



Emergency Preparedness and protective services committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 05
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Andrew S. Haydon Hall, 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 Laine Johnson, Councillor Clarke Kelly, Councillor Matt Luloff, Councillor Stéphanie Plante

Absent: Councillor Allan Hubley (as advised)

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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, June 28 in Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Report 5.
 The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on Thursday, June 15, 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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 EPPSC Minutes 4 – Thursday 18 May 2023

Carried

4. Office of the City Clerk

File No. ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0078 - City-Wide

4.1 Status Update – Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Inquiries and Motions for the period ending 6 June 2023

Report recommendation

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

Received

5. Emergency and Protective Services Department

5.1 On-Demand Accessible Taxicab Service Study and Minor Amendments to Vehicle-for-Hire By-law related to Taxicabs

File No. ACS2023-EPS-BYL-0002 - City-wide

Report recommendations

That Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Receive the consultant's report entitled "Study of On-Demand Accessible Taxicab Services in the City of Ottawa", attached as Document 1 and referenced in this report.**
- 2. Direct staff to:**
 - a. develop, negotiate and implement a three-year pilot contract, with two optional one-year extension periods subject to mutual agreement of the City and the contractor, for a centralized dispatch service for on-demand wheelchair accessible vehicles, in consultation with the Chief Procurement Officer and in accordance with the Procurement By-law; and,**
 - b. evaluate and report back to Committee and Council on the efficacy of the pilot.**
- 3. Approve an annual incentive grant, on a three-year pilot basis, of:**
 - a. \$5,000 per year for three years for each accessible taxicab plate holder licensee or vehicle owner for investment in a fully wheelchair accessible vehicle subject to eligibility criteria prescribed by the Chief License Inspector; and,**
 - b. up to \$2,000 per year for each accessible taxicab driver for fulfilling criteria prescribed by the Chief License Inspector including accepting all on-demand wheelchair accessible trip requests and maintaining the vehicle operational and available for dispatched requests 50 hours per-week, 48 weeks annually; and, where plate holder licensees or vehicle owners who are also licensed and actively working drivers would be eligible to receive both incentives.**
- 4. Approve the implementation of a \$15 per trip contribution payable to the accessible taxicab driver for each completed on-demand wheelchair accessible fare, subject to the eligibility criteria prescribed by the Chief License Inspector, on a three-year pilot basis.**
- 5. Approve amendments to the Vehicle-for-Hire By-law to take effect upon approval by Council, to:**

- a. **reduce the accessible plate holder license transfer fee to \$312 per plate transfer; and**
- b. **repeal the requirement that standard and accessible taxicab vehicles must be less than five model years of age upon entry to the fleet; and**
- c. **provide for an increase of the current ten-year vehicle age limit to twelve model years for taxicab vehicles that are fully wheelchair accessible, fully electric or hybrid.**

Carried

At the outset, Mr. Kim Ayotte, General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services (EPS) Department, introduced Mr. Roger Chapman, Director, By-Law and Regulatory Services (BLRS), EPS who, in turn, introduced Ms Christine Hartig, Program Manager, Operations Support and Regulatory Services, BLRS, EPS, Ms Kayla Woods, Specialist, By-Law Issues Management, EPS and Mr. Michael Lalonde, Supervisor, By-Law Enforcement, Property Standards Unit, BLRS, EPS.

The Committee then received a detailed slide presentation overview of the report, a copy of which is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Mr. David Saint (consultant), Ms Valerie Bietlot, Manager, Public Policy Development, EPS, and Mr. Scott Laberge, Associate Director, Transit Services Department were also present to respond to questions.

Following the presentation, Councillor Bradley introduced the following Motion for the Committee's consideration prior to the receipt of public delegations:

MOTION N^o EPPSC 2023 05-01

Moved by J. Bradley

WHEREAS the Vehicle-for-Hire By-law (2016-272, as amended) regulates taxicabs, limousines and Private Transportation Companies; and,

WHEREAS accessible on-demand taxicab service has suffered due to the lack of accessible plates/vehicles on the road, resulting in inadequate service to the accessible community; and,

WHEREAS a centralized dispatch service for on-demand wheelchair accessible vehicles has been identified to improve the availability and quality of service; and,

WHEREAS there is currently only one taxicab dispatch firm operating in Ottawa and previous market scans have identified that this specific dispatch firm is the only viable provider of accessible taxi dispatch services in Ottawa; and,

WHEREAS a centralized dispatch would function more efficiently as a publicly operated entity; and,

WHEREAS staff have advised that the City is not currently in a position to develop its own centralized dispatch system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to look into the feasibility of implementing a City of Ottawa run centralized dispatch system respecting on-demand accessible taxicab service and report back to Council before the end of the proposed three-year pilot project, ensuring sufficient time to implement a public option should the report identify this option as feasible and should Council decide to pursue it.

The Committee then heard from the following public delegations:

1. Tony Hajjar*
2. Lynn Ashdown
3. Georges Jarawan
4. Abdul Hamid Hussein
5. Amrik Singh, Unifor

Written correspondence was also received from the following individuals:

1. Mr. Jerry Fiori*, Past Chair, Ottawa Disability Coalition
2. Mr. Jake Brockman*, Public Policy (Canada), Uber
3. Mr. Marc Andre Way*, President and CEO, Coventry Connections Inc.
4. Mr. Phillip B. Turcotte*, Former Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee
5. Mr. John Redins*

*[* 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 questions to the delegations and to staff, and with Committee discussions having been concluded, Motion N^o EPPSC 2023 05-01 was put before the Committee and was 'CARRIED'. The report recommendations were then put before the Committee and were 'CARRIED', as amended by Motion N^o EPPSC 2023 05-01

That Council:

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6. Direct staff to look into the feasibility of implementing a City of Ottawa run centralized dispatch system respecting on-demand accessible taxicab service and report back to Council before the end of the proposed three-year pilot project, ensuring sufficient time to implement a public option should the report identify this option as feasible and should Council decide to pursue it.

Carried as amended

5.2 2023-2026 Corporate By-law Review Workplan

File No. ACS-2023-EPS-PPD-0001 - City-wide

Report recommendation

That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend that Council approve the 2023 to 2026 Corporate By-law Review Work Plan set out in Document 1 and described in this report

Carried

Mr. Kim Ayotte, General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services (EPS) Department, introduced Ms Valerie Bietlot, Manager, Public Policy

Development, EPS who, in turn, introduced Ms Kate Todd, Specialist, By-Law Review and Mr. Jerrod Riley, Specialist, By-Law Review, both with Public Policy Development Services, EPS.

Ms Bietlot then spoke to a detailed slide presentation which served as an overview of the report. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

At the conclusion of Committee's questions to staff and discussions, the report recommendation was put before Committee and was 'CARRIED', as presented.

5.3 Ottawa Paramedic Service 2021 and 2022 Annual Report

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

Report recommendation

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

Carried

Please note – this item was considered concurrently with the subsequent report, *Ottawa Paramedic Service 2024 - 2026 Investment Plan* (ACS2023-EPS-OPS-0002).

Please see that item for a more detailed extract of Draft Committee Minute.

At the conclusion of Committee discussions for both items, the report recommendation for this item (ACS-2023-EPS-OPS-0001) was 'CARRIED' as presented.

5.4 Ottawa Paramedic Service 2024 - 2026 Investment Plan

File No. ACS2023-EPS-OPS-0002 - City Wide

Report Recommendations

That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend that Council:

1. **Receive the report for information.**

2. **Approve the following growth pressures be considered in the 2024 Draft Budget:**
 - a. **the addition of 23.00 permanent full-time equivalents (FTEs) with an estimated operating budget requirement of \$2,010,000, and an annualization of \$820,000 in the 2025 Draft Budget, and the purchase of two (2) emergency response vehicles with an estimated capital budget requirement of \$680,000 and operating budget of \$250,000, to help mitigate frontline staff workload as a result of increased emergency call demand pressures; and**
 - b. **the addition of 3.00 permanent FTEs with an estimated operating budget requirement of \$370,000 towards psychological supports to support employee wellness and reduce occupational stress injuries.**
3. **Approve the following offload delay pressures be considered in the 2024 Draft Budget:**
 - a. **the addition of 17.00 FTEs with an estimated operating budget requirement of \$2,080,000, and the purchase of one (1) emergency response vehicle with an estimated capital budget requirement of \$165,000 and operating budget of \$56,000, subject to the confirmation of provincial and/or local hospital funding, to help mitigate frontline staff hours lost in area hospitals beyond 30-minutes, which is reducing the availability of ambulances to respond to calls for service and impeding the Ottawa Paramedic Service's ability to meet response time standards.**
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5. **Approve the following offload delay pressures be considered into the 2025 Draft Budget:**
 - a. **the addition of 17.00 FTEs with an estimated operating budget requirement of \$2,130,000, and the purchase of one (1) emergency response vehicle with an estimated capital budget requirement of \$168,000 and operating budget of \$57,000, subject to the confirmation of provincial and/or local hospital funding, to help mitigate frontline staff hours lost in area hospitals beyond 30-minutes, which is reducing the availability of ambulances to respond to calls for service and impeding the Ottawa Paramedic Service's ability to meet response time standards.**
6. **Approve the following growth pressures be considered into the 2026 Draft Budget:**
 - a. **the addition of 23.00 permanent FTEs with an estimated operating budget requirement of \$2,090,000, and an annualization of \$860,000 in the 2027 Draft Budget, and the purchase of two (2) emergency response vehicles with an estimated capital budget requirement of \$710,000 and operating budget of \$260,000 to help mitigate frontline staff workload as a result of increased emergency call demand pressures.**
7. **Approve the following offload delay pressures be considered into the 2026 Draft Budget:**
 - a. **the addition of 17.00 FTEs with an estimated operating budget requirement of \$2,170,000, and the purchase of one (1) emergency response vehicle with an estimated capital budget requirement of \$172,000 and operating budget of \$58,000, subject to the confirmation of provincial and/or local hospital funding, to help mitigate frontline staff hours lost in area hospitals beyond 30-minutes, which is reducing the availability of ambulances to respond to calls for service and impeding the Ottawa Paramedic Service's ability to meet response time standards.**
8. **Subject to the approval of recommendations 3, 5 and 7, direct staff to report back to Council as part of the 2024 budget process**

on the confirmation of provincial and/or local area hospital funding.

- 9. Direct the Mayor to engage with the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health, outlining the ongoing impacts associated with offload delays and advocate to the Province to implement solutions immediately to reduce offload delays and the number of occurrences and duration of when no ambulances are available in the City of Ottawa (level zero), to ensure public safety and help the Ottawa Paramedic Service meet response time performance standards.**

Carried

Please note – this item was considered concurrently with the previous report, 2023-2026 Corporate By-law Review Workplan (ACS2023-EPS-OPS-0001).

At the conclusion of Committee discussions for both items, the report recommendation for the previous item (ACS2023-EPS-OPS-0001) was 'CARRIED', as presented.

Mr. Kim Ayotte, General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services (EPS) Department, introduced Mr. Pierre Poirier, Chief, Ottawa Paramedic Service, EPS, who spoke to a detailed slide presentation which served as an overview of both this item, and the previously-listed report, Ottawa Paramedic Service 2021 and 2022 Annual Report (ACS2023-EPS-OPS-0001). As noted above, both reports were considered concurrently.

A copy of Mr. Poirier's presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Councillor D. Hill introduced the following Motion to amend the report recommendations:

Moved by D. Hill

WHEREAS the provision of quality paramedic services within established response times is a priority of Council and expected by the community; and

WHEREAS there have been 184,113 emergency responses in 2022, an increase of 23.3% over 2021; and

WHEREAS response times are impacted by increased response volumes due to population growth and aging patient demographics,

increasing ambulance offload delays, staffing pressures and the city's geography, hospital locations and traffic patterns; and

WHEREAS Paramedic offload delay continues to be the single largest issue impacting paramedic services in Ottawa and across Ontario; and

WHEREAS in 2022, Ottawa paramedics were in the hospital for approximately 500 hours per day in offload delay and the total hours lost in area hospitals is the equivalent to hiring 124 additional paramedics; and

WHEREAS paramedics waiting in the hospital are not able to respond to calls for service in the community; and

WHEREAS paramedics in 2022 were spending 157 minutes, or 2 hours and 37 minutes, per call, which is significantly higher than the goal of 90 minutes per call needed to meet service standards; and

WHEREAS paramedics, are reporting a significant decrease in response time performance standards for the most urgent calls for service, including CTAS 1 (life threatening), CTAS 2 (urgent) and sudden cardiac arrest (meeting the standard for CTAS 3, CTAS 4 and CTAS 5); and

WHEREAS the Ottawa Paramedic Service remains committed to continuous improvement and has implemented over 15 mitigation strategies to reduce offload delays and increase ambulance availability; and

WHEREAS the Ottawa Paramedic Service is experiencing the cumulative effects of increased work demands and chronic overtime on their workforce; and

WHEREAS there is a requirement for an immediate need of 14 new paramedics to respond to the current situation as a result of offload delays and response volume growth; and

WHEREAS there is a requirement for an additional emergency response vehicle to support the additional 14 paramedics; and

WHEREAS staff has advised that there are sufficient funds in Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund and the City Wide Capital Reserve to meet this urgent need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, on the understanding that the future needs of the Ottawa Paramedic Service will be considered by Council as part of the Ottawa Paramedic Service 2024-2026 Investment Plan report, the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend that City Council approve:

- a) the addition of 14 paramedics from the 23 paramedics recommended by staff for 2024, be hired as soon as feasible, in 2023, with the part-year budget requirement of \$840,000 to be funded from Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund and the annualization be part of 2024 Draft Budget; and**
- b) the purchase of one emergency response vehicle at an estimated cost of \$340,000 to be funded by the City-Wide Capital Reserve and an operating budget pressure of \$125,000 to be funded by the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Sutcliffe, on behalf of Council formally continue his efforts at advocacy by writing the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health, outlining the ongoing impacts associated with offload delay and advocate to the Province to implement solutions immediately to reduce patient offload delay and the number of occurrences and duration of when no ambulance is available in the City of Ottawa (level zero), to ensure public safety and help the Ottawa Paramedic Service meet response time performance standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Mayor Sutcliffe and Chair Brockington meet with the leadership of the local hospitals to engage in solution-oriented discussions towards reducing or eliminating offload delays in Ottawa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ottawa request a meeting with the Minister of Health as soon as possible, including at the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference to present the most recent Annual Report and to make clear to the Minister that the situation in Ottawa is critical.

Chair Brockington suggested a minor correction to the last clause of the above Motion to read, "...including at the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario **Conference** to...". Councillor Hill accepted this amendment.

Following questions to staff and with Committee discussions having concluded, Motion N^o EPPSC 2023 05-03 was put before the Committee and was 'CARRIED'. The report recommendations were then put before Committee and were 'CARRIED', as amended by Motion N^o EPSC 2023 05-02.

That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Receive the report for information.**
- 2. Approve the following growth pressures be considered in the 2024 Draft Budget:**
 - a. the addition of 23.00 permanent full-time equivalents (FTEs) with an estimated operating budget requirement of \$2,010,000, and an annualization of \$820,000 in the 2025 Draft Budget, and the purchase of two (2) emergency response vehicles with an estimated capital budget requirement of \$680,000 and operating budget of \$250,000, to help mitigate frontline staff workload as a result of increased emergency call demand pressures; and**
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- 4. Approve the following growth pressures be considered into the 2025 Draft Budget:**

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6. Approve the following growth pressures be considered into the 2026 Draft Budget:
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funding, to help mitigate frontline staff hours lost in area hospitals beyond 30-minutes, which is reducing the availability of ambulances to respond to calls for service and impeding the Ottawa Paramedic Service's ability to meet response time standards.

8. Subject to the approval of recommendations 3, 5 and 7, direct staff to report back to Council as part of the 2024 budget process on the confirmation of provincial and/or local area hospital funding.
9. Direct the Mayor to engage with the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health, outlining the ongoing impacts associated with offload delays and advocate to the Province to implement solutions immediately to reduce offload delays and the number of occurrences and duration of when no ambulances are available in the City of Ottawa (level zero), to ensure public safety and help the Ottawa Paramedic Service meet response time performance standards.

10. Approve, on the understanding that the future needs of the Ottawa Paramedic Service will be considered by Council as part of the Ottawa Paramedic Service 2024-2026 Investment Plan report:

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- b) **the purchase of one emergency response vehicle at an estimated cost of \$340,000 to be funded by the City-Wide Capital Reserve and an operating budget pressure of \$125,000 to be funded by the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund;**

11. Approve that Mayor Sutcliffe, on behalf of Council formally continue his efforts at advocacy by writing the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health, outlining the ongoing impacts associated with offload delay and advocate to the Province to implement solutions immediately to reduce patient offload delay

and the number of occurrences and duration of when no ambulance is available in the City of Ottawa (level zero), to ensure public safety and help the Ottawa Paramedic Service meet response time performance standards;

12. Approve that Mayor Sutcliffe and Chair Brockington meet with the leadership of the local hospitals to engage in solution-oriented discussions towards reducing or eliminating offload delays in Ottawa; and

13. Approve that Ottawa request a meeting with the Minister of Health as soon as possible, including at the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference to present the most recent Annual Report and to make clear to the Minister that the situation in Ottawa is critical.

Carried, as amended

(The report recommendation for the previous item (ACS2023-EPS-OPS-0001) was 'CARRIED', as presented.)

6. In Camera Items

There were no In Camera items.

7. Information Previously Distributed

7.1 Response to Motion 2021 20/4 (CPSC) – Private Transportation Companies

File No. ACS2023-EPS-PPD-0002- City Wide

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

There were no Notices of Motions.

9. Inquiries

9.1 EPPSC-2023-02-Fireworks Ban

Submitted by Councillor J. Bradley:

Unlike the Open-Air Fire Bylaw where the City has authority to impose “fire bans”, there is no provision in the Fire Works Bylaw to ban the use of retail fireworks.

With the incidents of forest fires and hot/dry weather, and given that the current Fireworks Bylaw does not include provisions that permit the temporary banning of retail fireworks during these hot/dry conditions, can staff assess the risk of the use of fireworks in dry weather/conditions as well as the feasibility of adding a firework ban in tandem with Open-Air Fire Bans?

10. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Next meeting - Thursday, 21 September 2023.

Original to be signed by
C. Zwierzchowski, Committee
Coordinator

Original to be signed by Councillor
R. Brockington, Chair