



## Ottawa City Council

### Minutes

**Meeting #: 53**

**Date: March 5, 2025**

**Time: 9 am**

**Location: Andrew S. Haydon Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation**

**Present:** Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, Councillor Laura Dudas, Councillor David Hill, Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Clarke Kelly, Councillor Glen Gower, Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, Councillor Laine Johnson, Councillor Sean Devine, Councillor Jessica Bradley, Councillor Tim Tierney, Councillor Stéphanie Plante, Councillor Rawlson King, Councillor Ariel Troster, Councillor Jeff Leiper, Councillor Riley Brockington, Councillor Shawn Menard, Councillor Catherine Kitts, Councillor David Brown, Councillor Steve Desroches, Councillor Allan Hubley, Councillor Wilson Lo

**Absent:** Councillor Matt Luloff, Councillor Marty Carr, Councillor George Darouze

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1. Call to order and moment of reflection

The Council of the City of Ottawa met at Andrew S. Haydon Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Mayor, Mark Sutcliffe, presided over the meeting from Council Chambers with some Members attending in person and the remaining Members participating remotely by Zoom.

Mayor Sutcliffe led Council in a moment of reflection.

2. Public notices and meeting information

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; notices regarding minutes; and remote participation details.

Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.

3. Roll Call

All Members of Council were present except for Councillors M. Luloff, M. Carr and G. Darouze.

4. Declarations of Interest Including Those Originally Arising from Prior Meetings

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

5. Regrets

Councillor M. Carr and Councillor G. Darouze advised that they would be absent from the Special City Council meeting of 5 March 2025.

6. City Clerk

6.1 Anticipated Vacant Office on Council - Ward 20 (Osgoode) and Related Matters

**Recommendation**

**That Council consider the matter.**

Motion No. **2025-53-01**

Moved by G. Gower

Seconded by M. Sutcliffe

**WHEREAS on Thursday, February 27, 2025, George Darouze was elected as Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding of Carleton; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to Subsection 9(2) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, a Member of Council may continue to hold municipal office “until the end of the day on which the return of the election of such person to the Assembly is published in The Ontario Gazette under Section 83 of the Election Act, at which time the member shall be deemed to have resigned such [municipal] office”; and**

**WHEREAS in accordance with Section 262 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, when a Member resigns or is deemed to have resigned, City**

**Council is statutorily mandated to declare the Office to be vacant at its “next meeting”; and**

**WHEREAS it is anticipated that Councillor Darouze will have resigned or have deemed to have resigned prior to the next regular City Council meeting of March 26, 2025, and Council will be in a position to declare the seat of City Councillor for Ward 20 (Osgoode) to be vacant at the March 26, 2025, Council meeting in accordance with Section 262 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and**

**WHEREAS in accordance with Section 263 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, within 60 days after Council declares the Office vacant, City Council shall either appoint a new Member, or pass a by-law requiring a by-election to be held in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (the MEA); and**

**WHEREAS the Office of the City Clerk is finalizing a by-election delivery model and will establish a detailed schedule for a Ward 20 (Osgoode) by-election in accordance with the MEA; and**

**WHEREAS to assist residents with day-to-day constituency matters, there are a number of legislative and administrative matters that must be dealt with in a timely manner while the Office of City Councillor for Ward 20 (Osgoode) is vacant; and**

**WHEREAS various City procedures and processes provide for Ward Councillor approvals, concurrence, and / or comment; and**

**WHEREAS there will be routine bills to pay from the Ward 20 (Osgoode) Constituency Services Budget and human resources matters relating to the Ward 20 (Osgoode) Office that need to be addressed;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk report back with information on a by-election delivery model in accordance with the MEA to fill the upcoming vacancy in Ward 20 (Osgoode) at the next regular Council meeting on March 26, 2025; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council approve the following interim delegations of authority with respect to Ward 20 (Osgoode) matters, to take effect upon Councillor Darouze’s resignation or deemed resignation, until such time as a new City Councillor is sworn in and takes Office:**

- a. That concurrence and approval for Ward 20 (Osgoode) matters, as required, and the provision of Councillor comments on staff reports related to Ward 20 (Osgoode), be provided by Councillor David Brown and Councillor Catherine Kitts; and
- b. That the City Clerk and the Manager of Governance, Elected Officials, and Business Support Services be delegated the interim authority to approve the payment of expenses from the Ward 20 (Osgoode) Office Budget arising from routine matters, and to address human resources matters relating to the Ward 20 (Osgoode) Office; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk advise Council when Councillor Darouze has resigned or deemed to have resigned, and these interim delegations of authority are in effect.

**Carried**

Motion No. **2025-53-02**

Moved by T. Tierney

Seconded by C. Kitts

**WHEREAS** on Thursday, February 27, 2025, George Darouze was elected as Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding of Carleton; and

**WHEREAS** it is anticipated that Council will declare the Office of City Councillor for Ward 20 (Osgoode) to be vacant, in accordance with Section 262 of the *Municipal Act* at its next regular meeting; and

**WHEREAS** Councillor Darouze, formerly the Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee (ARAC), served on the Council Sponsors Group for the Transportation Master Plan, which was established to champion and help provide strategic direction for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update; and

**WHEREAS** Councillor Brown was appointed as the new Chair of ARAC on January 29, 2025; and

**WHEREAS** it would be beneficial to continue with the Chair of ARAC's participation on the TMP Council Sponsors Group;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Councillor Brown, as Chair of ARAC, to the Transportation Master Plan Council Sponsors Group.**

**Carried**

7. Confirmation By-law

Motion No. **2025-53-03**

Moved by D. Brown

Seconded by C. Curry

**That the following by-law be read and passed:**

**To confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of 5 March 2025.**

**Carried**

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 am.

Motion No. **2025-53-04**

Moved by D. Brown

Seconded by C. Curry

**That the proceedings of the special City Council meeting of March 5, 2025 be adjourned.**

**Carried**

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City Clerk

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Mayor