



Environment and Climate Change Committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 7
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 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 Cathy Curry, Councillor Sean Devine, Councillor David Hill, Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, Councillor Rawlson King, Councillor Matt Luloff, Councillor Tim Tierney

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, October 25, 2023, in Environment and Climate Change Committee Report 7.
The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations was 4 pm on Monday, October 16, 2023, and the deadline to register to speak by email was 8:30 am on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 ECCC Minutes 6 - Tuesday, 19 September, 2023

Carried

4. Presentations

4.1 Motion - Service Line Warranties of Canada – Next Steps

File No. ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0143 – City-wide

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Direct staff to engage with SLWC before Q2 2024 to negotiate an amendment to the agreement to prohibit any further direct mail to residents during the term of the agreement, and if the negotiation is not successful, to terminate the agreement for convenience pursuant to the terms of the agreement; and**
- 2. Approve that the agreement not be further renewed past the expiry in 2027 should the agreement be successfully amended as directed herein; and**
- 3. Approve that the City undertake a public information campaign to educate residents about the options available to protect the private portion of water and sewer services, which are the residents' sole responsibility; and**
- 4. Approve that these communications differentiate between options that may address damage to property from sewer backups related to new significant rain events which are not covered by SLWC, and failure of private service lines as a result of wear and tear.**

Carried

At the Environment and Climate Change Committee (ECCC) meeting of Tuesday, 19 September 2023, Chair Menard stepped out of the Chair to introduce a Motion to recommend that the Environment and Climate Change Committee discuss the Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) Program at its meeting of Tuesday, 17 October and to authorize staff to provide a verbal update to Committee on the current status of the program.

At the ECCC meeting of 17 October, Ms Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Water Linear and Customer Service, Infrastructure and Water Services (IWS) Department introduced Mr. Brian Simpson, Manager, Water Utility and Customer Services, IWS, who spoke to a slide presentation overview of the program. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Prior to the receipt of delegations, Councillor moved the following on behalf of Chair Menard:

MOTION N^o ECCC 2023-07-01

Moved by Councillor M. Luloff:

WHEREAS City staff prepared the Residential Protective Plumbing Program report (ACS2016-COS-ESD-0006), which was approved by Environment Committee on February 16, 2016 and Council on February 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS the report delegated the authority to City staff to implement the Service Line Warranties of Canada program (SLWC) in Ottawa and authorized the use of the City's logo on SLWC's informational materials associated with the program; and

WHEREAS when the program launched in Q1 of 2021, many residents who received direct mail from SLWC wrote to Members of Council and/or expressed concerns on social media regarding the appearance and wording of the SLWC program communication materials, the use of the City's logo

on the letters, and uncertainty regarding the City's role in SLWC's program; and

WHEREAS Council subsequently passed a motion directing staff to prepare communication which clearly outlined the SLWC program, subjected further program communications from SLWC to a ten-day review and comment period by Councillors, and directed staff to undertake a review of the program and report back to Council on their findings and suggestions; and

WHEREAS the recent direct mail to resident from SLWC raised the same initial concerns from the public vis a vis the City's role in respect to SLWC; and

WHEREAS the agreement between the City and SLWC permits SLWC to promote its program through direct mail; and

WHEREAS the agreement expires on September 3, 2027, but may be terminated for convenience by either party upon 30 calendar days notice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council direct staff to engage with SLWC before Q2 2024 to negotiate an amendment to the agreement to prohibit any further direct mail to residents during the term of the agreement, and if the negotiation is not successful, to terminate the agreement for convenience pursuant to the terms of the agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agreement not be further renewed past the expiry in 2027 should the agreement be successfully amended as directed herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City undertake a public information campaign to educate residents about the options available to protect the private portion of water and sewer services, which are the residents' sole responsibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these communications differentiate between options that may address damage to

property from sewer backups related to new significant rain events which are not covered by SLWC, and failure of private service lines as a result of wear and tear.

The Committee then hear from the following public delegations:

- Mr. Don Asquin⁺
- Mr. Mike Van Horne, General Manager, Service Line Warranties of Canada
- Ms Angela Keller-Herzog⁺, President, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)
- Ms Carol McLeod* *(Due to technical difficulties, Ms McLeod was unable to present in-person, but was informed that she could submit her comments in writing prior to Council's consideration of this matter on Wednesday, 25 October 2023.)*

Written correspondence was also received from Mr. Peter Sherhols*.

[⁺ Slide presentations are 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^o ECCC 2023-07-01 was put before the Committee and was 'CARRIED', along with the following Direction to Staff:

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council:

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- 2. Approve that the agreement not be further renewed past the expiry in 2027 should the agreement be successfully amended as directed herein; and**

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Carried

DIRECTION TO STAFF (Councillor R. King)

Direct Staff to consult with Members of Council prior to the launch of any online advertising concerning the Service Line Warranties program and provide Members of Council with an independent evaluation on an annual basis concerning customer satisfaction with the Service Line Warranties of Canada Program.

5. Infrastructure and Water Services Department

5.1 Residents' Petition for the Installation of Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure as a Local Improvement in Taunton Place

File No. ACS2023-IWS-AM-0003 – Beacon Hill-Cyrville (Ward 11)

Report Recommendation(s)

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council approve the draft by-law in the general form as attached (Document 3) to undertake construction of the sanitary sewer system extension within Taunton Place as petitioned Local Improvement works, in accordance with the cost apportionment outlined in this report.

Carried

The Committee received brief verbal overview of the report from Mr. Scott Laberge, Manager, Linear Asset Management, Infrastructure and Water Services (IWS) Department and Ms

Meagan Wheeler Cuddihy, Program Manager, Capital Planning and Strategic Asset Management, IWS. Mr. Tim Marc, Senior Legal Council, Planning, Development and Real Estate, Office of the City Clerk, was also present to respond to questions.

The Committee then heard from the following delegations:

- **Ms Joyce MacKenzie* and Mr. Andrew MacKenzie**
- **Ms Christine Prior* and Mr. Albert Zondervan**

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Following questions to the delegations and to staff, and with Committee discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and was 'CARRIED', as presented.

6. Councillors' Items

6.1 Motion - Councillor S. Menard - Commemorative Tree in Capital Park

File No. ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0124 – Capital (17)

Report Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS in September of 2022 Ottawa resident Martha Bowers celebrated the birth of her first grandchild and has requested to have a commemorative tree planted in her granddaughter's name; and

WHEREAS this commemoration falls outside of the City's commemorative tree program, which assists families or groups who wish to have a tree planted in a City park in remembrance or to commemorate a loved one who has passed away; and

WHEREAS the financial cost of the commemorative tree and the accompanying plaque will be borne by the requester, Ms. Martha Bowers; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council approve the installation of a commemorative tree and plaque in Capital Park to honour the birth of Ms. Martha Bowers' grandchild; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all costs related to the tree and plaque be funded by the requester; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Public Works, Parks Maintenance and Forestry Services, install the city standard flat black polished granite marker flush to the ground; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plaque read "This tree was planted in honour of Myla Kamala Hooper Krishnan" in English, and French.

Carried

7. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

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

8.1 Enbridge - St. Laurent Boulevard Maintenance

Councillor T. Tierney submitted the following Motion for consideration at the Committee's meeting of Tuesday, 21 November 2023.

Submitted by Councillor T. Tierney:

Whereas, 21 km of Enbridge pipeline is an aging infrastructure and requires maintenance; and

Whereas, the St. Laurent Pipeline is a critical part of Enbridge Gas' natural gas distribution system, and directly and indirectly supplies approximately 165,000 customers in the Ottawa and Gatineau regions, including several of those customers providing critical services, like hospitals, federal facilities, social and low-income housing which count on a reliable, energy source for their daily operations; and

Whereas, with any significant impact or event, causing pipe failures, gas supply may be compromised, or shut off; and

Whereas, Enbridge has approached the Ontario Energy Board however, based on information provided by the City of Ottawa, their first application was denied; and

Whereas, Councillors Carr, Plante, King and Tierney, in whose wards this affects, have grave concerns as Enbridge resubmits their application to the Ontario Energy Board, that previous City-provided information may result in the same decision;

Therefore be it resolved that the aforementioned City detail be stricken from the record; and

Therefore be it further resolved that Ottawa City Council support the Enbridge Gas application for the maintenance of the 21 kilometers of pipeline along St. Laurent Boulevard.

9. Inquiries

9.1 Pollinators on Bus Shelters

Submitted by Councillor D. Hill:

Municipalities across the world, including in local municipalities like Kemptville and Lanark County, are protecting their local environment by installing pollinators on city infrastructure, including bus shelters.

To explore whether a Pollinator Bus Shelter Pilot is viable, could staff please answer the following questions:

1. Has the City explored such a program in the past? If so, what is the status of that exploration?
2. Based on the programs currently implemented in Kemptville and Lanark County what would staff identify as the benefits generated from such a program, what would staff identify as the risks?
3. What would the expected cost be to implement a pilot of this program for 1-2 bus shelters already scheduled for installation or upgrades in 2024-2026?

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

Original to be signed by
C. Zwierzchowski, Committee
Coordinator

Original to be signed by
Councillor S. Menard, Chair