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2021 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET – TAX AND
RATE SUPPORTED - STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management consider the relevant portions of the draft 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets, including the tax and rate supported programs, and forward its recommendations to Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, for consideration at the meeting to be held 9 December 2020.

At the outset, the Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of its portion of the 2021 City of Ottawa Draft Operating and Capital Budgets from Ms Shelley McDonald, Acting Director, Solid Waste Services, Public Works and Environmental Services (PWES) Department. Ms McDonald also introduced Ms Isabelle Jasmin, Deputy City Treasurer, Corporate Finance, Finance Services Department (FSD), and Ms Carina Duclos, Acting Director, Infrastructure Services, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development (PIED) Department. Messrs. Stephen Willis, General Manager, PIED, Dan Chénier, General Manager, Recreation and Cultural Facilities Services, Luc Gagné, Director, Parks, Forestry and Stormwater Services, PIED, Ms Martha Copestake, Forester, Natural Systems and Rural Affairs, PIED, and Ms Mary Gracie,

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Manager, Fleet Maintenance and Technical Services, Fleet Services, Innovative Client Services Department, were also present to respond to questions.

The presenters spoke to both the *Tax-supported* (Infrastructure Service, Resiliency and Natural Systems, Solid Waste Services and Forestry Services) and *Rate-supported* (Water Services, Wastewater Services and Stormwater Services) portions of the Committee's draft Operating and Capital budgets. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

The Committee heard from the following delegations who provided comment on the draft Budget:

- Ms Emma Bider, Horizon Ottawa
- Ms Angela Keller-Herzog*, Co-Chair, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)
- Mr. Robb Barnes, Ecology Ottawa
- Dr. Sarah Sloan

Correspondence was also received from Ms. Heather Dunlop*, Ottawa South Eco-Action Network (OSEAN).

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

Comments provided by the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee, in its receipt of a presentation on the SCEPWWM portion of the draft Budget at its meeting of Thursday, 12 November, were generally supportive. The following suggestions were proposed:

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- That, where possible, staff consider shifting funding from projects which, by their nature, are not consistent with Climate Change goals (e.g. from new roads to the Active Transportation infrastructure and/or to allow greater impact and activities for programs like Energy Evolution, Urban Tree program)
 - That staff make Budget information available as early as possible to allow for advanced opportunity for input, so that the Advisory Committee would have a chance to provide input several weeks in advance of Budget tabling

The above comments were provided to all members of Council via email on Monday, 16 November 2020.

Following Committee questions to the delegations, Vice-Chair Menard read out the following 'Roadmap' Motions for the Tax-supported and Rate-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budgets.

MOTION N^o EPWWM 2020 12/01

Moved by Councillor S. Menard:

THAT the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommends that Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, approve the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management 2021 Tax-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget, as follows:

1. **Infrastructure Services as follows:**
 - a. **User Fees (page 3);**
 - b. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 2).**

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- 2. Resiliency and Natural Systems Policy Operating Resource Requirement (page 6);**
 - 3. Solid Waste Services as follows:
 - a. User Fees (pages 9-10);**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirements (page 8);****
 - 4. Forestry Services as follows:
 - a. User Fees (page 13);**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirement (page 12).****
 - 5. Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Tax-supported Capital Budget on page 14, individual projects listed on pages 28-29 (Environment) and pages 31-36 (Solid Waste).**

MOTION N° EPWWM 2020 12/02

Moved by Councillor S. Menard:

THAT the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommends that Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, approve the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management 2021 Rate-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget as follows:

- 1. Drinking Water Services as follows:**

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- a. **User Fees (pages 3-7);**
 - b. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 2).**
- 2. Wastewater Services as follows:**
- a. **User Fees (pages 10-11)**
 - b. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 9);**
- 3. Stormwater Services as follows:**
- a. **User Fees (pages 14-17);**
 - b. **Operating Resource Requirements (page 13);**
- 4. The Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Rate-Supported Capital Budget, on pages 18-21, individual projects listed on pages 33-57 (Drinking Water), 59-61 (Integrated Water and Wastewater), 63-82 (Stormwater) and 84-102 (Wastewater).**

The Committee's questions to staff, and discussions, touched upon various points referenced in the staff presentation and those raised by the delegations, and included, but were not necessarily limited to: where revenue streams would be directed; the prioritization, timeframes and urgency of works to be undertaken; whether resources and staffing were adequate to meet and undertake urgent projects; fee structures and the effects of delays resulting from COVID-19; the 'greening', via electrification, of the Corporate Fleet, tree canopy protection, and; the expansion of recycling in parks.

In response to questions from Councillor Egli about money to be dedicated to tree planting in 2021, and from Councillor Brockington about recycling in parks,

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staff confirmed that they would follow up with the Councillors prior to the Council meeting of 9 December.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and was 'CARRIED', as amended by Roadmap Motions N^{OS} EPWWM 2020 12/01 and EPWWM 2020 12/02.

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, approve:

- 1. The Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management 2021 TAX-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget, as follows:**
 - a. Infrastructure Services as follows:**
 - i. User Fees (page 3);**
 - ii. Operating Resource Requirement (page 2).**
 - b. Resiliency and Natural Systems Policy Operating Resource Requirement (page 6);**
 - c. Solid Waste Services as follows:**
 - i. User Fees (page 9-10);**
 - ii. Operating Resource Requirements (page 8);**
 - d. Forestry Services as follows:**
 - i. User Fees (page 13);**
 - ii. Operating Resource Requirement (page 12).**
 - e. Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Tax-supported Capital Budget on page 14,**

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individual projects listed on pages 28-29 (Environment) and
pages 31-36 (Solid Waste).

- 2. The Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and
Waste Management 2021 RATE-supported Draft Operating and Capital
Budget as follows:**
- a. Drinking Water Services as follows:**
 - i. User Fees (pages 3-7);**
 - ii. Operating Resource Requirement (page 2).**

 - b. Wastewater Services as follows:**
 - i. User Fees (pages 10-11)**
 - ii. Operating Resource Requirement (page 9);**

 - c. Stormwater Services as follows:**
 - i. User Fees (pages 14-17);**
 - ii. Operating Resource Requirements (page. 13);**

 - d. The Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water
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pages 18-21, individual projects listed on pages 33-57 (Drinking
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CARRIED as amended