

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Report

11th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
July 28, 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, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, S. Hillier

ABSENT: S. Turner

ALSO PRESENT: K. Van Lammeren; B. Westlake-Power

Remote Attendance: L. Livingstone, A. Anderson, A. Barbon, K. Dickins, C. Finn, G. Kotsifas, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, E. Skalski, C. Smith, R. Wilcox

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

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Hillier

That, pursuant to section 27.6 of the Council Procedure By-law, the order of business be changed to allow for consideration of item 4.2 at this time.

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

Absent: (1): S. Turner

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

2. Consent

Moved by: J. Helmer

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

That items 2.1 to 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, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): S. Turner

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

2.1 2020 Performance Report and May 2021 Semi-Annual Progress Report

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

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the staff report dated July 28, 2021 including the 2020 Performance Report, May 2021 Semi-Annual Progress Report BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

2.2 Municipal Accommodation Tax - Required Annual Report

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

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, Tourism's London annual report on the expenditure of Municipal Accommodation Tax revenues BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

2.3 Diversity Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee

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

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 3rd and 4th Reports of the Diversity Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee from its meetings held on June 17 and July 15, 2021, respectively:

a) clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1 and 4.2, inclusive of the 3rd Report of the Diversity Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee BE RECEIVED;

b) the following actions be taken with respect to the Election of Community Diversity and Inclusion Strategy (CDIS) Leadership Table Representative:

i) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to attend the next Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee to provide an overview of CDIS; and,

ii) the election of the representative BE POSTPONED to the next meeting;

c) clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 6.1 of the 4th Report of the Diversity Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

- 4.1 Request for Delegation Status - Roula Hawa, Mischa Mackie (Schlemmer) and Reeti Chopra - Housing and Homelessness Crisis

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

The following actions be taken with respect to the delegation from Roula Hawa, Mischa Mackie (Schlemmer) and Reeti Chopra related to the Housing and Homelessness Crisis in London:

- a) the above-noted presentation BE RECEIVED: and,
- b) the recommendations forming part of the presentation BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration, for consideration and potential implementation, including but not limited to participation in the knowledge-exchange activities related to this report.

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

Absent: (1): S. Turner

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Additional votes:

Moved by: M. Cassidy

Seconded by: M. van Holst

That the requested delegation status for Roula Hawa, Mischa Mackie (Schlemmer) and Reeti Chopra BE APPROVED to be heard at this time.

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

Absent: (1): S. Turner

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

- 4.2 Consideration of Appointment to the London & Middlesex Community Housing Board (Requires 1 Council Member)

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: P. Van Meerbergen

That Councillor J. Morgan BE APPOINTED to the London & Middlesex Community Housing Board for the term ending November 15, 2022.

Yeas: (13): 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, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Nays: (1): J. Helmer

Absent: (1): S. Turner

Motion Passed (13 to 1)

Voting Record:

Election

Appointment of a Council Member to the London and Middlesex Community Housing Board

J. Morgan(64.29 %):M. van Holst, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lewis, S. Hillier, E. Pelozza, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Lehman, Mayor E. Holder

A. Kayabaga(35.71 %):M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, A. Hopkins, A. Kayabaga

Majority Winner: J. Morgan

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

5.1 (ADDED) Consideration of Vaccine Mandates

Moved by: J. Morgan

Seconded by: E. Pelozza

That the communication dated July 26, 2021 from Councillor M. van Holst BE RECEIVED and no further action BE TAKEN.

Yeas: (11): Mayor E. Holder, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, P. Squire, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, E. Pelozza, A. Kayabaga, and S. Hillier

Nays: (2): M. van Holst, and M. Cassidy

Absent: (2): P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Turner

Motion Passed (11 to 2)

5.2 (ADDED) Regional Transportation and Mobility Across Southwestern Ontario

Moved by: Mayor E. Holder

Seconded by: J. Morgan

That, the following actions be taken with respect to the communication dated July 27, 2021 from Mayor E. Holder and Deputy Mayor J. Morgan regarding the Regional Transportation and Mobility across Southwestern Ontario:

a) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to develop a conceptual framework for a Regional Transportation/Mobility Hub in downtown London, including working with London Transit to explore potential connections between a regional transportation/mobility hub and local City of London transit routes, including the proposed bus rapid transit system, for Council's consideration; and,

b) the Mayor BE REQUESTED to engage with the Southwest Ontario Transportation Task Force membership on the opportunity of positioning the City of London as a Regional Transportation/Mobility Hub for consideration by the Province of Ontario under the Connecting the Southwest: A Draft Transportation Plan for Southwestern Ontario.

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

Absent: (2): P. Van Meerbergen, and S. Turner

Motion Passed (13 to 0)

6. Adjournment

Moved by: E. Pelosa

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.