

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

2nd Special Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
November 22, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor J. Morgan (Chair), Councillors H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelosa, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier

ALSO PRESENT: S. Corman, A. Job, J. Taylor, B. Westlake-Power

Remote Attendance: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, B. Card, J. Davison, K. Dickins, K. Edwards, S. Mathers, H. McNeely, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, C. Smith, P. Yeoman.

The meeting is called to order at 12:01 PM.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

None.

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, Information Report

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the recommendation, as amended, BE APPROVED; the final recommendation reads as follows:

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Finance Supports, Deputy City Manager, Legal Services and Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the following actions be taken with respect to Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*:

a) the report dated November 22, 2022, entitled "Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* information report" BE RECEIVED for information;

b) the position of calling on the Province to refer the proposed legislation to the Ontario Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team (HSAPIT) to allow the necessary time for a fulsome review to mitigate the potential of unintended consequences and to find solutions to improving housing affordability across the province that meet local needs, BE ENDORSED by Council;

c) the staff report BE FORWARDED, with a cover letter, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, Premier of Ontario and local MPs and MPPs; and,

d) that the Province BE FURTHER ADVISED that the Municipal Council supports the submissions on Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Big City Mayors;

it being noted that as of November 18, 2022, Bill 23 had passed Second Reading and was being considered by the applicable Standing Committee and it being further noted that the Civic Administration will report back to Council with any further information on legislative changes arising from this Bill;

it being pointed out that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee heard a delegation from M. Wallace, Executive Director, London Development Institute with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (15): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

Additional Votes:

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: D. Ferreira

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Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: A. Hopkins

That the delegation request of M. Wallace, London Development Institute, BE APPROVED to be heard at this time.

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Motion Passed (15 to 0)

Moved by: A. Hopkins
Seconded by: S. Trosow

That the recommendation BE AMENDED by adding the following new part d):

"d) that the Province BE FURTHER ADVISED that the Municipal Council supports the submissions on Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Big City Mayors;"

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Motion Passed (15 to 0)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Adjournment

Moved by: C. Rahman
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM.