



Emergency Preparedness and protective services committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 01
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation

Present: Chair: Riley Brockington, Vice Chair: David Hill, Councillor Jessica Bradley, Councillor Steve Desroches, Councillor Laura Dudas, Councillor Sean Devine, Councillor Allan Hubley, Councillor Laine Johnson, Councillor Clarke Kelly, Councillor Matt Luloff, Councillor Stéphanie Plante

1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public
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Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.
Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 in Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Report 1.
The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on Friday, February 10, 2023, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on Monday, February 13, 2023.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 M. Luloff - 2023 Draft Operating and Capital Budget - Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services

I, Councillor Matthew Luloff, declare a potential, deemed pecuniary interest on the following portions of the 2023 Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Draft Operating Budget:

- Emergency and Protective Services, Fire Services Operating Resource Requirement, Communications (Page 6 of the EPPS Budget Book).

as my spouse is employed by Versaterm Public Safety, a software firm that provides services to Ottawa Fire Services and would receive funding from, or would potentially receive funding from, these budget line items.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 PC-CPSC Minutes 3 – Thursday 16 June 2022

Carried

3.2 CPSC Minutes 27 - Thursday 16 June 2022

Carried

4. Office of the City Clerk

4.1 Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Terms of Reference

File No. ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0015 - City Wide

Report Recommendation

That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve its Terms of Reference, as outlined in this report and attached as Document 1.

Carried

5. Finance and Corporate Services Department

5.1 2023 Draft Operating and Capital Budget - Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services

File No. ACS2023-FCS-FSP-0001 - City-Wide

The draft budget was tabled at the Council meeting of 1 February 2023. The Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee report on the draft budget will be considered by Council at its meeting of 1 March 2023.

M. Luloff declared a conflict on this item. (;I, Councillor Matthew Luloff, declare a potential, deemed pecuniary interest on the following portions of the 2023 Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Draft Operating Budget: Emergency and Protective Services, Fire Services Operating Resource Requirement, Communications (Page 6 of the EPPS Budget Book). ;as my spouse is employed by Versaterm Public Safety, a software firm that provides services to Ottawa Fire Services and would receive funding from, or would potentially receive funding from, these budget line items.)

Councillor Matt Luloff declared a potential, deemed pecuniary interest on the following portion of the 2023 Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Draft Operating and Capital Budget:

Emergency and Protective Services, Fire Services Operating Resource Requirement, Communications (Page 6 of the EPPSC Budget Book).

The Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of its portion of the 2023 Budget from Mr. Cyril Rogers, General Manager and Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Corporate Services Department (FCSD), along with other members of staff. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk. Also present to respond to questions were Ms Valerie Bietlot, Manager, Public Policy Development, Emergency and Protective Services (EPS) Department, Mr. Roger Chapman, Director, By-Law and Regulatory Services, EPS, Mr. Ryan Perrault, Manager, Business and Technical Support Services, EPS, Mr. Paul Hutt, Fire Chief, EPS, Mr. Pierre Poirier, Chief, Ottawa Paramedic Service, EPS and Ms Beth Gooding, Director, Public Safety Service, EPS.

Prior to receiving the public delegation, Vice-Chair Hill read out the Committee's Roadmap Motion introduced by Councillor D. Hill

Committee heard from Mr. Dave André, President, Ottawa Professional Firefighters' Association (OPPFA), who provided comment on the Budget.

Responding to questions regarding enforcement to curb inappropriate owner behavior related to off-leash dog activity in parks, and staffing to ensure that adequate enforcement is available, By-Law Services staff committed to providing an analytical response prior to this matter being considered by Council at its meeting of Wednesday, 1 March 2023.

At the conclusion of Committee discussions on its portion of the 2023 City of Draft Ottawa Operating and Capital Budgets, Vice-Chair Hill moved the Committee's Budget Roadmap Motion (Councillor Luloff, having declared an interest on item 3 (b) (i), did not participate in the vote for that item). The Roadmap Motion was then 'CARRIED' as presented (with Councillor A. Hubley dissenting).

Report recommendation

That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee consider the relevant portions of the 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets and make recommendations to Council sitting in Committee of the Whole to be held March 1, 2023.

Carried as amended

Moved by D. Hill

That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend that Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, approve the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee 2023 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets as follows:

- 1. Emergency and Protective Services Department, General Manager's Office and Business Support Services - Operating Resource Requirement (page 1);**
- 2. Public Safety Service, as follows:**
 - A. User Fees (page 4);**
 - B. Operating Resource Requirement (page 3);**
- 3. Ottawa Fire Service, as follows:**
 - A. User fees (pages 7-9);**

- B. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 6), as follows:**
 - i. **Communications;**
 - ii. **Remaining Fire Services Operating Resource Requirement**
- 4. **Ottawa Paramedic Service, as follows:**
 - A. **User Fees (page 12);**
 - B. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 11);**
- 5. **By-Law and Regulatory Services, as follows:**
 - A. **User fees (pages 15-24);**
 - B. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 14).**
- 6. **Public Policy Development – Operating Resource Requirement (page 26)**
- 7. **Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Capital Budget (pages 27-29, individual projects listed on pages 48-70).**

Carried

6. Referrals

6.1 Motion - Motion to support Bill 47, Protecting Human Rights in an Emergency Act (Emergency Power Generators), 2022

Committee will be requested to consider the following Motion, referred from the City Council meeting of February 8, 2023.

That Council direct staff to review Toronto’s “Minimum Backup Power Guidelines for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings: Voluntary Performance Standards for Existing and New Buildings” (2016), and to report back in Q3 2023 on the resources required for the preparation of an Ottawa version of such a guideline.

At the City Council meeting of Wednesday, 1 February 2023, Councillor Devine introduced a Notice of Motion, to be considered at the Council meeting of Wednesday, 8 February 2023 (Council Motion 2023-07/07).

At the Council meeting of Wednesday, 8 February, Motion 2023–07/07 was subsequently referred to the Emergency Preparedness and

Protective Services Committee for consideration at its meeting of Monday, 13 February 2023.

At that meeting, a revised version of the Motion was introduced as follows:

Motion No. CPSC 2023-07-07

Moved by S. Devine

WHEREAS Ottawa has been hit with destructive weather events, including the tornados in 2018 and the derecho in 2022, causing extensive and lengthy power outages; and

WHEREAS weather experts, as confirmed in the Official Plan, project that Ottawa will continue to experience severe, destructive weather events on a more frequent and basis; and

WHEREAS in the 36 hours following the derecho of May 2022, approximately 150,000 Hydro Ottawa customers were without power, and many Ottawa residents went without power for over 10 days; and

WHEREAS many Ottawa residents living in apartment buildings and condominium buildings were without power for over 10 days, without access to basic necessities such as elevators, emergency hallway lighting, and running water; nor access to emergency resources the city had set up for residents; and

WHEREAS access to an elevator is essential to the personal autonomy, dignity, and safety of persons with disabilities and persons with mobility challenges living in apartment buildings and condominium buildings; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has said that “one must be wary of putting too low a value on accommodating the disabled. It is all too easy to cite increased cost as a reason for refusing to afford the disabled equal treatment.”; and

WHEREAS the Accessible Housing Network urges that the Government of Ontario require that every apartment building have a generator capable of powering elevators and emergency lighting; and

WHEREAS Ottawa Fire Services has stated a need to shift priorities in their post-storm response to attend to residents living in apartment buildings; and

WHEREAS Toronto City Council has recommended that such residential apartment and condominium buildings have backup generators; and

WHEREAS the Protecting Human Rights in an Emergency Act, 2022,

as brought forward by Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Chandra Pasma, seeks to amend the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, and the Condominium Act, 1998, to ensure that all apartment and condominium buildings have a back-up emergency generator capable of running an elevator, emergency hallway lighting, and water pumps for a period of two weeks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ottawa City Council request that the Mayor write a letter addressed to the Premier of Ontario and all Ottawa MPPs expressing City Council’s support of Bill 47, Protecting Human Rights in an Emergency Act (Emergency Power Generators), 2022, and asking the Government of Ontario to approve this legislation, and that this letter of support be sent to local MPPs, the Premier, and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to review Toronto’s “Minimum Backup Power Guidelines for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings: Voluntary Performance Standards for Existing and New Buildings” (2016), and to report back in Q3 2023 on the resources required for the preparation of an Ottawa version of such a guideline.

Councillor Devine spoke to provide context for his Motion, and Committee heard from the following public delegations:

1. Ms Chandra Pasma, MPP, Ottawa West—Nepean
2. Dr. Lynn Ashdown+
3. Mr. Bryce Conrad, Chief Executive Officer, Hydro Ottawa

Written submissions were also received from the following:

1. Mr. Jerry Fiori*, Past Chair, Ottawa Disability Coalition
2. Ms Deborah Garceau*
3. Mr. Husam Shamsan*

[+ Slide presentations/visuals/video, held on file with the Office of the City Clerk]

[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk 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]

Following Committee's questions to the presenters and at the conclusion of Committee discussions, the Chair called for a split vote on the three resolutions of the Motion, as follows:

That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Express its support for Bill 47, Protecting Human Rights in an Emergency Act (Emergency Power Generators), 2022; and**
- 2. Forward this item to local MPPs, the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), for information; and**

YEAS (5): Councillors L. Johnson, S. Devine, J. Bradley, S. Plante and Chair R. Brockington

NAYS (6): Councillors M. Luloff, L. Dudas, C. Kelly, S. Desroches, A. Hubley, and D. Hill

Lost

That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend Council:

- 3. Direct staff to review Toronto's "Minimum Backup Power Guidelines for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings: Voluntary Performance Standards for Existing and New Buildings" (2016), and to report back in Q3 2023 on the resources required for the preparation of an Ottawa version of such a guideline.**

YEAS (11): Councillors M. Luloff, L. Dudas, C. Kelly, L. Johnson, S. Devine, J. Bradley, S. Plante, S. Desroches, A. Hubley, D. Hill and Chair R. Brockington

NAYS (0):

Carried

7. Other Business

Mr. Kim Ayotte, General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services Department, provided a brief update on the 13 February 2023 explosion in Orleans.

8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.

Next Meeting - Thursday, 30 March 2023

Original signed by C. Zwierzchowski,
Committee Coordinator

Original signed by Councillor
R. Brockington, Chair