



Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee

MINUTES 4

Thursday, 14 November 2019

6:30 p.m.

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

Notes: 1. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee.*

Present: Vice-Chair: Kris Nanda
Vice-Chair: Sonia Pacin
Members: Abigail Alty, Brian Innes, Merissa Mueller, Corey Peabody, Paulina Pisarek, Kristine Van der Pas-Norenius and Councillor Shawn Menard (Council Liaison, non-voting member)

Absent: Members: Iqbal Jaswal, Melissa Watchorn and Alana Westwood (All, as advised)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 3, of the ESAC meeting of Thursday, 24 October 2019, were confirmed.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

1. UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR SHAWN MENARD

CITY WIDE

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee receive the Council Liaison's update for information.

As a past member of an Advisory Committee, Councillor Menard provided his views on how to be effective as an advisory group. He then touched upon the 2018-22 Term of Council Priorities, provided updates on upcoming reports to be considered by the Standing Committee, and upon the Council Climate Change Sponsors' Group's involvement with the *Climate Change Master Plan* and *Energy Evolution*. He also spoke of the 2020 Budget, suggested that members ask to be provided tours, if interested, of the Renewi and Trail Road Landfill facilities, and noted that his staff were working on pollinator-friendly projects.

Following questions on the 2020 Budget, the Committee 'Received' Councillor Menard's update for information.

FINANCE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

2. 2020 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS –
JOINT PRESENTATION

CITY WIDE

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information.

The Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of the SCEPWWM's portion of the draft 2020 City of Ottawa Budget (both Tax- and Rate-Supported) from Ms Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Solid Waste Services, Public Works and Environmental Services Department. She was joined by Ms Isabelle Jasmin, Deputy City Treasurer, Finance Services, Innovative Client Services Department, and Mr. Stephen Willis, General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Staff responded to members' questions and suggestions, such as how a Climate Lens could be applied to the City's budget through its various Master Plans. Topics discussed also included, but were not limited to: questions regarding various details in the City's Operating and Capital Budgets; increasing operational spending to deal with extreme weather conditions; the City's ability to deal with climate change; the future of Energy Evolution; the urban tree canopy and tree replacement; and, how the LRT could help by reducing GHG emissions and save on road maintenance and the construction of new roads in future, based on a reduced dependence on individual cars.

Discussions having concluded, the recommendation was put before the Committee and the presentation was 'Received' for information.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

3. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

CITY WIDE

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information.

The Committee received a slide presentation overview of the draft Transportation Master Plan from Messrs. Kornel Musci, Program Manager, Transportation Policy and Networks, Transportation Services Department (TSD), Robert Grimwood, Senior Project Manager, Sustainable Transportation, TSD, and Ms Meghan Whitehead, Project Manager, Sustainable Transportation, TSD. They noted they were present to respond to questions and to receive ESAC's feedback. A copy of their presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Staff responded to members' questions pertaining to the quantification of GHGs; coordination of data collection; methodologies and modelling; opportunities for public consultation; the concept of induced demand, the costs of travel and its broader costs to society; a multi-modal approach to transportation; and the potential for collaboration with the National Capital Commission (NCC) and/or other inter-provincial partners.

Discussions having concluded, the recommendation was put before the Committee and the presentation was 'Received' for information.

PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4. CITY OF OTTAWA TREE BYLAW REVIEW

CITY WIDE

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information.

Ms Martha Copestake, Forester, Planning, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department (PIED), introduced Ms Geraldine Wildman, Program Manager, Natural Systems and Rural Affairs, PIED, who spoke to a detailed slide presentation overview of the City's work on its Tree Bylaw Review. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Members discussed initiatives that could help preserve the City's existing heritage trees, and how a review of the existing By-law (to be considered by the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management at its December, 2019 meeting) would help the future of Ottawa's tree canopy (also the subject of a detailed analysis and review, in partnership with the NCC), and how education was important in changing attitudes on the value of trees. Discussions also included questions of community grants and other tree protection strategies and initiatives; land-use mapping; tree canopy cover targets; working in new and creative ways towards the development of a new tree planting program, and coping with existing problems to trees such as urban development and Hydro rights-of-way.

Members said they would endeavour to continue such discussions off-line. Discussions having concluded, the Committee 'RECEIVED' the presentation for information.

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5. PROPOSED TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES 2019-2022

CITY WIDE

For discussion.

Due to the lateness of the hour, Chair Nanda suggested that Members could, if they so desired, consult off-line on the City's proposed Term of Council Priorities.

INQUIRIES

ESAC 02-19 - NORTH GOWER WAREHOUSE

(Member K. Nanda)

I would like City staff to address the question of how they plan to ensure that the proposed construction of a 700,000-square-foot building that would house up to 1700 workers (See below) will be consistent with the City of Ottawa's goals to reduce GHG Emissions (as per Council's April 24, 2019 declaration of a climate change emergency) In particular, how will the City address the fact that there is no public transit in place for the workers at this building as well as the high volume of GHG emissions that would be generated by the construction of this massive facility? Will the City mandate that the owner/tenant of the facility take measures to avoid the necessity of employees using their own private vehicles to go to and from this facility?

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Committee Coordinator

Chair