



## Environment Committee

### Draft Minutes 23

Tuesday, 19 February 2013, 9:30 am

Andrew Haydon Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West

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- Notes:*
- 1. Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*
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**Present:** Councillor M. McRae (Chair)  
Councillor S. Moffatt (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors D. Chernushenko, S. Desroches, M. Fleury, P. Hume

**Absences:** Councillors D. Holmes , A. Hubley ,

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 22 of the regular meeting on 15 January 2013.

CONFIRMED

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COMMUNICATIONS

Memorandum dated 25 January 2013 - Special Considerations Status Update

Memorandum dated 11 February 2013 - Capital Region Resource Recovery Centre

RECEIVED

**CITY OPERATIONS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

1. 2013 AND 2014 DRAFT WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS – RATE SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

ACS2013-COS-ESD-0004

CITY WIDE

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Environment Committee recommend Council approve the Draft 2013 and 2014 Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets as set out in Documents 1 and 2.**

Dixon Weir, General Manager of Environmental Services, Mona Monkman, Deputy City Treasurer and Alain Gonthier, Manager of Asset Management spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the City Clerk.

The Committee proceeded to hear from the following public delegations:

\*Mr. Bill Toms provided a detailed written submission which included several recommendations, which are summarized below:

- Revisit analytical work done in 2009;

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- Introduce a fixed and volume component to reflect higher costs of maintaining and replacing installed infrastructure;
- Undertake a review in 2013 to encourage water conservation during peak periods by commercial and industrial users;
- Consider alternative incentives such as rain barrels and green space retention;
- Review and reduce administrative charges;
- Return the Fire Supply Charge to property tax bill; and,
- Consider a governance change by creating a new Water, Waste Water and Solid Waste Commission.

At the request of the Committee, staff noted that they would undertake reviewing the recommendations provided by Mr. Toms and report back to Committee at a later date.

Mr. Marty White, President, National Capital Heavy Construction Association supports the 2013 and 2014 draft water and wastewater rate budget. He touched on the Long Range Financial Plan that was approved last year, spoke of increasing capital needs as a result of the Ottawa River Action Plan and the impact of ongoing condition assessments and risk mitigation work. The NCHCA concluded by encouraging Committee and Council to adopt the report.

[ \* *All individuals marked with an asterisk either provided their comments in writing or by email; all such comments are held on file with the City Clerk. ]*

Staff responded to questions by Committee on development charges, specific programs and the *Water Source Protection Act*. After discussion, the Committee voted on the following technical amendment:

**Motion No. EC 23\01**

**Moved by Councillor S. Moffatt**

**WHEREAS there is an error in the Sewer Use Program - Discharge Fees listed on Page 17 of the 2013 draft budget (Sanitary Service User Fees) and**

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page 14 of the 2014 draft budget;

**AND WHEREAS** These fee increases would be consistent with the Council approved direction when these new fees were approved in 2012, are already provided for in the overall Rate budget;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the “Sewer Use Program - Discharge Fees” be amended as follows:

**2013 (listed on page 17):**

**Conveyance Fee:** change the 2013 proposed fee from \$1.03 to \$1.08 and change the percentage increase from 2% to 7%.

**Treatment Fee:** change the 2013 proposed fee from \$0.64 to \$0.67 and change the percentage increase from 2% to 7%.

**2014 (listed on page 14):**

**Conveyance Fee:** change the 2013 fee to \$1.08 and 2014 proposed fee from \$1.05 to \$1.16 and change the percentage increase from 2% to 7%.

**Treatment Fee:** change the 2013 fee to \$0.67 and 2014 proposed fee from \$0.66 to \$0.72 and change the percentage increase from 2% to 7%.

CARRIED

The report recommendation was put to Committee and CARRIED as follows:

**That the Environment Committee recommend Council approve the Draft 2013 and 2014 Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets as set out in Documents 1 and 2, as amended by the following:**

**THAT** the “Sewer Use Program - Discharge Fees” be amended as follows:

**2013 (listed on page 17):**

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CARRIED, on a division of 6 yeas and 0 nays, as follows:

YEAS (6): Councillors D. Chernushenko, S. Desroches, M. Fleury, P. Hume, S. Moffatt, M. McRae

NAYS (0):

**DIRECTIONS TO STAFF:**

1. That the General Manager of Environmental Services review the recommendations by Mr. Bill Toms as part of the action plan and coordinate a report back to the Environment Committee.
2. That Finance Staff, in future water rate and wastewater rate budget documents, include the type of debt on the project pages.
3. Manager of Asset Management to follow up with Vice-Chair S. Moffatt on coordinating the Manotick Supply watermain project with the Long Island Resurfacing project.
4. Staff to report back prior to Council on the determination of how projects receive development charges versus rate revenues.

## 2. SOLID WASTE MULTI-RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION CONTRACTS

ACS2013-COS-ESD-0005

CITY WIDE

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Environment Committee recommend Council approve that the Environmental Services Department establish an “in-house bid team” to prepare and submit a “City bid” for the multi-unit residential waste and recycling collection contract, through a managed competition process.**

CARRIED

**PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

3. BARRHAVEN PUMP STATION EMERGENCY POWER – CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

ACS2013-PAI-PGM-0006

BARRHAVEN (3)

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**That the Environment Committee recommend Council:**

- 1. Receive the results of the Class Environmental Assessment Study for the Barrhaven Pump Station Emergency Power Project as detailed in Documents 1 and 2; and**
- 2. Direct staff to proceed with Notice of Study Completion for a 30-day public review period in accordance with the Ontario Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Schedule "B" process.**

CARRIED

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OTHER BUSINESS

Chair McRae provided information on the following items:

**Environmental Stewardship Committee:** The new Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee has selected its new members.

**Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reductions Round Table:** Invitations have been prepared and will be sent out shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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**Committee Coordinator**

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**Chair**