



**Joint Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Environment and Climate Change
Committees**

Minutes

Meeting #: 2
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Time: 10:50 am
Location: Andrew S. Haydon Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation

Absent: Chair: David Brown, Vice-Chair: Clarke Kelly, Chair: Shawn Menard, Vice-Chair: Marty Carr, Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Sean Devine, Councillor David Hill, Councillor Laine Johnson, Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, Councillor Rawlson King, Councillor Catherine Kitts, Councillor Wilson Lo, Councillor Matt Luloff, Councillor Tim Tierney

1. 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 28 May 2025 in Joint Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Environment and Climate Change Committees Report 2.

The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on Friday, 16 May, 2025, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on Tuesday, 20 May, 2025.

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 ARAC/ECCC Minutes 1 – 17 June 2024

Carried

4. Finance and Corporate Services Department

4.1 Water Rate Structure Review

File No. ACS2025-FCS-REV-0004 - Citywide

Mr. Cyril Rogers, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Department (FCSD) provided opening remarks. Mr. Joseph Muhuni, Deputy City Treasurer Revenue, FCSD, Ciaran Fitzpatrick and Diane Lawson, Specialist, Revenue By-Law Review, FCSD provided a presentation. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

Committee heard from the following public delegations:

- Courtney Argue*
- Angela Keller-Herzog, CAFÉS*

[* 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.]

The following also responded to questions:

- Cyril Rogers, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Department (FCSD)
- Joseph Muhuni, Deputy City Treasurer Revenue, FCSD
- Alain Gonthier, General Manager, Public Works

- Tammy Rose, General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services Department (IWS)
- Susan Johns, Director, Asset Management Services, IWS

Following discussion on this item, the Committee Carried the report as presented.

Report recommendation(s)

That the joint Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council approve revisions to the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services Rate Structure, as described in this report and including the following:

1. **The stormwater rate structure based on impervious surface area, referred to as the “Blended option” in this report, for the properties within the Official Plan urban boundary to be implemented in 2027.**
2. **The stormwater rate structure based on impervious surface area, referred to as the “Blended option” in this report, for properties within the villages of Manotick, Richmond and Carp to be implemented in 2027.**
3. **A roadside ditch maintenance special area levy for all other properties within the Official Plan rural boundary, except the villages of Manotick, Richmond and Carp, governed by Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to be implemented in 2027.**
4. **Approve the establishment of a Rural and Urban roadside ditch maintenance capital program as part of the 2026 budget process.**
5. **Approve the funding allocation to Rural and Urban roadside ditch maintenance capital program as outlined in this report starting 2027.**
6. **The transfer of funding for culverts from the stormwater program to the City’s general levy to be implemented in 2027 with the new urban and village stormwater rate structure.**

7. **The water and wastewater rate structure for drinking water services and wastewater services, referred to as the “Made-To-Measure” option in this report, with fixed charges and separate tiered structures for residential, multi-residential and non-residential properties to be implemented in 2027.**
8. **The consolidation of the Fire Supply Fund into the overall Water Fund with the implementation of the new water and wastewater rate structure.**
9. **Increase the proportion of total water and wastewater revenues recovered from fixed fees from 20 per cent to 35 per cent with the implementation of the new water and wastewater rate structure.**
10. **A wholesale water rate, referred to as the “High-Volume Consumer Rate” in this report, with the implementation of the new water and wastewater rate structure.**
11. **A bulk fill water rate to be implemented in 2026.**
12. **Transfer the oversight of funds allocated toward rural ditch maintenance to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.**

Carried

5. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

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

There were no Notices of Motion.

7. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 am.