

# Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

## Report

7th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee  
April 6, 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. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier

**ALSO PRESENT:** M. Ribera, K. Van Lammeren, B. Westlake-Power

Remote Attendance: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, G. Barrett, B. Card, K. Dickins, G. Kotsifas, J.P. McGonigle, J. Raycroft, C. Saunders, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, C. Smith, S. Stafford, A. Thompson, R. Wilcox

The meeting is called to order at 4:00 PM; it being noted that the following Members were in remote attendance: Councillors M. van Holst, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga and S. Hillier

### 1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor S. Turner discloses a pecuniary interest in item 4.3, having to do with a request for research on the effects of public health restrictions in London during the COVID emergency, by indicating that he is an employee of the Middlesex London Health Unit.

### 2. Consent

Moved by: S. Lewis  
Seconded by: P. Squire

That Items 2.2 and 2.3 BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (14): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): A. Hopkins

**Motion Passed (14 to 0)**

#### 2.2 London Community Recovery Network – Current Status and Next Steps

Moved by: S. Lewis  
Seconded by: P. Squire

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

a) the approach to develop a community recovery framework through the continued efforts of the London Community Recovery Network BE ENDORSED;

b) the Civic Administration INVITE community partners to bring forward business cases relating to Ideas for Action identified in the January 12, 2021 meeting of City Council that seek funding from the City of London to the May 18, 2021 Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee for decision;

and,

c) the staff report titled London Community Recovery Network – Current Status and Next Steps BE RECEIVED.

**Motion Passed**

2.3 London and Middlesex Community Housing Inc. Meeting of the Shareholder - Resolutions Regarding Board Composition

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: P. Squire

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the following actions be taken with respect to London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.:

a) the “Terms of Reference Board of Directors London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.” as appended to the staff report dated April 6, 2021 as Appendix “A”, BE ADOPTED;

b) the proposed by-law as appended to the staff report dated April 6, 2021 as Appendix “B” being “A by-law to ratify and confirm the Special Resolution to the Shareholder of London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc. to provide for a new Board composition”, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council Meeting to be held on April 13, 2021;

c) the proposed “Recruitment Process for Director Appointments”, as appended to the staff report dated April 6, 2021 as Appendix “C”, BE ADOPTED; and,

d) two (2) members of the Interim Board of Directors BE APPOINTED as Directors for a period not to exceed one year to provide for support for board and organizational continuity, stability, and knowledge transfer.

**Motion Passed**

2.1 London Small Business Centre – Board Governance Structure Updates

Moved by: M. van Holst

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That, on the recommendation of the Director, City Planning and City Planner, and as requested by the Small Business Centre, Councillors S. Hillier and P. Van Meerbergen BE APPOINTED to the Small Business Centre for a special meeting (date to be determined) to undertake the actions required to amend the governance structure of the Small Business Centre; it being noted that the actions required are described in the correspondence from the Small Business Centre as appended to the staff report as Appendix "A".

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)**

**3. Scheduled Items**

None.

#### 4. Items for Direction

##### 4.1 Nomination of a New Budget Chair

Moved by: Mayor E. Holder  
Seconded by: M. Cassidy

That Councillor E. Pelozza BE APPOINTED as the Council lead for the Budget process, acting as Budget Chair with duties including coordination of all Budget activities with the Civic Administration and the Chairing of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee meetings where discussion and consideration of the Budget takes place.

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)**

##### 4.2 Kettle Creek Conservation Authority Membership

Moved by: E. Pelozza  
Seconded by: M. Cassidy

That the current membership of the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority allocating one (1) member each to the Municipality of Central Elgin, the Municipality of Middlesex Centre, the Municipality of Thames Centre, the Township of Malahide, and the Township of Southwold; and two (2) members to the City of St. Thomas and three (3) members to the City of London be maintained; and further the membership of the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority be re-evaluated based on population data available prior to member appointments following the municipal elections in 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)**

##### 4.3 Request for Research on the Effects of Public Health Restrictions in London

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

That the communication dated March 29, 2021 from Councillor M. van Holst with respect to a request for research related to the effects of COVID on the local citizens and economy, 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, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Recuse: (1): S. Turner

**Motion Passed (14 to 0)**

##### 4.4 Operation of City Council

Moved by: M. van Holst  
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the Governance Working Group BE DIRECTED to consider, in consultation with the Civic Administration, how the operations of council may be changed to potentially realize efficiencies in line with the corporate reorganization, while better serving London, including but not limited to: hours of council and standing committee meetings, standing committee structure, expense accounts, and support staff; it being noted that all Members of Council are encouraged to submit ideas for consideration.

Yeas: (12): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, E. Pelosa, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Nays: (3): A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Turner

**Motion Passed (12 to 3)**

**5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

None.

**6. Adjournment**

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: P. Squire

That the meeting Adjourn.

**Motion Passed**

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.