Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Report

13th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
August 15, 2024

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

ABSENT: S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, S. Hillier

ALSO PRESENT: S. Datars Bere, S. Corman, K. Dickins, D. Escobar, M. Feldberg, K. Murray, R. Patel, K. Pawelec, T. Pollitt, K. Scherr, M. Schulthess, E. Skalski, C. Smith, J. Stanford

Remote Attendance: M. Daley, M. Fabro, D. Huggins, E. Hunt, D. MacRae, S. Madur, K. Oudekerk, J. Skimming, L. Stewart

The meeting is called to order at 1:02 PM; it being noted that Councillors S. Stevenson and P. Van Meerbergen were in remote attendance.

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That is BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

2.1 City of London Community Grants Program Grassroots, Innovation and Capital Funding Allocations (2024)

Moved by: P. Cuddy
Seconded by: E. Peloza

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the report dated August 15, 2024, titled “City of London Community Grants Program Grassroots, Innovation, and Capital Funding Allocations (2024)” and the revised Appendix "A", as appended to the added agenda, BE RECEIVED for information.

Yeas: (12): S. Lewis, H. McAlister, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Peloza, D. Ferreira, and J. Morgan

Absent: (3): S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

2.2 Secondary School Student Transit Pass Pilot Program

Moved by: P. Cuddy
Seconded by: E. Peloza

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the following actions be taken:

a) the report dated August 15, 2024, with respect to the Secondary School Student Transit Pass Pilot Program BE RECEIVED; and

b) the secondary school pilot project BE DEFERRED to school years beginning September 2025 and September 2026 to provide for the Civic Administration together with London Transit Commission (LTC) to develop

a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB), for the purpose of partnering to deliver a pilot project to provide annual transit passes to secondary school students at Clarke Road Secondary School for Grade 9 students in year one and Grade 9 and Grade 10 students in year two, with a report back to Council on the MOU, appropriate source of financing, and metrics as previously directed.

ADDITIONAL VOTES:

Moved by: P. Cuddy
Seconded by: E. Peloza

That the preamble and part a) be approved as follows:

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the following actions be taken:

a) the report dated August 15, 2024, with respect to the Secondary School Student Transit Pass Pilot Program BE RECEIVED; and

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Absent: (3): S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

Moved by: P. Cuddy
Seconded by: E. Peloza

That part b) be approved as follows:

b) the secondary school pilot project BE DEFERRED to school years beginning September 2025 and September 2026 to provide for the Civic Administration together with London Transit Commission (LTC) to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB), for the purpose of partnering to deliver a pilot project to provide annual transit passes to secondary school students at Clarke Road Secondary School for Grade 9 students in year one and Grade 9 and Grade 10 students in year two, with a report back to Council on the MOU, appropriate source of financing, and metrics as previously directed.

Yeas: (9): S. Lewis, H. McAlister, P. Cuddy, J. Pribil, C. Rahman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Peloza, and J. Morgan

Nays: (3): S. Stevenson, S. Trosow, and D. Ferreira

Absent: (3): S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (9 to 3)

3. Scheduled Items

None.

4. Items for Direction

4.1 2023 Climate Emergency Action Plan Progress Report

Moved by: S. Franke
Seconded by: J. Morgan

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, the following actions be taken:

a) the staff report dated August 15, 2024, providing a summary of progress and policy implications and opportunities pertaining to the Climate Emergency Action Plan as well as the appended 2023 Climate Emergency Action Plan Progress Report as Appendix “A” BE RECEIVED for information;

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back as part of the Climate Emergency Action Plan Update Report in January 2025 on revised timelines and completion dates for the actions that have been delayed or are under review including the rationale and potential impacts;

c) the provincially required 2024-2028 Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plan, as appended to the staff report within Appendix “B”, BE APPROVED; and

d) the Mayor BE REQUESTED to engage with the Minister of Energy to discuss London’s efforts on the Climate Emergency Action Plan and how provincial energy policies are impacting London’s ability to achieve our climate targets.

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a presentation from the Director, Climate Change, Environment & Waste Management and received a communication dated August 12, 2024 from B. Samuels and a communication dated August 13, 2024 from M. A. Hodge, Climate Action London with respect to this matter.

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Absent: (3): S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

5. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

5.1 (ADDED) Request for London Police Services Delegation - Councillor E. Peloza

Moved by: E. Peloza
Seconded by: C. Rahman

That the following actions be taken:

a) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to invite London Police Chief T. Truong to appear before the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee as a delegation at the September 17, 2024 meeting, along with any staff he deems appropriate to accompany him; and

b) pursuant to section 36.3 of the Council Procedure By-law, the delegate BE PERMITTED to speak an additional five (5) minutes with respect to this matter followed by a Question and Answer session;

it being noted that the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee received a communication dated August 9, 2024 from Councillor E. Peloza with respect to this matter.

Yeas: (12): S. Lewis, H. McAlister, P. Cuddy, S. Stevenson, J. Pribil, S. Trosow, C. Rahman, P. Van Meerbergen, S. Franke, E. Peloza, D. Ferreira, and J. Morgan

Absent: (3): S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

6. Confidential (Enclosed for Members only.)

Moved by: P. Cuddy
Seconded by: D. Ferreira

That the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convenes In Closed Session to consider the following:

6.1 Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations / Land Acquisition/Disposition / Solicitor-Client Privileged Advice

A matter pertaining to reports, advice and recommendations of officers and employees of the Corporation carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality concerning employee negotiations and labour relations, proposed acquisitions and dispositions of land, and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

6.2 Personal Matters/Identifiable Individual / Solicitor-Client Privileged Advice

A matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

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Absent: (3): S. Lehman, A. Hopkins, and S. Hillier

Motion Passed (12 to 0)

The Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee convenes In Closed Session from 2:40 PM to 3:03 PM.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: P. Cuddy
Seconded by: J. Morgan

That the meeting BE ADJOURNED.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.