



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

**Minutes 25**

**Tuesday, 21 June 2022**

**9:30 AM**

**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. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee.*
  2. *Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 6 July 2022 in Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Report 24.*

**Present:**

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were filed.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 24, of the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management meeting of Tuesday, 17 May 2022, were confirmed.

## POSTPONEMENTS AND DEFERRALS

### MOTION – ANTI-IDLING BY-LAW REVIEW AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

ACS2022-OCC-ENV-0009

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*Response to Inquiry originally deferred for discussion from SCEPWWM meeting of 17 May 2022:*

- *SCEPWWM 02-21 - Effectiveness and Enforceability of Anti-Idling Bylaw*

Councillor Menard spoke briefly to provide context, and he introduced the following Motion:

### **MOTION N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 2022-25/01**

Moved by Vice-Chair S. Menard:

**WHEREAS, on April 24, 2019, City Council declared a Climate Emergency for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment to protecting the economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change; and**

**WHEREAS the link between greenhouse gas emissions, including those from vehicles, and climate change, and heat island effects is well researched and evident; and**

**WHEREAS Environment Canada estimates air pollution from vehicle emissions contribute to 15,000 premature deaths each year in Canada through emission exhaust comprised of nitrogen oxides, carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxides, volatile organic compounds and fine particulate matter which can irritate the nose and throat, and cause long-term damage like asthma, decreased lung function, cardiac disease, and cancer; and**

**WHEREAS idling in areas such as school zones, bus stops, and community centers places vulnerable populations at risk from an air pollution; and**

**WHEREAS the intent of Ottawa's current anti-idling by-law (Idling Control By-law No. 2007-266) was to provide education and warnings and enforce for repeat offenders; and**

**WHEREAS the Idling Control By-law No. 2007-266 is rarely enforced, written with many exemptions and out of date in comparison to other mid-size cities; and**

**WHEREAS Ottawa experienced a three-week-long occupation in winter 2022 which resulted in residents walking through and breathing in vehicle exhaust fumes at a level significantly higher than the average for Ottawa, with more 'freedom convoy' related protests expected to continue through the summer; and**

**WHEREAS in February of 2022 emergency measures were enacted that gave By-law and Regulatory Services the authority to enforce no-idling rules at -15 and above in the occupied zone of the City for the duration of the emergency period and/or to sunset at 2 months, and raised the fine for idling from \$100 to \$1000 for this same time period; and**

**WHEREAS the By-law Review Framework specified that the City's by-law should be reviewed and updated every ten years, and the anti-idling By-law No. 2007-266 was last updated 15 years ago, in 2007; and**

**WHEREAS, in accordance with the Council-approved By-law Review Framework, it is anticipated that the 2023-2026 By-law Review Work Plan will be brought forward for Council's consideration and approval early in the new Term of Council, to identify by-law reviews to be undertaken during the Term;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council direct Public Policy Development Services in Emergency and Protective Services to include a comprehensive by-law review of By-law No. 2007-266 for Council consideration as part of the 2023-2026 By-law Review Work Plan to be approved by Council in 2023, and that this review shall include consideration of the following components:**

- **Temperature thresholds, considering the increasing heat waves due to climate change as per the National Capital Climate Projections and our Climate Resiliency Strategy and a comparison to other major Canadian cities;**
- **Fines and time thresholds in relation to other major Canadian cities;**
- **Exemptions which currently include 12 categories of vehicles that are not subject to the by-law;**
- **Improved definitions of terms such as "idle", "mobile workshop", "normal farm practice", "private transit vehicles", and "vehicle" to ensure accuracy and enforceability;**
- **Enforcement, providing clarity on how citizens can report non-compliant idling to the City for investigation and a review of complaints, associated actions and effectiveness;**
- **Integration and updating of the Vehicle and Equipment Idling Policy dated June 2002, Number FS01, updated February 2021.**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request the Ottawa Board of Health consider developing a public education and signage campaign to reduce unnecessary idling, in collaboration with the City of**

**Ottawa staff, including Public Information and Media Relations and  
Emergency and Protective Services.**

The Committee then heard from the following delegations:

- Ms Joan Freeman<sup>+</sup>, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)
- Ms Paulina Pisarek<sup>\*\*</sup>, Centretown Community Association

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

Mr. Kim Ayotte, General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services (EPS) Department, Mr. Roger Chapman, Director, By-Law and Regulatory Services, EPS, Ms Valérie Bietlot, Manager, Public Policy Development, EPS, and Dr. Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health, Ottawa Public Health, were present and/or available to respond to questions.

Following questions to the delegations and to staff, and at the conclusion of Committee discussions, Motion N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 2022-25/01 was put to Committee and was 'CARRIED' up to the last bulleted point. Chair Moffatt suggested that the appropriate wording for the recommendation regarding a public education campaign could be worked out between Ottawa Public Health, EPS and By-Law Services by the time this matter was to be considered by Council. He moved referral of the last part of the Motion to Ottawa City Council for its consideration on 6 July 2022, as follows:

**MOTION N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 2022-25/02**

Moved by Chair Moffatt:

**That Council consider the following matter:**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request the Ottawa Board of Health consider developing a public education and signage campaign to reduce unnecessary idling, in collaboration with the City of Ottawa staff, including Public Information and Media Relations and Emergency and Protective Services.**

REFERRAL CARRIED

**PLANNING, REAL ESTATE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

1. CLIMATE CHANGE MASTER PLAN –  
CLIMATE VULNERABILITY AND RISK ASSESSMENT

ACS2022-PIE-EDP-0019

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. **Receive the Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (CVRA) attached as Documents 1 and 2 and summarized in this report.**
2. **Direct staff to bring forward the Climate Resiliency Strategy by Q4 2023.**
3. **Direct staff to consider resourcing needs to develop the Climate Resiliency Strategy as part of the 2023 budget process, including resources to support public and stakeholder engagement.**
4. **Direct staff leading new or updates to City plans, strategies, policies and programs to take the CVRA findings into consideration.**
5. **Direct staff to consider resourcing needs to further assess or mitigate known climate risks as part of the 2023 budget process to accelerate early action while the Climate Resiliency Strategy is being developed.**
6. **Direct staff to consider climate resiliency in the 2023 – 2026**

**Strategic Plan / Term of Council Priorities.**

The Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of the report from Ms Julia Robinson, Project Manager, Environmental Programs, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk. Ms Robinson also responded to members' questions. Mr. Kim Ayotte, General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services (EPS) Department, Dr. Vera Etches, Medical Officer of Health, Ottawa Public Health, and Mr. Cyril Rogers, Deputy City Treasurer, Financial Strategies, Finance Services Department, were also present to respond to questions.

Committee then heard from the following delegations:

- Ms Joan Freeman<sup>+</sup>, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)
- Ms Cecile Wilson
- Ms Mary Hegan

Correspondence on this matter was also received from Ms Carol Lever\*.

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Following questions to the delegations and to staff, and at the conclusion of Committee discussions, the report recommendations were put before Committee and were 'CARRIED', as presented.

2. 2021 HYDRO OTTAWA DIVIDEND SURPLUS SPENDING PLAN

ACS2022-PIE-EDP-0023

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council approve the prioritized Spending Plan as shown in Document 1, with funding for implementation to be aligned with the Hydro Ottawa's dividend surplus once the specific dollar amount, if any, is known.**

Vice-Chair Menard introduced the following Motion to amend wording within the report, as noted below.

**MOTION N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 2022-25/03**

Moved by Vice-chair S. Menard

**WHEREAS on page four of report ACS2022-PIE-EDP-0023 item 2 – 2021 Hydro Ottawa Dividend Surplus Spending Plan, the bullet point references “*Energy management at the drinking water purification plants*”; and**

**WHEREAS the original text as noted is specific to Drinking Water Plants (Britannia and Lemieux); and**

**WHEREAS alternative wording allows for the inclusion of all drinking water and wastewater facilities across the City of Ottawa as intended by the report;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to the bullet point on page four of report ACS2022-PIE-EDP-0023 item 2 – 2021 Hydro Ottawa Dividend Surplus Spending Plan referencing:**

***“Energy management at the drinking water purification plants”***

**be deleted in its entirety and be replaced with the following wording:**

***“Energy management at water facilities”.***

CARRIED



The Committee received a brief slide presentation overview of the report from Ms Andrea Flowers, Section Manager, Climate Change and Resiliency, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk. Ms Flowers also responded to members' questions.

Committee then heard from the following delegations:

- Ms Barbara Ramsay<sup>+</sup>, Acting Chair, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)
- Mr. Charles Nixon, Citizen Climate Council (C3)

Correspondence on this matter was also received from Ms Judith Kennedy\*, Citizen Climate Council (C3).

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Following questions to the delegations and to staff, and at the conclusion of Committee discussions, the report recommendations were put before Committee and were 'CARRIED', as amended by Motion N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 2022-25/03.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

3. UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION TO PROVINCIAL  
BLUE BOX INDIVIDUAL PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

ACS2022-PWD-SWS-0002

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## **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and**

**Waste Management recommend that Council:**

- 1. Receive an update on the Provincial Blue Box Program transition to Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR); and**
- 2. Delegate authority to the General Manager of the Public Works Department, in consultation with Legal, Finance and Supply Services, to negotiate using the proposed guidelines and execute, in the best interest of the City, the agreement(s) needed for the transition period of the Provincial IPR Blue Box Program (July 1, 2023 – Dec 31, 2025) as described within this report and the accompanying confidential memorandum “Financial Implications for Report ACS2022-PWD-SWS-0002” (memo issued separately).**

Chair Moffatt spoke briefly to provide context for the report. During the Consent Agenda, questions were asked pertaining to the department’s communications strategy. Ms Andrea Gay-Farley, Program Manager, Program Planning, Public Works Department, was present to respond to questions. At the conclusion of discussions, the report recommendations were put before Committee and were ‘CARRIED’, as presented.

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

- 4. RUISSEAU PARK RAVINE REHABILITATION, CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FUNCTIONAL DESIGN**

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council approve the results of the Class**

**Environmental Assessment Study for the Ruisseau Park Ravine Rehabilitation as detailed in Document 1 and direct staff to proceed with posting the Notice of Study Completion for a 30-day public review period in accordance with the Ontario Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Schedule "B" process.**

CARRIED

5. DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
(DWQMS) 2021 MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORT

ACS2022-IWS-WS-0004

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council receive the 2021 Management Review Report of the Drinking Water Quality Management System.**

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**MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN**

**COUNCILLOR C. MCKENNEY**

6. MOTION - ENDORSEMENT OF THE  
FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

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## REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. Formally endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; and**
- 2. Approve that the Mayor, on behalf of Council and the City of Ottawa, send a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario urging the Canadian and Ontario governments to support the global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.**

Councillor McKenney spoke to provide context for their Motion.

Ms Andrea Flowers, Section Manager, Climate Change and Resiliency, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department, was present to respond to questions.

The Committee heard from the following delegations:

- Ms Seble Samuel<sup>+</sup>, Global Cities Campaign Lead, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative
- Ms Sara Washburn, For Our Kids Ottawa-Gatineau
- Ms Suzy Potts, For Our Kids Ottawa
- Ms Cecile Wilson

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Following questions to the delegations and to staff, Councillor Menard requested that a recorded vote be taken on the carriage of the report recommendations. The recommendations were then put before Committee and were 'CARRIED' on a vote of six 'Yeas' to zero 'Nays' as outlined below:

CARRIED on a division of six YEAS to 0 NAYS, as follows:

YEAS (6): Councillors C. Cloutier, K. Egli, R. King, C. McKenney,  
Vice-Chair S. Menard and Chair S. Moffatt

NAYS (0): (None)

### **COUNCILLOR S. MENARD**

7. MOTION - TREE PROTECTION BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO DECREASE  
DISTINCTIVE TREE DIAMETER TO 30 CM IN THE SUBURBAN AREA

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### **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council direct staff to consult with the public and bring forward a report in Q2 2023 to amend the Tree Protection By-law, 2020-340 to reduce the size of a Distinctive Tree in the suburban area of Ottawa from 50 centimeters to 30 centimeters in diameter measured at breast height.**

Committee heard from the following delegations:

- Ms Barbara Ramsay, Acting Chair, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) and Chair, Kanata Greenspace Protection Coalition (KGPC)
- Ms Rachelle Lecours\*, President, Greater Avalon Community Association

Correspondence was also received from the following:

- Ms Susan Davies\*, Friends of the Chapel Hill Forest
- Mr. John Dickie\*, Eastern Ontario Landlord Organization (EOLO)

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Councillor Menard thanked Councillor McKenney for their support on this matter, as well as Ms Martha Copestake, Planner III, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department, for her help in drafting the Motion and related work. In conclusion, the report recommendations were put before Committee and were 'CARRIED' as presented.

## **INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED**

- A REPORT ON THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY DURING 2021 BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AS SET OUT IN SCHEDULE "I" OF BY-LAW 2020-360.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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**Committee Coordinator**

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**Chair**