dated November 10, 2020 entitled "Advisory Committee Review - Interim Report III", incorporating additional direction from the Municipal Council and the Governance Working Group; and,

iii) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to circulate the draft revised Terms of References noted in b) above, to the Advisory Committees for input and to report back to the Governance Working Group with the draft

revised Terms of Relevance and comments received from the Advisory Committees;

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to prepare a draft revised Code of Conduct for Advisory Committees that would be similar in nature to the Code of Conduct for Council Members, including processes for both adjudication and enforcement of the revised Code of Conduct, and report back to the Governance Working Group with the draft revised Code of Conduct;

c) clause 1.1 BE RECEIVED for information;

d) the Additional Feedback from Current Advisory Committee Members BE RECEIVED; and

e) the communications dated March 15, 2019 and January 4, 2021 from the Transportation Advisory Committee BE RECEIVED.

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, E. Pelozza, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (14 to 0)**

**5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

None.

**6. Adjournment**

Moved by: P. Squire

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

**Motion Passed**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.