



Environment and Climate Protection Committee

Minutes 21

Tuesday, 15 May 2018

9:30 a.m.

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue W.

- Notes:**
1. *Please note that the Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*
 2. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee.*
 3. *Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 23 May 2018 in Environment and Climate Protection Committee Report 20.*

Present: Chair: Councillor D. Chernushenko
Vice Chair: Councillor R. Chiarelli
Councillors: R. Brockington, J. Cloutier, J. Leiper,
C. McKenney, M. Qaqish, M. Taylor

Absent: Councillor S. Moffatt (City Business) and J. Mitic (as advised)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 20, of the Environment and Climate Protection Committee meeting of Wednesday, 26 March 2018, were confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Response to Inquiries

- EC 04-17 - COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES IN CITY PARKS /
CITY FESTIVALS

Since items listed under *Communications* do not form part of the regular Agenda and are not normally discussed by the Committee unless added to the Agenda pursuant to Subsection 89.(3) of the *Procedure By-law*, Councillor Brockington moved the following:

MOTION N^o ECP 21/01

Moved by Councillor R. Brockington:

That, pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of Procedure By-law 2016-377, the Environment and Climate Protection Committee approve that the Rules of Procedure be waived to allow for the consideration of the item listed as *Response to Inquiry EC 04-17 - Collection of Recyclables in City Parks / City Festivals*.

CARRIED

Mr. Kevin Wylie, General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWESD) responded to questions from the Committee regarding methods of ensuring that the collection of recyclables is more successful this coming summer than in years past. Methods and approaches discussed included, but were not limited to: ensuring that recycling is made a condition of the issuance of permits; monitoring to ensure the timely pickup of full containers; working with the Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department to coordinate efforts for increased recycling, and; charging user groups for excess waste (on this last point, staff offered to follow up on the Chair's request for information on how often this had been done in the past). Ms Laila Gibbons, Director, Parks, Forestry and Stormwater Services, PWESD, Ms Naz Namazi, Legal Counsel, City Clerk and Solicitor Department, and Mr. Rick O'Connor, City Clerk and Solicitor, were also present to respond to questions.

RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

1. STATUS UPDATE – ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE PROTECTION COMMITTEE INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 8 MAY 2018

ACS2018-CCS-ECP-0002

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REVENUE SERVICES

2. AMENDMENTS TO WATER BY-LAW 2013-360 AND REPEAL OF HOME DIALYSIS GRANT BY-LAW 2007-454

ACS2018-CSD-REV-0005

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommend that Council approve:

1. The amendments to the Water By-law as described in this report; and
2. That further to the introduction in 2017 of the Home Hemodialysis Utility Grant funded by the Province of Ontario, the City of Ottawa's Home Dialysis grant program be discontinued and By-law 2007-454 be repealed.

CARRIED

PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

3. GREEN BUILDING REPORT – STATUS UPDATE

ACS2018-PIE-IS-0006

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee receive this report for information.

Chair Chernushenko introduced this item by remarking on the City's commitment to energy efficiency and community sustainability, in ensuring that its buildings of over 500m² buildings adhere to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. He then welcomed Messrs. Mark Hutchinson, Vice-President, Green Building Programs – Canada Green Building Council (license holder for the LEED rating system in Canada), Randy Burgess, Vice-President, Communications and Content, Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG), Mark Goudie, Chief Operating Officer, OSEG, and Leo Morissette, Director, Facility Operations, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department. The Chair noted that in partnership with the City of Ottawa, OSEG had helped transform Lansdowne Park into the first Green community designed to LEED principles, also becoming the first such community in Canada to receive Stage 3 Silver LEED certification.

The Chair then introduced Mr. Alain Gonthier, Director, Infrastructure Services, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department (PIEDD), who also acknowledged the efforts of Ms. Kim Asiri, Strategist, Infrastructure Services, PIEDD, and Mr. Andy Smith, Manager, Design and Construction Facilities Branch, PIEDD, before speaking to a detailed PowerPoint slide presentation overview of the report (held on file with the City Clerk).

The Committee's questions centred on LEED certification requirements (i.e., the various components and sustainability principles considered when aiming for

LEED certification); the levels of certification (i.e., ‘Silver’ and ‘Gold’); the potential to upgrade, or retrofit, existing City-owned facilities and buildings to higher standards and the costs associated with doing so; the possibility of accessing Federal or Provincial funding to help with same, and; ways to provide staff with clearer guidance. In response to Chair Chernushenko’s question as to whether staff could provide examples where a target for ‘Gold’ LEED certification had not been pursued due to cost, etc., staff offered to follow-up after the meeting.

There being no further discussion, the Committee “RECEIVED” the report for information, as presented.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

COUNCILLOR D. CHERNUSHENKO

4. PLASTIC WASTE

ACS2018-CCS-ECP-0004

CITY WIDE

Chair Chernushenko asked the Committee’s indulgence to suspend the Rules of Procedure in order to introduce a Motion (below) regarding the City’s ability to provide timely comment on the Federal Government’s current consultation on moving towards zero plastic waste:

MOTION N^o ECPC 21/02

Moved by Councillor D. Chernushenko:

That, pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of Procedure By-law 2016-377, the Environment and Climate Protection Committee approve that the Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow for the consideration of Councillor Chernushenko’s Motion pertaining to plastic waste at today’s meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION N° ECPC 21/03

Moved by Councillor D. Chernushenko:

WHEREAS Plastic waste and litter pose an increasingly serious threat to the health of our river and stream ecosystems; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa is responsible for the collection and management of a growing volume of plastic waste, but has little to no control over the widespread use of single-use disposable plastics within our boundaries; and

WHEREAS the problem of plastic pollution in rivers and streams, but also in marine environments, is of growing concern to the residents of Ottawa; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has recently launched a public consultation on moving Canada toward zero plastic waste and is seeking input from Canadians, Indigenous peoples, industry, municipalities, non-profit organizations and research institutions;

WHEREAS the Federal Government consultation seeks input on how Canada can reduce plastic waste and marine litter, in order to develop a federal-provincial-territorial approach to keep plastic within the economy and out of landfills and the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff submit comments to the federal consultation on plastic waste, from the municipal perspective; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff investigate best practices and programs that have been adopted by other municipalities to reduce the use of single-use plastics, including but not limited to, plastic straws, cutlery, bags and take-out containers/cups, and that staff report back to Council on their findings as part of the broader waste diversion report coming to Council in 2019.

The Committee Chair and Mr. Kevin Wylie, General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services Department, responded to questions with regard to the Motion in terms of how staff should frame the City's response; possible next steps; how the City's strategy towards plastics as a whole might relate to a

greater Provincial or National approach, and; working with staff to consult with Councillors and residents on broader waste diversion (report to return in 2019).

Discussions having concluded, the Committee “CARRIED” Motion N^o ECP 21/03 as presented, along with the following Direction to Staff, asking for additional information prior to Council’s consideration of the above Motion at its meeting of Wednesday, 23 May 2018:

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That Staff report back, via a memo, prior to Council’s meeting of Wednesday, 23 May 2018, to provide additional information on the strategy and scope of the City’s approach to dealing with plastics as a whole, and how this may integrate with the breadth and timing of the Federal Consultation and the overall direction of the above Motion.

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

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| A | MUNICIPAL DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS – 2017 SUMMARY REPORTS | |
| | ACS2018-PWE-GEN-0011 | CITY WIDE |
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| B | REPORT ON THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY DURING 2017 BY THE PUBLIC WORKS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AS SET OUT IN SCHEDULE “I” OF BY-LAW 2016-369 | |
| | ACS2018-PWE-GEN-0016 | CITY WIDE |
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| C | CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE - CANADIAN SOLAR INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION | |
| | ACS2018-CCS-ECP-0003 | CITY WIDE |
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Committee Coordinator

Chair