



## Environment and Climate Change Committee

### Minutes

**Meeting #:** 5  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation

**Present:** Chair: Councillor Shawn Menard, Vice-chair: Councillor Marty Carr, Councillor Riley Brockington, Councillor David Brown, Councillor Sean Devine, Councillor David Hill, Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, Councillor Rawlson King, Councillor Matt Luloff, Councillor Tim Tierney

**Absent:** Councillor Cathy Curry (as advised)

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 Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.  
 Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration were presented to Council on June 28, 2023 in Environment and Climate Change Committee Report 5.  
 The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations was 4 pm on Monday, June 19, and the deadline to register to speak by email was 8:30 am on Tuesday, June 20.

**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 ECCC Minutes 4 - Monday, June 5, 2023

**Carried**

4. Responses to Inquiries

4.1 OCC 2022-09 - Tree Protection By-law (S. Plante)

4.2 OCC 2023-06 - Rat Mitigation (R. Brockington)

4.3 CPS 04-22 - Rats in Beacon Hill-Cyrville - T. Tierney

**Received**

Vice-Chair Carr moved the following to allow for discussion of the above Responses to Inquiries:

**MOTION N<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 05-01**

Moved by M. Carr

**That, pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law (being By-law No 2022-410), the Environment and Climate Change Committee approve that the Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow for the consideration of the item(s) listed as:**

4.1 OCC 2022-09 - Tree Protection By-law (S. Plante)

4.2 OCC 2023-06 - Rat Mitigation (R. Brockington)

4.3 CPS 04-22 - Rats in Beacon Hill-Cyrville - T. Tierney

Referring to the recently-reconstituted Rat Mitigation Working Group, Councillor Brockington asked that a report return to Committee in the Fall, to address how the group had fared over the summer months.

Ms Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Water Services-Linear, Infrastructure and Water Services Department, was present to respond to questions.

Following additional questions to staff, and at the conclusion of Committee discussions, the above Responses to Inquiries were 'RECEIVED', as listed.

5. Postponements and Deferrals

5.1 Deferral - OCC 2023-04 / ECCC 2023-02 - Tewin Tree Cutting (S. Devine)

Response to Inquiries deferred for discussion from the meeting of 5 June 2023.

**Received**

Councillor S. Devine, who had originally requested that this matter be deferred for discussion at the present meeting, subsequently withdrew his request. This item was then 'RECEIVED' as listed.

6. Infrastructure and Water Services Department

6.1 Alternate Locate Agreements

File No. ACS2023-IWS-WL-0002 – City-wide

**Report recommendation**

**That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council delegate authority to the General Manager, Infrastructure & Water Services, or designate, and to the General Manager of Public Works, or designate, to approve, execute and amend Alternate Locate Agreements as described in this report.**

**Carried**

Ms Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Water Services – Linear, Infrastructure and Water Services Department, responded to questions from Committee.

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

7. Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department

7.1 Urban Forest Management Plan Update

File No. ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0025 - City-wide

**Report recommendations as amended**

**That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council:**

1. **Receive the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) Update Report; and**
2. **Approve the work plan for the second management period of the UFMP; and**
3. **Approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the materials and services account to the compensation account in Public Works – Forestry Services for the creation of 2 permanent FTEs.**
4. **Approve that staff report back to committee with a fully costed version of the work plan presented in the Urban Forest Management Plan Update (File Number: ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0025) and include the anticipated FTE requirement to carry out the workplan, and outline workplan scenarios and timelines based on resource availability.**

**Carried as amended**

At the outset, Ms Martha Copestake, Planner and Senior Forester, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department, introduced Ms Tracy Schwets, Program Manager, Forest Management, Public Works Department (PWD), Mr. Alain Gonthier, General Manager, PWD and Mr. Don Herweyer, General Manager, PRED.

Ms Copestake and Ms Schwets spoke jointly 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.

Prior to the receipt of public delegations, Vice-Chair Carr introduced the following Motion for the Committee's consideration:

**MOTION N<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 05-02**

Moved by Vice-Chair M. Carr:

**WHEREAS the Urban Forest Management Plan is meant to provide a clear and comprehensive plan to improve urban forest management and urban forest resiliency; and**

**WHEREAS the tornado of 2018, the Derecho in May 2022 and the Ice storm in April 2023 severely impacted the urban tree canopy and delayed portions of Phase 1 of the Urban Forest Management Plan ; and**

**WHEREAS extreme weather events affecting the urban tree canopy are becoming more frequent with climate change; and**

**WHEREAS increased development city wide has resulted in the loss of trees and;**

**WHEREAS numerous councillors committed to improving the city's tree canopy and;**

**WHEREAS Mayor Mark Sutcliffe's community tree planting challenge has a goal to increase tree planting to align with the Council-approved objective of 40% canopy cover;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to committee with a fully costed version of the work plan presented in the Urban Forest Management Plan Update (File Number: ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0025) and include the anticipated FTE requirement to carry out the workplan, and outline workplan scenarios and timelines based on resource availability.**

Committee then heard from the following public delegations:

1. Ms Leslie Cole, Glebe Community Association
2. Ms Angela Keller-Herzog<sup>+</sup>, Executive Director, CAFES
3. Ms Leslie Baird\* and Ms Heinen Kringen

4. Ms Elyse McCann<sup>+</sup>, Director of Business Development, EnviroCentre
5. Mr. William van Geest, Program Coordinator, Ecology Ottawa
6. Ms Astrid Nielsen
7. Mr. Paul Johanis, Chair, Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital

Correspondence was also received from the following individuals:

1. Mr. Mark Burgham\*
2. Ms Della Wilkinson\*

*[<sup>+</sup> Slide presentations 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 questions to the delegations and to staff, and with Committee discussions having concluded, Motion N<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 05-02 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<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 05-02.

**That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council:**

- 1. Receive the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) Update Report;**
- 2. Approve the work plan for the second management period of the UFMP;**
- 3. Approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the materials and services account to the compensation account in Public Works – Forestry Services for the creation of 2 permanent FTEs; and,**
- 4. Approve that staff report back to committee with a fully costed version of the work plan presented in the Urban Forest Management Plan Update and include the anticipated FTE requirement to carry out the workplan, and outline workplan scenarios and timelines based on resource availability.**

## 8. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

## 9. Motions of Which Notice has been Previously Given

9.1 Councillor D. Hill - Green Construction – Consumer Financing

File No. ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0081 - City-wide

**Report recommendations**

**That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council approve:**

1. **That staff be directed to investigate options through financial institutions, energy utilities and other levels of government for green financing models that would encourage home buyers to invest in green and energy efficient technologies as part of their new home purchase by reducing the up-front financing barriers; and**
2. **That staff review options to expand existing city programs to create green and energy efficient investment incentives for new home buyers; and**
3. **That staff provide an update on both efforts for Environment Committee's review by Q2 2024.**

**Carried**

At the Environment and Climate Change Committee meeting of Monday, 5 June 2023, Councillor David Hill introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**MOTION N<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 04-07**

Moved by Councillor D. Hill:

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa declared a Climate Emergency on April 24, 2019; and**

**WHEREAS the city of Ottawa has declared a housing and homelessness emergency on January 29, 2020; and**

**WHEREAS the City Council has committed to build 151,000 homes by 2031**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has explored and implemented innovative financing models to support retrofitting existing homes to increase energy efficiency, including the Better Homes Ottawa Loan Program; and**

**WHEREAS creating financing models to support consumer choice allows the City to support its climate change objectives while reducing front end financing barriers to home buyers.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate options with financial institutions and other levels of government for green financing models that would reduce the up-front financing barriers to home buyers considering the purchase of new homes with green and energy efficiency technologies.**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff provide an update on this effort for Environment Committee's review by Q1 2024.**

In the interim, Councillor Hill had substituted an updated version of his Motion (see below) for the one introduced at Committee on 5 June. At the Committee's meeting of Tuesday, 20 June, he spoke to provide context for the updated Motion.

Ms. Andrea Flowers, Manager, Strategic Projects, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, was present to respond to questions.

**MOTION N<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 05-03**

Moved by Councillor D. Hill:

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa declared a Climate Emergency on April 24, 2019; and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa declared a housing and homelessness emergency on January 29, 2020; and**

**WHEREAS the City Council has committed to build 151,000 homes by 2031; and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has explored and implemented innovative financing models to support retrofitting existing homes to increase energy efficiency, including the Better Homes Ottawa Loan Program; and**

**WHEREAS creating financing models to support consumer choice allows the City to support its climate change objectives while reducing front end financing barriers to home buyers.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate options through financial institutions and other levels of government for green financing models that would encourage home buyers to invest in green and energy efficient technologies as part of their new home purchase by reducing the up-front financing barriers; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED THAT staff review options to expand existing city programs to create green and energy efficient investment incentives for new home buyers; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff provide an update on both efforts for Environment Committee's review by Q2 2024.**

Councillor R. King suggested that '*energy utilities*' be inserted in the Motion above, in between 'financial institutions' and 'other levels of government'. Councillor Hill agreed to this amendment.

With Committee discussions having been concluded, Motion N<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 05-03 (as substituted for the original Motion N<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 04-07) was put before the Committee and was 'CARRIED'.

**That Council approve:**

- 1. That staff be directed to investigate options through financial institutions, energy utilities and other levels of government for**

**green financing models that would encourage home buyers to invest in green and energy efficient technologies as part of their new home purchase by reducing the up-front financing barriers; and**

- 2. That staff review options to expand existing city programs to create green and energy efficient investment incentives for new home buyers; and**
- 3. That staff provide an update on both efforts for Environment Committee's review by Q2 2024.**

**Carried**

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

There were no Notices of Motion.

11. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Next Meeting - September 19, 2023.

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Original to be signed by  
C. Zwierzchowski, Committee  
Coordinator

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Original to be signed by Councillor  
S. Menard, Chair