



## Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee

### Minutes

**Meeting #:** 2  
**Date:** Thursday, March 30, 2023  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation

**Present:** Councillor Riley Brockington, Councillor 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

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1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public  
Notices and meeting information are attached to the agenda and minutes, including: availability of simultaneous interpretation and accessibility accommodations; *in camera* meeting procedures; information items not subject to discussion; personal information disclaimer for correspondents and public speakers; notices regarding minutes; and remote participation details.  
Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.  
Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 in Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Report 2.  
The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations was 4 pm on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, and the deadline to register to speak by email was 8:30 am on Thursday, March 30, 2023.  
**This draft Minutes document contains a summary of the disposition of items and actions taken at the meeting. This document does not include all of the text that will be included in the final Minutes, such as the record of**

**written and oral submissions. Recorded votes and dissents contained in this draft Minutes document are draft until the Minutes of the meeting are confirmed by the Committee. The final draft Minutes will be published with the agenda for the next regular Committee meeting and, once confirmed, will replace this document.**

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 EPPSC Minutes 1 – Monday 13 February 2023

**Carried**

4. Office of the City Clerk

4.1 Status Update – Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Inquiries and Motions for the period ending March 21, 2023

File No. ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0038 - Citywide

**Report Recommendation**

**That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee receive this report for information.**

Ms Caitlin Salter MacDonald, Manager, Council and Committee Services, Office of the City Clerk, responded to general questions about the nature of the Outstanding Motions and Directions Status Update reports to the various Standing Committees of Council. The Committee then 'RECEIVED' the report for information, as presented.

**Received**

5. Emergency and Protective Services Department

5.1 May 2022 Derecho/Severe Weather Event After Action Review

File No. ACS2023-EPS-PSS-0001 – City-wide

**Report Recommendation**

**That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee receive this report for information.**

Mr. Kim Ayotte, General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services Department (EPSD), introduced Ms. Beth Gooding, Director, Public Safety Service, EPSD, who spoke to a detailed slide presentation overview of the report. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk. Also present to respond to questions were Mr. Paul Hutt, Fire Chief, EPSD, Mr. Pierre Poirier, Chief, Ottawa Paramedic Service, EPSD and Ms. Jennifer Therkelsen, Program Manager, Bylaw Enforcement Services, EPSD.

The Committee then heard from Mr. Michael Wood, who offered suggestions as to how to improve emergency services communications. Following questions to the delegation and to staff, the following Directions to Staff were introduced:

Directions to staff

**Councillor L. Johnson**

That staff be directed to make the comprehensive after-action report for the May 2022 Derecho/Severe Weather Event publicly available.

**Chair R. Brockington**

On June 22, 2022, City Council passed a motion (King/Brockington Motion 79/11) directing the Mayor to write to the CEO of Hydro Ottawa outlining five major concerns Council had with the response to the derecho focused on communications, modernization of the grid, understanding the vulnerabilities of the existing infrastructure and planning for contingencies. To date, the letter from Mayor Watson has not been formally replied to. Would staff undertake the step of contacting Hydro Ottawa, reminding them of this important communication.

With Committee discussions having been concluded, the report recommendation was put before Committee and the report was 'RECEIVED' for information.

**Received**

6. In Camera Items

There were no In Camera Items.

7. Information Previously Distributed

7.1 Report on the use of Delegated Authority during 2022 by the Emergency and Protective Services Department

File No. ACS2023-EPS-GEN-0001 - City-wide

8. Notices of Motions (For Consideration at Subsequent Meeting)

There were no Notices of Motions.

9. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

10. Adjournment

Next Meeting - Thursday, 20 April 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

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Original signed by  
C. Zwierzchowski, Committee  
Coordinator

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Original signed by Councillor  
R. Brockington, Chair