



Environment and Climate Change Committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 14
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 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 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, December 11, 2024, in Environment and Climate Change Committee Report 14.
The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations was 4 pm on Monday, November 18, 2024, and the deadline to register to speak by email was 8:30 am on Tuesday, November 19, 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 13 - Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Carried

4. Finance and Corporate Services Department

4.1 2025 Draft Operating and Capital Budget – Environment and Climate Change Committee

File No. ACS2024-FCS-FSP-0017 - City-Wide

The draft budget was tabled at the Council meeting of November 13, 2024. The Environment and Climate Change Committee report on the draft budget will be considered by Council at its meeting of December 11, 2024.

Report Recommendation(s)

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee consider the relevant portions of the 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets including the tax and rate supported programs, and make recommendations to Council sitting in Committee of the Whole to be held December 11, 2024.

At the outset, Mr. Cyril Rogers, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Department and Chief Financial Officer, introduced Ms Tammy Rose, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services Department

(IWSD), Ms Debbie Stewart, General Manager, Strategic Initiatives (SI) Department and Mr. Alain Gonthier, General Manager, Public Works Department (PWD). Each, in turn, spoke to a slide presentation overview of their department's respective portion of the Committee budget. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Also present to respond to questions were Ms Carina Duclos, Director, Infrastructure Services, IWSD, Ms Susan Johns, Director, Asset Management Services, IWSD, Ms Hasnaa Zaknoun, Manager, Wastewater Linear Collection Systems, IWSD, Ms Allyson Downs, Director, Parks Maintenance and Forestry Services, PWD, Mr. Will McDonald, Director, Climate Change and Resiliency, SI, Ms Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Services, PWD and Ms Tracy-Lee Schwets, Program Manager, Forest Management, PWD.

Committee then heard from the following public delegations:

1. Ms Angela Keller-Herzog⁺, Executive Director, CAFES
2. Mr. Paul Tulloch⁺, Consultant Senior Data Scientist, Meter-Methane ML Project, Stanford University
3. Mr. William van Geest, Interim Executive Director, Ecology Ottawa
4. Ms Letitia Charbonneau
5. Ken Johnson⁺, Adjunct Professor, School of Epidemiology & Public Health, University of Ottawa
6. Ms Carol Sissons^{*}

[⁺ Slide presentations/visuals held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.]

[^{*} Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.]

At the conclusion of Committee's questions to the delegations, Vice-Chair Carr introduced 'Roadmap' Motions ECCC 2024 14-01 and ECCC 2024 14-02:

MOTION NO ECCC 2024 14-01

Moved by Vice-Chair M. Carr:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council, sitting as Committee of the

Whole, approve the Environment and Climate Change Committee 2025 Tax-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget, as follows:

1. **Infrastructure and Water Services Department operating budget, as follows:**
 - A. **General Manager's Office and Business Technical Support Services Operating Resource Requirement (page 2).**
 - B. **Infrastructure Services:**
 - i. **User Fees (page 5);**
 - ii. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 4).**
 - C. **Asset Management Services:**
 - i. **User Fees (page 8);**
 - ii. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 7).**
2. **Strategic Initiatives Department, Climate Change and Resiliency Services Operating Resource Requirement (page 10);**
3. **Public Works Department operating budget, as follows:**
 - A. **Solid Waste Services:**
 - i. **User Fees (pages 15-16);**
 - ii. **Operating Resource Requirements (page 13-14);**
 - B. **Forestry Services:**
 - i. **User Fees (page 19);**
 - ii. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 18).**
4. **Environment and Climate Change Committee Tax-supported Capital Budget on page 20, individual projects listed on pages 40-47 (Environment), and pages 48-57 (Solid Waste) including revised page 56.**

MOTION NO ECCC 2024 14-02

Moved by Vice-Chair M. Carr:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommends that Council, sitting as Committee of the

Whole, approve the Environment and Climate Change Committee 2025 Rate-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget as follows:

- 1. Infrastructure and Water Services Department, Drinking Water Services as follows:**
 - a. User Fees (pages 3-6);**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirement (page 2).**
- 2. Wastewater Services as follows:**
 - a. User Fees (pages 9-10)**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirement (page 8);**
- 3. Stormwater, Laboratory and Municipal Drainage Services as follows:**
 - a. User Fees (pages 13-16);**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirements (page 12);**
- 4. The Environment and Climate Change Committee Rate-Supported Capital Budget, on pages 17-19, individual projects listed on pages 33-61 (Drinking Water Services), 62-66 (Integrated Water and Wastewater – Rate Portion), 67-91 (Stormwater Services) and 92-121 (Wastewater Services).**

At the conclusion of questions to staff and Committee deliberations, 'Roadmap' Motions ECCC 2024 14-01 and ECCC 2024 14-02 were put before Committee and were 'CARRIED', as presented.

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole:

- 1. Approve the Environment and Climate Change Committee 2025 Tax-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget as follows:**
 - A. Infrastructure and Water Services Department operating budget, as follows:**
 - i. General Manager's Office and Business Technical Support Services Operating Resource Requirement (page 2).**
 - ii. Infrastructure Services:**

- a. **User Fees (page 5);**
 - b. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 4).**
 - iii. **Asset Management Services:**
 - a. **User Fees (page 8);**
 - b. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 7).**
 - B. **Strategic Initiatives Department, Climate Change and Resiliency Services Operating Resource Requirement (page 10);**
 - C. **Public Works Department operating budget, as follows:**
 - i. **Solid Waste Services:**
 - a. **User Fees (pages 15-16);**
 - b. **Operating Resource Requirements (page 13-14);**
 - ii. **Forestry Services:**
 - a. **User Fees (page 19);**
 - b. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 18).**
 - D. **Environment and Climate Change Committee Tax-supported Capital Budget on page 20, individual projects listed on pages 40-47 (Environment), and pages 48-57 (Solid Waste) including revised page 56.**
2. **Approve the Environment and Climate Change Committee 2025 Rate-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget as follows:**
- A. **Infrastructure and Water Services Department, Drinking Water Services as follows:**
 - i. **User Fees (pages 3-6);**
 - ii. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 2).**
 - B. **Wastewater Services as follows:**
 - i. **User Fees (pages 9-10)**
 - ii. **Operating Resource Requirement (page 8);**

C. **Stormwater, Laboratory and Municipal Drainage Services as follows:**

- i. **User Fees (pages 13-16);**
- ii. **Operating Resource Requirements (page 12);**

D. **The Environment and Climate Change Committee Rate-Supported Capital Budget, on pages 17-19, individual projects listed on pages 33-61 (Drinking Water Services), 62-66 (Integrated Water and Wastewater – Rate Portion), 67-91 (Stormwater Services) and 92-121 (Wastewater Services).**

Carried as amended

5. Public Works Department

5.1 Financial Statements for In-House Solid Waste Collection – External Audit Results

File No. ACS2024-PWD-SWS-0007 – City-wide

Report Recommendation(s)

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

Received

6. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

7. Information Previously Distributed

7.1 Normal Farm Practices

File No. ACS2024-SI-CCR-0016 – City-wide

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

Energy and GHG Reduction Program – Councillor S. Menard

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has been investing in Energy and GHG reduction projects since 2010, through annual strategic investment initiatives; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the City of Ottawa declared a Climate Emergency for the purposes of protecting our economy, our ecosystems, and our community from climate change; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's Climate Change Master Plan identifies municipal leadership as:

- 1) Required to ensure an integrated and comprehensive approach to addressing climate change across the corporation and the community, including through the integration of a climate lens into the Comprehensive Asset Management (CAM) program, the Long-Range Financial Plan (LRFP), and operational plans and policies, among others; and**
- 2) Critical to leading by example to set the pace, spur innovation, and catalyze community action; and**

WHEREAS the Energy and GHG Reduction Program was officially established in 2019, investing \$3M annually in energy conservation projects that reduce energy use and GHG emissions at City facilities, and achieve an 8-year aggregate payback; and

WHEREAS the City has invested a total of \$32M in energy and GHG reduction projects which has netted the City \$43.5M in savings over the last 14 years; and

WHEREAS the program has completed most of the projects which provided the shortest-term return of value to the city in terms of payback; and

WHEREAS a greater focus is needed on retrofits as a means to achieve the City of Ottawa's GHG reduction goals in addition to energy efficiency goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Infrastructure and Water Services Department be directed to explore opportunities for funding, collaboration, and implementation of municipal retrofits internally and with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Hydro Ottawa / Enviro, and the federal and provincial governments to ensure alignment of objectives and the best opportunities to benefit the City of Ottawa;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Infrastructure and Water Services Department be directed to research alternative parameters, including longer term savings and GHG reductions for the municipality by modification of the payback term, to reframe the terms of the Energy and GHG Reduction Program;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back to the Environment and Climate Change Committee by Q3 2025 with recommended funding sources, terms, and associated benefits.

9. Inquiries

9.1 ECCC-2024-03 - Lighting Conversion

Submitted by Councillor S. Menard

1. How many LED lighting conversion projects, other than streetlighting, are planned for within the 2025 budget?
2. How many of those lighting projects are located within parks, sports fields, pathways, and parking lots?
3. What programs are available to fund exterior lighting conversion projects?
4. What are the costs/benefits of increasing investment in exterior LED lighting conversion projects?

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Next Meeting - Tuesday February 18, 2025.

Original to be signed by
C. Zwierzchowski, Committee
Coordinator

Original to be signed by
Councillor S. Menard, Chair