

**3. Motion - Green Construction – Consumer Financing**

**Motion - Construction verte - financement des consommateurs**

**Committee Recommendations**

**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.**

**Recommandations du Comité**

**Que le Conseil approuve :**

- 1. Que le personnel reçoive la directive d'étudier les options de financement vert des institutions financières et des autres ordres de gouvernement pour encourager les acheteuses et acheteurs à investir dans des technologies vertes et écoénergétiques lors de l'achat d'une nouvelle maison grâce à une réduction des obstacles financiers initiaux;**
- 2. Que le personnel évalue les options d'élargissement des programmes municipaux existants afin d'encourager l'investissement vert et écoénergétique par les nouveaux acheteurs et acheteuses;**
- 3. Que le personnel fasse un compte rendu concernant ces deux initiatives à l'intention du Comité de l'environnement avant le T2 de 2024.**

Documentation/Documentation

1. Councillor David Hill's report, dated 20 June 2023 (ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0081)  
  
Rapport du Conseiller David Hill daté le 9 juin 2023 (ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0081)
2. Extract of draft Minutes, Environment and Climate Change Committee, 20 June 2023.  
  
Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique, le 20 juin 2023.

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ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0081 – City-wide

Report Recommendations

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

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- 2. That staff review options to expand existing city programs to create green and energy efficient investment incentives for new home buyers; and**
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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:

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**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**

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**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'.

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**Carried**