

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

6th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
January 17, 2023

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. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, S. Hillier

ALSO PRESENT: L. Livingstone, A. Barbon, S. Corman, J. Dann, K. Dickins, S. Mathers, B. O'Hagan, M. Schulthess, C. Smith, J. Taylor, B. Westlake-Power

Remote attendance: B. Card

The meeting is called to order at 4:03 PM; it being noted that Councillor P. Van Meerbergen was in remote attendance.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that Councillor S. Trosow disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 4.3, having to do with consideration of appointments to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, by indicating that one of the candidates is his spouse.

2. Consent

2.2 1st Report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee

Moved by: E. Pelozza

Seconded by: S. Hillier

That the 1st report of the Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee from its meeting held on December 8, 2022 BE RECEIVED.

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)

2.1 London: A Place to Call Home (London Development Institute (LDI) and London Home Builders' Association (LHBA))

Moved by: S. Stevenson

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development, the report dated January 17, 2023 summarizing the City's response to the London: A Place to Call Home white paper BE RECEIVED for information;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a delegation from M. Wallace, LDI.

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: S. Stevenson

That the delegation request from Mr. M. Wallace, LDI, BE APPROVED to be heard at this time.

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)

3. Scheduled Items

3.1 Public Participation Meeting - Not to be heard before 4:05 PM - 2023 Budget

That the following written submissions for the 2022-2023 Multi-Year Budget 2021 Public Participation Meeting BE RECEIVED for consideration by the Municipal Council as part of its 2023 Multi-Year budget approval process:

- a) R. Grant Inglis, Scott Petrie LLP Law Firm;
- b) C. Butler;
- c) Argyle BIA; and,
- d) London Cycle Link;

it being noted that at the public participation meeting associated with this matter, the following individuals made oral submissions regarding this matter:

- J. Lalonde, speaking against Budget Amendment Case #P-10 - Reduction to previously approved business cases for Streetlights and Winter Maintenance and Walkway Maintenance Reductions;
- B. Mejia, Argyle BIA - speaking in support of Budget Amendment Case #P-18 - Streetscape Master Plan for Dundas Street - Argyle BIA;
- C. Roberts - providing general comments and comments specific to "ESG" evaluations and requesting additional consultation with taxpayers about the application of same;
- A. Wasylo, London Cycle Link - requesting a significant budgetary commitment to priorities for cycling infrastructure in the city;
- C. Butler - requesting a more transparent process related to budget surplus use and suggesting that continuous improvement targets be increased;
- B. Williamson - indicating that Londoners are struggling financially and recommending that budget surpluses be rebated back to taxpayers;

- C. Luistro, Hamilton Road BIA - speaking in support of Budget Amendment Case #P-16 - Funding for the Hamilton Road BIA;
- S. Ryall, London & Middlesex Humane Society - speaking in support of Budget Amendment Case #P-14 - Humane Society of London & Middlesex Animal Campus and noting the urgent critical need for same;
- A. Valastro - speaking against Budget Amendment Case #P14 - Humane Society London & Middlesex Animal Campus, noting that public tax dollars should not be supporting private organizations;
- S. Brunette - providing comments related to homelessness and housing issues in the city;
- R. O'Hagan - providing brief comments related to Budget Amendment Cases #P-3, #P-10, #P-12, #P-13 and #P-14;
- J. Look, VP External Affairs, University Students' Council Western - speaking against Budget Amendment Case #P-10 - Reduction to previously approved business cases for Streetlights and Winter Maintenance and Walkway Maintenance Reductions;
- M. Blosch - speaking in support of Budget Amendment Case #P14 - Humane Society London & Middlesex Animal Campus;
- A. Lei, University Students' Council Western - Budget Amendment Case #P-10 - Reduction to previously approved business cases for Streetlights and Winter Maintenance and Walkway Maintenance Reductions; and,
- M. van Holst - speaking in support of Budget Amendment Cases #P-15 - Increase to Neighbourhood Decision Making Program and #P-16 - Hamilton Road BIA.

Motion Passed

Voting Record:

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

Motion to open the Public Participation Meeting

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)

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

Motion to close the Public Participation Meeting

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)

Moved by: S. Lehman
Seconded by: S. Lewis

That the following written submissions for the 2022-2023 Multi-Year Budget 2021 Public Participation Meeting BE RECEIVED for consideration by the Municipal Council as part of its 2023 Multi-Year approval process:

- b) C. Butler
- c) Argyle BIA
- d) London Cycle Link.

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)

Moved by: S. Lehman
Seconded by: S. Hillier

That the communication from R. Grant Inglis BE RECEIVED.

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)

Moved by: S. Lewis
Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee BE RECESSED at this time.

Motion Passed

The SPPC recesses from 6:45 PM and reconvenes at 7:02 PM.

3.2 Delegation - Bill Rayburn, CAO, Middlesex County and Neal Roberts, Chief of Middlesex-London Paramedic Service

Moved by: P. Cuddy
Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the presentation from N. Roberts, Chief of Middlesex-London Paramedic Service, B. Rayburn, CAO, Middlesex County and Middlesex Warden C. Burghardt-Jesson, with respect to the Middlesex-London Paramedic Service System Overview, BE RECEIVED.

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. Stevenson

Seconded by: S. Franke

That notwithstanding the Council Procedure By-law, the delegation BE PERMITTED to speak longer than five minutes.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozo, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Absent: (1): S. Trosow

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

4. Items for Direction

4.1 Confirmation of Appointment to the Old East Village Business Improvement Area

Moved by: S. Stevenson

Seconded by: S. Hillier

That the following BE APPOINTED to the Old East Village BIA Board of Directors for the term ending November 14, 2026:

Maria Drangova, representing the London Clay Art Centre
Grant Maltman, representing Banting House National Historic Site
Rob Campbell, Property Owner
Chris Stroud, representing Bread and Roses Books
Kimberly De Sousa, representing Libro Credit Union
Michelle Scott, representing Western Fair District
Kelli Gough, representing The Palace Theatre
Rashad Ayyash, Property Owner
Scott Courtice, representing London Intercommunity Health Centre
Robbyn Lindsay, representing Willies Café
John Young, representing Somerville 630;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated December 6, 2022 from J. Pastorius, General Manager, Old East Village BIA 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. Pelozo, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (15 to 0)

4.2 Consideration of Appointment to the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (Requires 2 Members)

Moved by: C. Rahman

Seconded by: P. Cuddy

That the following BE APPOINTED to the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority for the term ending November 14, 2026;

Prabhsimran Gill
JJ Strybosch

it being noted that approval from the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) is required.

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)

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

Moved by: A. Hopkins
Seconded by: E. Pelozza

That Marie Blosh BE APPOINTED to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority for the term ending November 14, 2026;

it being noted that approval from the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) is required.

Yeas: (14): J. Morgan, H. McAlister, S. Lewis, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Pelozza, D. Ferreira, and S. Hillier

Recuse: (1): S. Trosow

Motion Passed (14 to 0)

Election

Appointment to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

Marie Blosh (71.43 %):J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, S. Lewis, S. Hillier, E. Pelozza, H. McAlister, J. Pribil, S. Franke, D. Ferreira, C. Rahman

Prabhsimran Gill (0.00 %):None

JJ Strybosch (28.57 %):P. Van Meerbergen, S. Lehman, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson

Conflict (0): None

Majority Winner: Marie Blosh

It being noted that Councillor S. Trosow left the meeting at 7:05 PM, and returned at 7:08 PM.

4.4 Consideration of Appointment to the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (Requires 1 Member)

Moved by: S. Hillier
Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That Sandy Levin BE APPOINTED to the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Board of Directors for the term ending November 14, 2026.

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)

Election

Appointment to the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

Prabhsimran Gill (0.00 %):None

Rhonda Gilpin Hartley (6.67 %):C. Rahman

Sandy Levin (93.33 %):J. Morgan, A. Hopkins, S. Lewis, S. Hillier, E. Pelozza, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Lehman, H. McAlister, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, S. Franke, D. Ferreira

JJ Strybosch (0.00 %):None

Conflict (0): None

Majority Winner: Sandy Levin

4.5 Committee of Adjustment - Member Vacancy

Moved by: S. Lewis

Seconded by: S. Stevenson

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Committee of Adjustment:

- a) the appointment to the Committee of Adjustment of Mohamed Mohamed El Hadary BE RESCINDED;
- b) a vacancy on the Committee BE DECLARED;
- c) the communication from the Committee of Adjustment BE RECEIVED; and,
- d) the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to advertise the vacancy and bring forward applications to a future meeting of the appropriate standing committee for consideration.

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)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

6. Confidential

6.1 Solicitor-Client Privileged Advice

Moved by: A. Hopkins

Seconded by: C. Rahman

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convene, In Closed Session, to consider a matter pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, regarding the Humane Society London and Middlesex 2023 Budget Amendment grant request.

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)

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convened, In Closed Session, from 6:30 PM to 6:39 PM.

7. Adjournment

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

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.