



Environment and Climate Change Committee

Minutes

Meeting #:	11
Date:	Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Time:	9:30 am
Location:	Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation
Present:	Chair: Councillor Shawn Menard, 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
Absent:	Vice-chair: Councillor Marty Carr (as advised)

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, May 29, 2024, in Environment and Climate Change Committee Report 11.
 The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations was 4 pm on Friday, May 17, 2024, and the deadline to register to speak by email was 8:30 am on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

These “Summary Minutes” indicate 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 full Minutes, such as the record of written and oral submissions. Recorded votes and dissents contained in the Summary Minutes are draft until the full Minutes of the meeting are confirmed by the Committee. The draft of the full Minutes (for confirmation) 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 10 - Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Carried

4. Public Works Department

4.1 Multi-Residential Waste Diversion Strategy Update

File No. ACS2024-PWD-SWS-0003 – City-wide

Report recommendation(s)

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Receive, for information, the detailed cost analysis and implementation plan for onboarding all remaining multi-residential properties serviced by the City of Ottawa to an organics diversion program; and,**
- 2. Receive, for information, details of the 2026 Multi-Residential Collection Contract including enhancements to operations and collection efficiencies.**

At the outset, the Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of the report from Ms Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Service, Public Works Department (PWD), and Ms Nichole Hoover-Bienasz, Program Manager, Long Term Planning, PWD. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

The Committee then heard from the following delegations:

1. Ms Angela Keller-Herzog+, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)
2. Mr. John Dickie, Chair, Eastern Ontario Landlord Association
3. Mr. Duncan Bury, Waste Watch Ottawa
4. Ms Aida Warah, Gentle Ways for our Planet

Written correspondence was also received from Ms Susan Davies*.

[+ 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.]

At the conclusion of questions to the delegations and to staff, and with Committee discussions also having been concluded, the report recommendations were put before Committee and the report was 'RECEIVED', as presented.

Received

4.2 Curbside Waste Diversion Policy Implementation Plan and Operational Readiness Update

File No. ACS2024-PWD-SWS-0002 – City-wide

Report Recommendations

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council:

1. **Receive an update on the City-wide communications and engagement plan and operational readiness plan in advance of the firm three-garbage item limit being implemented on Monday, September 30, 2024;**
2. **Approve leveraging the administration of the Yellow Bag Program to accommodate households exceeding three garbage items on any given garbage collection week, based on direction from City Council on June 14, 2023 through**

Motion no. 2023-16-06, and following consultation with the Solid Waste Planning Council Sponsor's Group;

3. **Direct staff to consult with property owners and delegates to explore tailored approaches to mitigate enforcement challenges faced by collections staff for properties with common pad collection and properties with two or more units receiving curbside waste collection services and delegate the authority to staff to take the steps necessary to pilot tailored approaches with willing owners, as outlined in the report, and report back to Council on progress in 2025; and,**
4. **Receive the results of the Third-Party Review of data used to inform the Curbside Waste Diversion Policy report, appended as Document 1.**

The Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of the report from Ms Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Service, Public Works Department (PWD), Ms Nichole Hoover-Bienasz, Program Manager, Long Term Planning, PWD and Mr. Ghislain Lamothe, Manager, Corporate Communications, Public Information and Media Relations. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Mr. Roger Chapman, Director, By-Law and Regulatory Services, Emergency and Protective Services Department, was also present to respond to questions.

Following the staff presentation, the Committee heard from Mr. John Dickie, Chair, Eastern Ontario Landlord Association.

At the conclusion of Committee's questions to the delegation and to staff, and with discussions also having been concluded, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were 'CARRIED', as presented.

Carried

4.3 Update on the Electrification of Public Works Small Equipment

File No. ACS2024-PWD-PMF-0001 – City-wide

Report Recommendation

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council receive this report for information.

Mr. Alain Gonthier, General Manager, Public Works Department (PWD) introduced Ms Allyson Downs, Director, Parks Maintenance and Forestry Services, PWD, Mr. Dan Brisebois, Director, Facility Operations, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department (RCFS) and Ms Louise Hine-Schmidt, Deputy Chief, Training and Safety, Emergency and Protective Services Department (EPS). Mr. Will MacDonald was also present to respond to questions.

Ms Downs and Mr. Brisebois spoke to a brief slide presentation that served as an overview of the report. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Following the presentation, the Committee heard from Mr. James Scott McKillop.

At the conclusion of Committee's questions to the delegation and to staff, and with discussions also having been concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and the report was 'RECEIVED', as presented.

Received

5. Office of the City Clerk

5.1 Status Update – Environment and Climate Change Committee – Inquiries and Motions for the Period Ending 9 May 2024

File No. ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0048 – City-wide

Report Recommendation(s)

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee receive this report for information.

Received

6. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

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

There were no Notices of Motion.

8. Inquiries

8.1 Synthetic Fertilizer

Submitted by Councillor D. Hill:

Despite being a major global exporter of fertilizer, Canada still relies on Nitrogenous fertilizer imports to keep up with our agriculture output. Imports of this nature add additional cost to farmers with international transportation and tariffs.

Converting construction waste to synthetic fertilizer is a less expensive and more environmentally friendly way to provide our agriculture community with needed resources. Ottawa is home to facilities that can convert 80% of most construction and demolition waste into recycled bio-mass fertilizer.

Increasing the viability of such facilities will also reduce the tonnage of waste being sent to the Trail West Landfill by providing more alternative streams for construction and demolition waste.

What support can the City of Ottawa provide to industry in order to reduce regulatory and legislative roadblocks to converting construction and demolition waste to synthetic fertilizers?

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

Original to be signed by
C. Zwierzchowski, Committee
Coordinator

Original to be signed by
Councillor S. Menard, Chair