

Subject: Environment and Climate Change Committee Terms of Reference

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Report to Environment and Climate Change Committee on 21 February 2023

and Council 8 March 2023

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Ward: Citywide

Objet : Mandat du comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council approve its Terms of Reference, as outlined in this report and attached as Document 1.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique recommande au Conseil d'approuver son mandat, tel qu'il est énoncé dans le présent rapport et

dans le document 1 ci-joint.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of December 7, 2022, Ottawa City Council considered a report titled [2022-2026 Council Governance Review \(ACS2022-OCC-GEN-0030\)](#). In approving this report, Council approved the revised Terms of Reference for Standing Committees, Sub-Committees and the Transit Commission be submitted in draft form to the respective Committees/Commission at their first meeting in 2023 for consideration and recommendation to Council for approval. Accordingly, this report is presented to the Environment and Climate Change Committee for its consideration and approval.

DISCUSSION

As part of the 2022-2026 Council Governance Review report, Council approved the Committee structure for the 2022-2026 Term of Council, including re-naming the former Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management to the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

Full details are outlined in the [2022-2026 Council Governance Review Report](#), Part 1.

The draft Terms of Reference for the Environment and Climate Change Committee are attached at Document 1.

In addition to the name change, the Terms of Reference also include minor updates recommended by staff to reflect current City organizational structure, to provide additional clarity, and precision, add detail or remove redundancy within the scope of the mandate approved by Council through the Governance Review.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no legal impediment to the adoption of the recommendation in this report

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR

This is not a ward-specific report

CONSULTATION

As part of the preparation for the 2022-2026 Council Governance Review report and associated recommendations on committee mandates, the City Clerk consulted with Members of the 2018-2022 and 2022-2026 Terms of Council, the Senior Leadership Team, as well as staff that work most closely with the legislative process.

The public was notified of this report through the weekly meeting advertisements and on Ottawa.ca, and the publication of the agenda. Public delegations may be received by the Committee.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no specific accessibility impacts associated with this report.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

No additional delegated authority is being sought by staff as part of this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No risk management implications have been identified associated with this report.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

No rural implications have been identified associated with this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

This report implements the Committee mandate approved by Council as part of the 2022-2026 Council Governance Review.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 - Draft Environment and Climate Change Committee Terms of Reference (changes from the 2018-2022 Terms of Reference for the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management are underlined for ease of reference).

DISPOSITION

Upon approval of the report by Council, the Terms of Reference will become the mandate and governing authority for the Environment and Climate Change Committee and will be published to Ottawa.ca by the Office of the City Clerk.