



Environment and Climate Change Committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 13
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024
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
 Members: 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

- Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public
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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, October 30, 2024, in Environment and Climate Change Committee Report 13.
 The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations was 4 pm on Friday, October 11, 2024, and the deadline to register to speak by email was 8:30 am on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 ECCC Minutes 12 - Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Carried

4. Responses to Inquiries

4.1 ECCC 2024-01 – Synthetic Fertilizer (D. Hill)

4.2 JT PHC/ECCC 2024-01 – Tree Trenching (L. Johnson)

4.3 JT PHC/ECCC 2024-02 – Green Procurement (S. Devine)

4.4 OCC 2024-13 – Status of watermain infrastructure (S. Devine)

5. Public Works Department

5.1 Solid Waste Services By-law Update

File No. ACS2024-PWD-SWS-0005 – City-wide

Report recommendation(s)

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council:

1. **Approve the updated Solid Waste Services By-law substantially in the form attached as Document 1 to be in effect December 2, 2024; and**
2. **Authorize staff to finalize the proposed Solid Waste Services By-law as further described in this report.**

At the outset, the Committee received a brief slide presentation overview of the report from Ms. Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Service, Public Works Department (PWD), and Ms Andrea Gay Farley, Program Manager, Program Planning, PWD.

A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

The Committee then heard from Mr. James Scott McKillop, who also spoke to a slide presentation to illustrate his points. His presentation and written comments are also held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Following questions to staff, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were 'CARRIED', as presented, along with the following Direction to Staff:

Direction to staff

Councillor D. Brown

THAT, as part of the 3-item limit roll-out, staff be directed to work with operators and solid waste inspectors to use their discretion for residents whose bins have historically been collected without issue but are somewhat over the 140 litre volumetric limit so long as the bins contain no more than 140 litres of waste, do not exceed weight limits, and continue to meet handle and removable lid requirements.

6. Infrastructure and Water Services Department

6.1 Drinking Water Quality Management System 2023 Management Review Report

File No. ACS2024-IWS-WF-0001 – City-wide

Report Recommendation(s)

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council receive the 2023 Management Review report of the Drinking Water Quality Management System for information.

Carried

7. Office of the City Clerk

7.1 Status Update – Environment and Climate Change Committee – Inquiries and Motions for the Period Ending 3 October 2024

File No. ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0090 – City-wide

Report Recommendation(s)

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

Received

8. Information Previously Distributed

8.1 Use of Delegated Authority during 2023 by Revenue Services under the Delegation of Authority By-law

File No. ACS2024-FCS-REV-0004 – City-wide

8.2 Use of Delegated Authority in 2023 by the Public Works Department

File No. ACS-PWD-GEN-0001 – City-wide

8.3 Report on the use of Delegated Authority During 2023 by the Infrastructure and Water Services Department, as set out in Schedule “H” of By-Law 2023-67.

File No. ACS2024-IWS-BTSS-0001 – City-wide

9. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

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

10.1 Solid Waste Services By-Law Update

Moved by Councillor D. Brown

WHEREAS in 2023 City Council approved the implementation of a 3-item limit garbage collection limit which was introduced on September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS agricultural operators who receive curbside collection have expressed concerns about how the 3-item limit and seasonal agricultural exemption are insufficient for disposal of unavoidable farm waste; and

WHEREAS additional work is required to develop an approach to solid waste management that fully considers the unique challenges of waste collection in rural Ottawa, including greater exposure to

animals and the elements, extremely long laneways, and out-of-season unavoidable farm waste.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff in Solid Waste Services be directed to work with the Rural Affairs Office to develop a rural solid waste strategy that contemplates separate by-law provisions for rural Ottawa that encourage increased waste diversion while accommodating the unique needs of rural residents and agricultural operators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, until such time as a rural solid waste strategy is implemented, staff be directed to work with operators to ensure that the provisions respecting Garbage Limits approved by Council in 2023 do not apply to unavoidable farm waste, which includes items such as feed bags, bale wrap and twine, disposed of at residential dwellings with farms that receive curbside collection, so long as these properties are also participating in waste diversion efforts through the use of green bins, black bins, and blue bins.

NOTE: Following the adoption of Motion N^o OCC 2024-45-02 at the City Council meeting of 30 October 2024, Councillor D. Brown withdrew the above-noted Notice of Motion pursuant to Subsection 60(6) of the *Procedure By-law*.

11. Inquiries

11.1 ECCC-2024-02 - Wood burning fireplaces

Submitted by Councillor T. Kavanagh:

Recent Health Canada estimates indicate that home firewood burning is a significant contributor to air pollution-related deaths in Canada. It also leads to increased health issues, including acute respiratory problems, asthma symptoms, higher rates of hospital admissions, and elevated bronchitis cases in children.

The full report is available here: [HEALTH IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION FROM TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRY, AND RESIDENTIAL SOURCES IN CANADA](#).

Could staff please answer the following questions:

1. Does the city monitor the impacts of woodburning fireplaces or stoves on air quality in Ottawa?
2. Do other municipalities in Canada monitor the impact of woodburning fireplaces or stoves on air quality?
3. What kind of regulations does the city currently have for woodburning fireplaces or stoves?
4. Do these regulations include requirements wood-burning devices to be either EPA-certified or compliant with Canadian Standard CSA/B415.1-10?
5. What other municipalities in Canada, if any, have regulations regarding woodburning fireplaces and stoves?
6. Can staff provide a brief overview of these regulations?

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Original to be signed by
C. Zwierzchowski, Committee
Coordinator

Original to be signed by
Councillor S. Menard, Chair