



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

Minutes 10

**Tuesday, 15 September 2020
9:30 a.m.**

Electronic Participation

This Meeting was held through electronic participation in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended by the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*.

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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 23 September 2020 in Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Report 10.*

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 9, of the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management meeting of Tuesday, 16 June 2020, were confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS

RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES

- EPWWM 02-20 - FOLLOW-UP ON CLIMATE LENS FOR CITY
PROCUREMENT AND STANDING COMMITTEES

PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

1. POTENTIAL SOLID WASTE PARTNERSHIP

ACS220-PWE-SWS-0002

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

1. **Delegate authority to the General Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to negotiate, finalize and execute a contract with the Municipality of North Grenville, in accordance with this report and including any**

amendments by Council.

- 2. Delegate authority to the General Manager of Public Works and Environmental Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to negotiate, finalize and execute contracts with other potential partners where the terms and conditions are consistent with the proposed agreement framework, as detailed in this report.**

As this report had been delivered separately from the meeting agenda, the Committee first considered the following Motion to add it for consideration:

MOTION N^o EPWWM 2020 10-01

Moved by Vice-Chair S. Menard:

That, pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law (being By-law N^o 2019-8), the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management approve that the Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow for the consideration of the item listed as:

***ITEM 1 - POTENTIAL SOLID WASTE PARTNERSHIP
(ACS2020-PWE-SWS-0002)***

...which was not delivered with the agenda due to the need to wait for the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville to approve the establishment of its source separated organics program, and to provide direction to its staff to continue investigating potential partnerships for said program.

CARRIED

Ms Shelley McDonald, Acting Director, Solid Waste Services, Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWES), thanked colleagues Jason Staniforth, Manager, Waste Processing and Disposal, PWES, and Anthony Brown, Program Coordinator, Recycling and Material Diversion, PWES, as well as staff in Legal Services and Finance Services for helping to bring this proposal forward for Council's consideration. She then provided the Committee with a

slide presentation overview of the report. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Committee discussions and questions to staff touched upon, but were not necessarily limited to: the origins of the proposed partnership with North Grenville; exploring opportunities to partner with other small municipalities; questions of Ottawa's, and its partner facilities' capacities, limits and abilities to take on additional organic material for processing; program benefits and savings; the positive aspects of waste diversion, encouraging greater leaf, yard waste and organics recycling in Ottawa, and; opportunities for other smaller municipalities to engage in similar partnerships throughout Ontario, with Provincial encouragement and possible seed funding. Councillor Brockington, as the City's representative, said he would be happy to bring this idea to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and was "CARRIED", as presented.

WATER SERVICES

2. 2019 DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORT

ACS2020-PWE-WTS-0002

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council receive the 2019 Management Review Report of the Drinking Water Quality Management System.

The Committee received a slide presentation overview of the report from Ms Tammy Rose, Director, Water Services, Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWES) and Mr. Ian Douglas, Water Quality Engineer for the City of Ottawa, PWES. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

The presentation spoke of the evolution of Drinking Water Quality Management, and covered various aspects of the City's management of its eight water systems. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Committee discussions and questions to staff touched upon, but were not necessarily limited to: the details addressed in the staff report and presentation; considerations of permanent barriers around potentially vulnerable infrastructure points (i.e., Lemieux Island); working with interdepartmental partners on vulnerability assessments; and lead pipe replacement and risks associated with lead piping. In response to a request from Councillor Brockington about an outreach to the owners of homes that might still have lead service piping, Mr. Douglas said he would send a copy of such communications to the Councillor to provide information for concerned constituents.

Discussions also touched upon how COVID19 had affected the Department's workforce; contingencies that could be put into effect if the existing situation were to deteriorate, and; ongoing research modelling undertaken by a number of Universities, working with the City, to monitor the presence of COVID19 in wastewater as a way to forewarn of potential transmission impacts.

Members also asked about improvements planned for the Shadow Ridge well system; the availability of personal protection equipment (PPE); ensuring that supply chains can still be relied upon to maintain infrastructure and water quality, and; how best to help promote Ottawa's drinking water not only for its high quality, but as a way to reduce waste from single-use plastic bottles.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and was 'RECEIVED' and 'CARRIED', as presented.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE SERVICES

3. STATUS UPDATE – STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT – INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 3 SEPTEMBER 2020

ACS2020-OCC-ENV-0004

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

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

RECEIVED

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

- A REPORT ON THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY DURING 2019 BY THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AS SET OUT IN SCHEDULE “I” OF BY-LAW 2019-280

ACS2020-PWE-GEN-0001

CITY-WIDE

INQUIRIES

EPWWM 03-20 - CLEAN WATER SUPPLY AND PRIVATE WELLS

COUNCILLOR R. KING

What legal obligation does the City have to ensure that citizens on private wells have a “continuous” clean water supply?

What studies must be conducted when blasting is required within 500 meters of a private functional well and septic system?

What will the City do if the water table is affected and water is not available or becomes polluted?

What additional protections are afforded City residents in Ottawa when an area is deemed a “Drinking Water Protection Zone”?

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Committee Coordinator

Chair