

# Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

## Report

10th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee  
June 23, 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:** J. Taylor, B. Westlake-Power

Remote attendance: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, G. Barrett, M. Butlin, C. Cooper, K. Dickins, C. Green, S. Giustizia, G. Kotsifas, C. Parsons, K. Pawelec, C. Saunders, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, C. Smith

The meeting is called to order at 4:04 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, S. Hillier.

### 1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### 2. Consent

#### 2.1 London Economic Development Corporation Activity Update 2020

Moved by: M. Cassidy  
Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the London Economic Development Corporation Activity Update 2020 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)**

#### 2.2 London Community Grants Program Innovation and Capital Funding Allocations (2021)

Moved by: M. Salih  
Seconded by: J. Morgan

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the report dated June 23, 2021, titled "London Community Grants Program Innovation and Capital Funding Allocations (2021)", 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

- 3.1 Not to be heard before 4:05 PM - Housing Development Corporation, London - 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Shareholder Annual Resolutions

Moved by: P. Squire

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Housing Development Corporation, London:

- a) the presentation by S. Giustizia, President and CEO, Housing Development Corporation, London BE RECEIVED;
- b) the financial statements of the Housing Development Corporation, London year ended December 31, 2020 BE RECEIVED; and,
- c) the staff report dated May 11, 2021 titled "Housing Stability for All Plan 2020 Update and Priorities for 2021" 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)**

- 3.2 Not to be heard before 4:20 PM - London Hydro Inc. - 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Shareholder Annual Resolutions

Moved by: M. van Holst

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

That the following actions be taken with to the London Hydro Inc. 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Shareholder Annual Resolutions:

- a) the by-law appended to the staff report dated June 23, 2021 entitled "A by-law to ratify and confirm the Annual Resolutions of the Shareholder of London Hydro Inc.", BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held July 6, 2021; it being noted that the by-law will include an appointment for only one "Third Class" Director, A. Hrymak; and
- b) the consideration of the remaining Third Class Director vacancy BE REFERRED to the Corporate Services Committee, in order to consider applications (following a call for applications), conduct interviews, and make a recommendation to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, as the Shareholder.

Yeas: (13): 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, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 0)**

- 3.3 Not to be heard before 4:40 PM - London & Middlesex Community Housing - 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Shareholder Annual Resolutions

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: M. van Holst

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.:

- a) the presentation from London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc. BE RECEIVED;
- b) the proposed by-law appended to the staff report dated June 23, 2021 as Appendix "A" entitled "A by-law to ratify and confirm the Annual Resolutions of the Shareholder of London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.", BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on July 6, 2021 to:
  - i) ratify and confirm the Annual Resolution of the Shareholder of London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.; and,
  - ii) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Annual Resolution of the Shareholder of London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.;
- c) London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc. Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2020 BE RECEIVED;
- d) the financial statements of the London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc. year ended December 31, 2020 BE RECEIVED; and,
- e) the following BE APPOINTED to the London & Middlesex Community Housing Inc.:

Aynsley Anderson, term ending December 31, 2021 (First Class);  
John Millson, term ending December 31, 2021 (First Class);  
Tammy Brooks (Tenant) and Shellie Chowns, term ending December 31, 2024 (Second Class);  
Maria Manno (Tenant) and Gary Bezaire, term ending December 31, 2025 (Third Class);  
Michael van Holst and Phil Squire, City of London, and Adrian Cornelissen, County of Middlesex, term ending with the term of Municipal Council (Fourth Class);

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication from R. Wilcox, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, London & Middlesex Community Housing with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (13): 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, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 0)**

Voting Record:

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: S. Lehman

That, on the recommendation of the Interim Board of Directors, London & Middlesex Community Housing, the following appointments to the London & Middlesex Community Housing Board of Directors, BE APPROVED:

- a) First Class: Aynsley Anderson and John Millson
- b) Second Class: Shellie Chowns (Community Member) and Tammy Brooks (Tenant Member); and
- c) Third Class: Gary Bezaire (Community Member) and Maria Manno (Tenant Member).

Yeas: (13): 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, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 0)**

### **Election**

London City Council Member appointments (2) to the London & Middlesex Community Housing Board of Directors

**M. van Holst(31.82 %):**S. Lewis, S. Hillier, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Lehman, M. van Holst, M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins

**A. Kayabaga(22.73 %):**Mayor E. Holder, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins

**P. Squire(45.45 %):**S. Lewis, S. Hillier, E. Pelozza, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Lehman, Mayor E. Holder, M. Salih, J. Helmer, P. Squire, J. Morgan

**Majority Winner: P. Squire; M. van Holst**

## **4. Items for Direction**

### **4.1 3rd Report of the Governance Working Group**

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 3rd Report of the Governance Working Group from its meeting held on May 17, 2021:

a) on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the following actions be taken with respect to the Advisory Committee Review:

i) the report dated May 17, 2021 entitled Advisory Committee Review - Interim Report VI", BE RECEIVED; and,

ii) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to a future meeting of the Governance Working Group with respect to the feedback related to the draft Terms of Reference appended as Appendix A to the above-noted staff report; and,

b) clause 1.1 BE RECEIVED.

Yeas: (13): 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, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 0)**

### **4.2 Strategy for Core Area Land and Vacant Buildings - Councillor M. Cassidy**

Moved by: M. Cassidy

Seconded by: J. Morgan

That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back on a proposed strategy that sets out potential tools that may assist in reducing core area land and building vacancy, including, but not limited to:

- a) a review of existing incentive programs and any recommended changes to them;
- b) a review of existing planning processes / permissions and any recommended changes that would allow for the conversion of vacant commercial/industrial land/space into residential, including affordable housing;
- c) an assessment of the related strategies in Our Move Forward – London’s Downtown Plan, and the Downtown Parking Strategy for any recommended updates or changes;
- d) any recommendations that build on the Core Area Action Plan to support increased safety and security of person and property in the core area; and,
- e) an assessment of how a new strategy could be integrated with the work of the London Community Recovery Network.

Yeas: (13): 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, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 0)**

4.3 Confirmation of Appointment to the Hamilton Road Business Improvement Area

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

That, Mark Simpson BE APPOINTED to the Hamilton Road Business Improvement Area for the term ending November 15, 2022.

Yeas: (13): 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, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 0)**

4.4 Consideration of Appointment to Eldon House (Requires 1 Voting Member)

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

That Megan Halliday BE APPOINTED to Eldon House Board of Directors for the term ending November 15, 2022.

Yeas: (13): 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, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 0)**

Voting Record:

**Election**

Appointment to Eldon House Board of Directors

**Blythe Allman(0.00 %):**None

**Megan Halliday(69.23 %):**S. Lewis, S. Hillier, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Lehman, Mayor E. Holder, M. Cassidy, P. Squire, J. Morgan, A. Hopkins

**Diana Taplashvily(30.77 %):**E. Pelozza, M. van Holst, M. Salih, J. Helmer

**Majority Winner: Megan Halliday**

4.5 Consideration of Appointment to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (Requires 1 Voting Member)

Moved by: P. Van Meerbergen

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

That JJ Strybosch BE APPOINTED to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority for the term ending November 15, 2022.

Yeas: (13): 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, and S. Hillier

Absent: (2): S. Turner, and A. Kayabaga

**Motion Passed (13 to 0)**

Voting Record:

**Election**

Appointment to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

**Nejla Skapur(46.15 %):**S. Lewis, Mayor E. Holder, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, J. Morgan

**JJ Strybosch(53.85 %):**S. Hillier, E. Pelozza, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Lehman, M. van Holst, P. Squire, A. Hopkins

**Majority Winner: JJ Strybosch**

5. **Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

None.

6. **Adjournment**

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: P. Squire

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

**Motion Passed**

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.