

10TH REPORT OF THE
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on June 10, 2013, commencing at 4:12 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor J.F. Fontana (Chair), Councillors B. Polhill, B. Armstrong, J.B. Swan, S. Orser, J.L. Baechler, M. Brown, P. Hubert, D.G. Henderson, P. Van Meerbergen, D.T. Brown, H.L. Usher, J.P. Bryant and S. White and L. Rowe (Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillor N. Branscombe.

ALSO PRESENT: A. Zuidema, J.P. Barber, A.L. Barbon, G. Barrett, J. Braam, P. Christiaans, J.M. Fleming, S. Galloway, M. Hayward, G. Kotsifas, L. Livingstone, S. Mathers, V. McAlea Major, H. McNeely, J. Page, R. Sharpe, J. Smout, L. Townsend (Consultant), T. Williams (Navigant Consulting), J. Yanchula and P. Yeoman.

I. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

1. Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. Strategic Funding Framework: City Council-Directed Funding to Non-Profit Organizations

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Corporate Services, City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to Council-directed funding to non-profit organizations:

- a) the Strategic Plan for the City of London's five result areas (A Strong Economy, A Vibrant and Diverse Community, A Green and Growing City, A Sustainable Infrastructure, A Caring Community) BE CONFIRMED as community priorities and for 2014, all current and new funding coming forward as part of the 2014 Budget process BE REQUIRED to reasonably contribute to the achievement of these priorities; and,
- b) all applications for additional or new funding meeting the approved criteria BE REFERRED to the 2014 budget deliberation process for consideration as part of the overall tax rate.

Voting Record:

Motion to delete the word "increase" at the end of the last paragraph of part b).

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, S. Orser, J.L. Baechler, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, S.E. White, B. Armstrong (13)

Motion to Approve clause 2, as amended.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, J.L. Baechler, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, S.E. White, B. Armstrong (12)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

3. Development Charges Review Update

Recommendation: That the following BE RECEIVED regarding the Development Charges Review; it being noted that a report on this matter is expected to come back to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee at its meeting of July 29, 2013:

- a) a verbal update from L. Townsend, Consultant;
- b) a communication dated May 23, 2013, from G. Macartney, CEO, London Chamber of Commerce, regarding possible changes to the Urban Works Reserve Fund;
- c) verbal support from J. Kennedy, London Development Institute, regarding Ms. Townsend's comments; and
- d) verbal representation from S. Levin, Urban League of London, indicating that it is his assumption that the Urban League will be consulted with during the public consultation period regarding the Development Charges Review.

Voting Record:

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, J.L. Baechler, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, S.E. White, B. Armstrong (13)

4. Future Options for London Hydro Inc.

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to future options for London Hydro Inc.:

- a) the attached presentations from T. Williams, Navigant Consulting and M. Hayward, Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer BE RECEIVED;
- b) this matter BE REFERRED to staff to identify and report back at the July 29, 2013 meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee with a proposed public education, dialogue and consultation process, which may include a city-wide survey, regarding all options for the future of London Hydro Inc., including the long term sustainable value for the Shareholder, prior to the Shareholder pursuing any course of action; and
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to engage any third party consultants required to assist with the process.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, S. Orser, J.L. Baechler, M. Brown, P. Hubert, P. Van Meerbergen, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, S.E. White (13)
 NAYS: B. Armstrong (1)

5. Status of ReThink London Key Directions and Discussion Papers

Recommendation: That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner, the staff report dated June 10, 2013, with respect to the ReThink London process and discussion papers, BE RECEIVED; it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee heard the attached presentation from the Manager of Land Use Planning Policy with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

YEAS: J.F. Fontana, J.B. Swan, D.G. Henderson, J.P. Bryant, B. Polhill, S. Orser, J.L. Baechler, M. Brown, D. Brown, H.L. Usher, S.E. White, B. Armstrong (12)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

None.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

6. Enquiry – Near Campus Neighbourhoods

Councillor J.L. Baechler enquired about the status of the City's defense of the Municipal Council's position regarding "Near Campus Neighbourhoods". J. Page, Solicitor II, advised that the Municipal Council's position was successfully defended before the Ontario Municipal Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.