

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

13th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
September 20, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor E. Holder (Chair), Councillors M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Peloza, J. Fyfe-Millar, S. Hillier

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

Remote Attendance: L. Livingstone, R. Armistead, A. Barbon, C. Crossman, J. Davison, K. Dickins, C. Finn, M. Galczynski, S. Mathers, R. Morris, K. Murray, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, C. Smith, S. Tatavarti, 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 and S. Hillier.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

Moved by: M. van Holst
Seconded by: M. Hamou

That Consent Items 2.2 to 2.8, BE APPROVED.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Peloza, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

2.2 Amendment to Delivery Date of the City of Music Conference and Events Business Case and the London City of Music Expo Business Case

Moved by: M. van Holst
Seconded by: M. Hamou

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the information report dated September 20, 2022, with respect to the 'Amendment to Delivery Date of the City of Music Conference and Events Business Case, and the City of Music Expo Business Case' BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

2.3 COVID-19 Ongoing Impacts on City of London Operations and Services

Moved by: M. van Holst
Seconded by: M. Hamou

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the staff report dated September 20, 2022, entitled “Covid-19 – Ongoing Impacts on City of London Operations and Services” BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

2.4 2022 Mid-Year Operating Budget Monitoring Report

Moved by: M. van Holst
Seconded by: M. Hamou

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2022 Mid-Year Operating Budget Monitoring Report:

- a) the 2022 Operating Budget Mid-Year Monitoring Report for the Property Tax Supported Budget, Water Budget, and Wastewater and Treatment Budget BE RECEIVED for information. An overview of the net corporate projections are outlined below, noting that the year-end positions could fluctuate based on factors beyond the control of the Civic Administration:
 - i) Property Tax Supported Budget projected surplus of \$8.6 million;
 - ii) Water Rate Supported Budget projected surplus of \$3.8 million;
 - iii) Wastewater and Treatment Rate Supported Budget projected surplus of \$1.6 million;it being noted that Property Tax, Water, and Wastewater & Treatment Budget surplus will be allocated in accordance with the Council Approved Surplus/Deficit Policy;
- b) the presentation providing an overview of 2022 Mid-Year Budget Monitoring (as appended to the staff report dated September 20, 2022 as Appendix C) BE RECEIVED for information.

Motion Passed

2.5 2022 Mid-Year Capital Budget Monitoring Report

Moved by: M. van Holst
Seconded by: M. Hamou

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2022 Mid-Year Capital Budget Monitoring Report, dated September 20, 2022:

- a) the 2022 Mid-Year Capital Budget Monitoring Report BE RECEIVED for information; it being noted that the life-to-date capital budget represents \$2.8 billion with \$1.8 billion committed and \$1.0 billion uncommitted; it being further noted that the City Treasurer, or designate, will undertake the housekeeping budget adjustments identified in the above-noted report, in accordance with the Multi-Year Budget Council Policy;
- b) the status updates of active 2019 life-to-date capital budgets (2019 and prior) having no future budget requests, as appended to the staff report dated September 20, 2022 as Appendix “B”, BE RECEIVED for information;
- c) the following actions be taken with respect to the completed capital projects identified in Appendix “C” appended to the above-noted staff report, which have a total of \$2.0 million of net surplus funding:

- i) the capital projects included in Appendix “C” BE CLOSED; and,
- ii) the following actions be taken with respect to the funding associated with the capital projects approved for closure in c) i), above:

Rate Supported

- A) pay-as-you-go funding of \$3 thousand BE TRANSFERRED from capital receipts;
- B) uncommitted reserve fund drawdowns of \$1.47 million BE RELEASED back into the reserve funds which originally funded the projects;

Non-Rate Supported

- C) uncommitted reserve fund drawdowns of \$43 thousand BE TRANSFERRED from Non-Rate Supported Reserve Funds;
- D) other net non-rate supported funding sources of \$567 thousand BE ADJUSTED in order to facilitate project closings.

Motion Passed

2.6 Amendment - Terms of Reference - Committee of Management for the Dearness Home

Moved by: M. van Holst
 Seconded by: M. Hamou

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the proposed by-law as appended to the staff report dated September 20, 2022 Appendix “A”, being “A By-law to amend By-law A.-6582-255 being a by-law to establish a Committee of Management for the Dearness Home and to update the Terms of Reference”, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council Meeting to be held on September 27, 2022.

Motion Passed

2.7 4th Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee

Moved by: M. van Holst
 Seconded by: M. Hamou

That the 4th Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee from its meeting held on September 8, 2022 BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

2.8 Municipal Accommodation Tax - Tourism London Annual Report

Moved by: M. van Holst
 Seconded by: M. Hamou

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

2.1 Actions Implementing London's UNESCO Designation as Canada's 'City of Music'

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: J. Fyfe-Millar

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development the following actions be taken with respect to London's UNESCO designation as Canada's 'City of Music':

- a) the area previously identified in the Music, Entertainment and Culture District Strategy as the Downtown/Old East Village District BE REDESIGNATED as the Core Area Entertainment District;
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to
 - i) proceed with the actions required to include the UNESCO City of Music messaging on new City of London gateway roadside signage, City Hall and Centennial Hall, the Victoria Park Bandshell and;
 - ii) work with our partners at RBC Place and Budweiser Gardens for inclusion of the messaging on building signage;
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back at a future date with a proposed governance structure and detailed four-year action plan to implement London's UNESCO 'City of Music' designation over time and within existing budgets or in association with the next 4-year multi-year budget.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelosa, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Framework

Moved by: M. Hamou

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the following actions be taken with respect to the new Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Framework:

- a) the above-noted Framework, as outlined in the staff report dated September 20, 2022, BE ENDORSED; and,
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to undertake the necessary steps to implement the Framework.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelosa, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

4.2 Hyde Park Business Improvement Association

Moved by: S. Lehman

Seconded by: J. Helmer

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Hyde Park Business Improvement Association:

a) the resignation of Jean Coles from the Hyde Park Business Improvement Association BE ACCEPTED; and,

b) Vicki Balazs, Jaydancinc Inc. and Kelsey Watkinson, Curley Brewing Company BE APPOINTED to the Hyde Park Business Improvement Association for the term ending November 14, 2022;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received communications from D. Szpakowski, General Manager/CEO, Hyde Park Business Improvement Association with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (15): Mayor E. Holder, M. van Holst, S. Lewis, M. Salih, J. Helmer, M. Cassidy, M. Hamou, J. Morgan, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Turner, E. Pelosa, J. Fyfe-Millar, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: J. Fyfe-Millar

Seconded by: M. van Holst

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.