



**Standing Committee on Environmental Protection,  
Water and Waste Management**

**Minutes 2**

**Tuesday, 16 April 2019**

**9:35 a.m.**

**Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue W.**

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- 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 24 April 2019 in Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Report 2.*

**Present:** Chair: Councillor S. Moffatt  
Vice-Chair: Councillor S. Menard  
Councillors: R. Brockington, J. Cloutier, G. Darouze, K. Egli,  
A. Hubley and C. McKenney

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 1, of the meeting of the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management of Tuesday, 19 February 2019, were CARRIED.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Response to Inquiries

- ECPC 03-18 – Feasibility of Reporting on Greenhouse Gas Inventories Annually
- EPWWM 01-19 – Spring Flooding Mitigation
- EPWWM 02-19 – Single-Use Plastic Bottles at City Facilities

### DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That Response to Inquiry EPWWM 02-19 (Single-Use Plastic Bottles at City Facilities) be included as a regular item on the Agenda for the 21 May 2019 meeting of the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management.

## **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR**

### **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

1. STATUS UPDATE – STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT - INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 5 APRIL 2019

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management receive this report for information.**

RECEIVED

**PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**SOLID WASTE SERVICES**

2. **SOLID WASTE RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION CONTRACTS RENEWAL**

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council:**

1. **Delegate the authority to the General Manager of the Public Works and Environmental Services Department to negotiate, finalize and execute a short-term, three-year curbside collection contract with each of the existing curbside collection service providers, including the In-house Collections Group, in accordance with section 22(1)(d) of the Procurement By-law, and as described in this report; and**
2. **Subject to the successful negotiations and execution of a contract with the City's In-House Collections Group, approve an increase of \$1.5M to the 2019 Solid Waste Fleet – Growth capital budget, for total authority of \$1.95M, funded from the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Fund, for the purchase of five vehicles for growth, and an increase of \$4.0M to the 2019 Lifecycle Renewal Fleet capital budget, for total authority of \$36.615M, funded from the Fleet Vehicle Replacement**

**Reserve Fund, for the purchase of 14 replacement vehicles, as described in this report.**

At the outset, the Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of the report from Mr. Kevin Wylie, General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWESD) and Ms Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Solid Waste Services, PWESD. Mr. Wylie also introduced Mr. Will McDonald, Chief Procurement Officer, Corporate Services Department (CSD), Ms Mary Gracie, Manager, Fleet Maintenance, CSD, and Mr. Don Dinelle, Director, Fleet Service, CSD, who were also present to respond to questions.

The Committee then heard from the following public delegations:

- Mr. Guy Annable
- Ms Radha Subramani\* and Ms Gillian Koh\*
- Ms Angela Keller-Herzog\*
- Ms Kathleen Eglin

Written correspondence was also received from the following:

- Ms Jo Cormier\*
- Ms Lynne Champoux-Williams\*

*[ \* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk. ]*

Committee discussions and questions to staff touched upon, but were not limited to: using a 'green' lens in all policy and procurement decision-making and when updating the Solid Waste Master Plan to help reduce the City's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; upgrading the City's fleet to include 'green' electric or bio-fueled vehicles; the new Provincial Environment Plan and its potential ramifications; contract timelines and flexibility; costs associated with maintaining an aging fleet; encouraging the maximization of recycling and organics diversion; and the upcoming service level review, to be considered by the Committee in Q2 of 2019.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were “CARRIED”, as presented, along with the following Direction to Staff:

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That staff be directed to ensure Greenhouse Gas Emissions are considered as part of the work plan for the Solid Waste Master Plan.

**PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BUSINESS AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

3. PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT 2019 WORK PLAN

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management receive Part 5 of this report – 2019 PIED Work Plan for the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management – for information.**

The Committee received a brief PowerPoint slide presentation overview of the Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department (PIEDD) 2019 Work Plan report from Mr. John Smit, Director, Economic Development and Long Range Planning, PIEDD, and Ms Charmaine Forgie, Manager, Business Support Services, PIEDD. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Councillor Egli introduced the following Motion to align the timing of the updated Air Quality and Climate Change Management Plan to coincide with other corporate undertakings such as the City's Official Plan and its work on Energy Evolution.

**MOTION N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 02/01**

Moved by Councillor K. Egli:

**WHEREAS in May 2014, Ottawa City Council approved an updated Air Quality and Climate Change Management Plan (AQCCMP), a framework for how Ottawa will mitigate and adapt to climate change over the coming years; and**

**WHEREAS the plan requires that a review and update of the plan occur after five years; and**

**WHEREAS the review and update of the AQCCMP is currently scheduled to be brought forward to the June 2019 Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management; and**

**WHEREAS since the June timeline was proposed, there have been timeline revisions to two corporate initiatives that affect timelines for the AQCCMP review and update. These include:**

- 1. Official Plan Update – The revised timelines for the Official Plan update commit bringing forward draft policy directions by September 2019. These draft policy directions will have a direct influence on the recommendations of the AQCCMP review and update, specifically the AQCCMP priorities for the next five years (2019-2024) and will not be completed in time to inform the AQCCMP review and update if the report was to be brought forward in June.**
- 2. Phase 2 of Energy Evolution: Ottawa's Community Energy Transition Strategy – Staff are currently working with a consultant to complete an integrated modelling exercise that will identify what actions are required to meet the City's GHG reduction targets. This work will be the basis for setting midterm greenhouse gas (GHG)**

**reduction targets as part of the AQCCMP review and update and will influence the priorities for the next five years. This modelling exercise will not be completed in time to inform the AQCCMP recommendations if the report was to be brought forward in June. The Energy Evolution final report is on track to be brought forward by the end of 2019.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management approve bringing forward the review and update of the AQCCMP to Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management by the end of 2019, instead of in June 2019, in order to align the AQCCMP with the outcomes of other corporate initiatives, primarily the Official Plan and Energy Evolution.**

CARRIED

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before Committee and was “CARRIED”, as amended by Motion N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 02/01:

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management:**

- 1) **Receive Part 5 of this report – 2019 PIED Work Plan for the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management for information; and,**
- 2) **Approve bringing forward the review and update of the AQCCMP to Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management by the end of 2019, instead of in June 2019, in order to align the AQCCMP with the outcomes of other corporate initiatives, primarily the Official Plan and Energy Evolution.**

CARRIED, as amended

## **RESILIENCY AND NATURAL SYSTEMS POLICY**

### **4. RESPONSE TO BEE CITY MOTION**

ACS2019-PIE-EDP-0017

CITY-WIDE

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#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council:**

- 1. Receive the information provided within this report, which outlines how the City and local partners currently support native pollinator health;**
- 2. Direct staff to implement the short-term actions identified in this report, which can be accommodated within existing budget envelopes, including a pollinator garden and/or bee hotel at City Hall or suitable city-owned facility, education and outreach, and an exhibit to celebrate and promote pollinators at the 2019 Mayor's Rural Expo; and**
- 3. Direct staff to examine the feasibility of longer-term actions identified in this report and provide an update, including any new recommendations, to Committee in 2020.**

At the outset, the Committee received a verbal overview of the initiatives that staff were currently undertaking with regard to pollinator species from Ms Amy MacPherson, Planner, Resiliency and Natural Systems Policy, PIEDD. Mr. John Smit, Director, Economic Development and Long Range Planning, PIEDD, Ms Geraldine Wildman, Program Manager, Natural Systems Policy, PIEDD, and Mr. David White, Deputy City Solicitor, were also present to respond to questions.



Ms MacPherson said staff were not recommending the City's commitment to any external programs at the moment, as this would add administrative complexities, with limited returns. She noted that, per the recommendations, staff will report back in 2020 with an update on their work with pollinator species.

The Committee heard from Ms Genevieve Leroux\*, requesting that the City sign on to the "Mayor's Monarch Pledge", an initiative that requests municipalities and other communities commit to creating habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinator species, and to educating its citizens.

[ \* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk. ]

Councillor Egli then introduced the following Motion:

**MOTION N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 02/02**

Moved by Councillor K Egli:

**WHEREAS the Response to Bee City Motion report (ACS2019-PIE-EDP-0017) outlines how the City and local partners currently support native pollinator health and also proposes new initiatives aimed at enhancing these efforts; and**

**WHEREAS a formal proclamation declaring the City's support for pollinators, and recognising the benefits provided by pollinators would provide an additional opportunity for education and awareness.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that the report recommendations be amended to add the following:**

- 4. Direct staff in the Natural Systems and Rural Affairs unit to work with the Mayor's Office to develop a proclamation declaring an annual Pollinator Appreciation Day or similar occasion in the City of Ottawa starting in 2019.**

Committee questions to staff, and discussions, touched upon staff's work with pollinator species to help achieve key work plan deliverables and tangible results at the local level; work being undertaken by external organizations, and; reaching out to local external agencies to help improve pollinator species' habitats.

Discussions having concluded, the above Motion was put before the Committee and was "CARRIED" as presented. The report recommendations were then put before the Committee, and were "CARRIED", as amended by Motion N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 02/02, as set out below:

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council:**

- 1. Receive the information provided within this report, which outlines how the City and local partners currently support native pollinator health;**
- 2. Direct staff to implement the short-term actions identified in this report, which can be accommodated within existing budget envelopes, including a pollinator garden and/or bee hotel at City Hall or suitable city-owned facility, education and outreach, and an exhibit to celebrate and promote pollinators at the 2019 Mayor's Rural Expo;**
- 3. Direct staff to examine the feasibility of longer-term actions identified in this report and provide an update, including any new recommendations, to Committee in 2020; and,**
- 4. Direct staff in the Natural Systems and Rural Affairs unit to work with the Mayor's Office to develop a proclamation declaring an annual Pollinator Appreciation Day or similar occasion in the City of Ottawa starting in 2019.**

CARRIED, as amended

The following Direction to Staff was also given:

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That staff in Legal Services be directed to review whether Ward Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland funding can be used to fund pollinator gardens, and to provide this information prior to the report being considered by Council.

That staff be directed to engage with other City Departments to provide additional direction on guidance on preserving milkweed and pollinator mix during maintenance of City-owned properties;

That staff reach out to leaders of Ottawa's Community Gardens, to Hydro One and to Ottawa Hydro, to expand opportunities for pollinator species on their properties.

**MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN**

**COUNCILLOR S. MENARD**

5. REQUEST FOR DELAY IN INTRODUCTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS INTO THE GREEN BIN

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council approve that the City of Ottawa refrain from the introduction of single-use plastic bags into the green bin until such time that research into the effect of introducing single-use plastic bags to the green bin have been presented and fully considered by the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management.**

Mr. Kevin Wylie, General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWESD), Ms. Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Solid Waste Services, PWESD, spoke to provide context for the program which is expected to be implemented in July of 2019. Mr. David White, Deputy City Solicitor, City Clerk and Solicitor Department, was also present to respond to questions.

The Committee heard from the following public delegations, in support of Councillor Menard's Motion (unless otherwise noted):

- Mr. Luis Perez-Martin, Brand Manager, Glad Canada (requested that the City encourage the use of degradable bio-resin plastic bags)
- Ms Jennifer Humphries\*, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)
- Ms Kate Reekie, Glebe C.A. Task Force on Single-Use Plastics
- Mr. Eric Payseur, Canadian Organic Growers
- Dr. Meg Sears\*, Waste Watch Ottawa
- Mr. Brian Tansey
- Ms Michelle Meyer, Prevent Cancer Now
- Mr. Trevor Haché

The following individuals also provided written comment in support of Councillor Menard's Motion:

- Ms Linda Hoad\*
- Ms Lynne Champoux-Williams\*

*[ \* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk. ]*

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:50 p.m. and resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Committee questions to staff, and to the mover of the Motion, included, but were not necessarily limited to: contract details with Renewi (formerly Orgaworld); biodegradability science and timeframes; the original logistics of recommending the use of single-use plastic bags in the City's Green Bin program; percentages of current and projected program uptake, increased participation and diversion rates; the effects of plastics on individual health and on that of the environment; whether the City can force multi-residential dwellings to provide an organics diversion

program; the need to lower the City's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions; and, the need to extend the life of the existing Trail Road Landfill.

Discussions having concluded, the Motion recommendations were put before the Committee and 'LOST', as outlined below:

LOST, on a division of six "Nays" to two "Yeas", as follows:

NAYS (6): Councillors R. Brockington, J. Cloutier, G. Darouze, K. Egli, A. Hubley and S. Moffatt

YEAS (2): Councillors C. McKenney and S. Menard

## **COUNCILLOR'S ITEM**

### **COUNCILLOR S. MENARD**

#### **6. CITY OF OTTAWA – DECLARATION OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

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#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council:**

- 1. Officially declare a climate emergency for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, our eco systems, and our community from climate change;**
- 2. Establish a Council Sponsors Group comprised of representatives from the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management, Planning Committee, Transportation**

**Committee, Transit Commission, the Ottawa Board of Health and the Councillor Liaison of the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee;**

- 3. Direct City staff to include the following in the review and update of the AQCCMP:**
  - a) An analysis of how the AQCCMP's long term target to reduce GHG emissions 80% below 2012 levels by 2050 compares to the IPCC's targets for limiting global warming to 1.5 °C**
  - b) Midterm (2030) corporate and community GHG emission reduction targets**
  - c) Climate Change mitigation and adaptation priorities for next five years (2019-2024) to embed climate change considerations across all elements of City business;**
- 4. Direct City staff to include the following in the Energy Evolution Final Report:**
  - a) Status update of Energy Evolution Phase 1 actions**
  - b) New concrete actions and resource implications (staff and financial) to achieve GHG emission reduction targets**
  - c) Use an equity and inclusion lens in the prioritization of actions**
  - d) Funding and savings options for the City when implementing emission reductions;**
- 5. Direct City staff to report back, within the 2019 calendar year, on a spending plan for the Hydro Ottawa Dividends Surplus that would help reduce community and corporate GHG emissions beyond the scope of the City's current climate targets while also saving money;**
- 6. Direct City staff to complete a vulnerability assessment and develop a climate resiliency strategy to reduce the impacts of a changing climate;**

- 7. Recognize climate change as a strategic priority in the City's strategic plan and accompanying budget directions for the remaining Term of Council; and**
- 8. Work with senior levels of government to accelerate ambition and action to meet the urgency of climate change and provide additional resources for municipalities and the public to reduce their GHG emissions and build resiliency to climate impacts.**

Chair Moffatt introduced this item, reminding speakers to adhere to the subject of the Motion, which he said spoke to providing a clear focus and giving direction on matters that the City could achieve in a meaningful way.

The Committee then heard from the following delegations, in support of Councillor Menard's Motion (unless otherwise noted):

- Mr. Robb Barnes, Ecology Ottawa
- Ms Diane Beckett\*, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability
- Dr. Curtis Lavoie\*, MD (Emergency Physician, CHEO)
- Mr. Jerry Fiori\*, Chair, Ottawa Disability Coalition
- Ms Emilie Taman
- Mr. Guy Annable\* (opposed)
- Ms Sam Boswell\* and Ms Kari Glynes-Elliott\*
- Ms Chloe Rourke
- Ms Mia Beijer, Future Rising Ottawa
- Mr. Andrew Lumsden
- Mr. Bill Eggertson\*
- Ms Christine Epplett
- Ms Carolyn Clackdoyle

The following individuals also provided written comment in support of Councillor Menard's Motion (unless otherwise noted):

- Ms Karen Scott\*
- Ms Shirley Dolan\* (opposed)

- Mr. James Russell\*
- Mr. James O’Grady\*

*[ \* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk. ]*

All but one of the delegations strongly urged Committee to endorse Councillor Menard’s Motion, largely echoing the sentiments laid out in the report.

Each Member of Committee provided comment on the Motion, largely in support of the views as laid out in the report and as espoused by the speakers; that it was time to take bold, immediate action on climate change in a meaningful, responsible and actionable way. The opposing viewpoints that were raised took issue with the wording of climate ‘*emergency*’; cautioned that this was not only a local problem; that it could raise levels of fear, particularly with the young; and that relying on an unpredictable source of funding such as the Hydro dividend was not prudent.

In closing, Councillor Menard said he believed it was time to act on an evolving climate emergency, and that his Motion, crafted with staff’s participation, and giving clear direction, would help achieve tangible results in a concrete and meaningful way.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were “CARRIED” as outlined below:

CARRIED, on a division of six “Yeas” to two “Nays”, as follows:

YEAS (6):           Councillors R. Brockington, J. Cloutier, K. Egli, C. McKenney,  
                          S. Menard and S. Moffatt

NAYS (2):           Councillors G. Darouze and A. Hubley



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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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**Committee Coordinator**

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**Chair**