



Environment and Climate Change Committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 18
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025
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, Councillor David Brown, Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Sean Devine, Councillor David Hill, Councillor Laine Johnson, Councillor Theresa Kavanagh, Councillor Rawlson King, Councillor Wilson Lo, Councillor Matt Luloff, Councillor Tim Tierney

1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public
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Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, in Environment and Climate Change Committee Report 18.
The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on Monday, June 16, 2025, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on Tuesday, June 17, 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 ECCC Minutes 17 - Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Carried

3.2 ARAC-ECCC Joint Minutes 2 - 20 May 2025

Carried

4. Responses to Inquiries

4.1 OCC-2025-05 - Rat season, and the high volume of 311 calls

5. Infrastructure and Water Services Department

5.1 Drinking Water Quality Management System 2024 Management Review Report

File No. ACS2025-IWS-WF-0002 – City-wide

The following members of the public spoke before the Committee and provided comments:

- Dr. Ian McConnachie, Ottawa Dental Society

Following the delegation, the Committee Received the report recommendations as presented.

Report Recommendation(s)

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council receive the 2024 Management Review report of the Drinking Water Quality Management System for information.

6. Public Works Department

6.1 Household Hazardous Waste Strategy

File No. ACS2025-PWD-SWS-0004 – City-wide

Ms. Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Service, Public Works Department (PW) and Ms. Andrea Gay Farley, Program Manager, Program Planning, PW provided presentations. A copy of the slide presentations are filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

The following Motion was introduced by Vice-Chair Carr (below):

The following also responded to questions:

- Ms. Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Service, Public Works Department (PW)
- Ms. Andrea Gay Farley, Program Manager, Program Planning, PW
- Ms. Jennifer Pereira, Senior Legal Counsel, Legal Services

Following discussion and questions of staff, the Committee Carried the Motion and then the report recommendations as amended.

Report Recommendation(s)

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Approve the continuation of the Household Hazardous Waste collection events, the number of which will be approved through annual budget process but shall be no less than nine (9) events per year; and,**
- 2. Direct staff to begin the detailed planning, including locating sites and costing, for several micro–Household Hazardous Waste collection events in different areas of the City to serve as a pilot in 2026, as described in the report, and report back to Council for any incremental costs required through the 2026 budget process; and,**
- 3. Direct staff to continue to explore the implementation of permanent multi-use depot(s) for Household Hazardous Waste which would include options for other divertible material**

collection programs that are to be implemented as part of the actions outlined in the Solid Waste Master Plan (SWMP) and as described in this report and report back to Council in 2027.

Carried

Motion No. ECCC 2025-18-01

Moved by M. Carr

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has been transitioning recycling programs to an Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) model which is intended to make producers of products and packaging fully responsible for the cost of collection and recycling at end of life; and

WHEREAS four (4) recycling programs offered in Ontario have fully transitioned to the IPR model (batteries, electronics, tires and hazardous and special products), and the fifth program (blue box) to fully transition in 2026, each with their own challenges and successes, arising through the transition of each program; and

WHEREAS the Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Program fully transitioned in Ontario under the Province's IPR program on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS not all household hazardous waste materials are designated under the HSP regulation and remain a safe disposal concern, and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has and continues to hold Household Hazardous Waste collection events to ensure that hazardous materials are safely managed and disposed of and do not end up in our collection vehicles, in the Trail Waste Facility Landfill, in the natural environment or other waste processing facilities; and

WHEREAS full compensation for Household Hazardous Waste collection events is not required under the HSP regulation, even though many of the items collected are designated material for producer responsibility; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Blue Box Program will fully shift the City of Ottawa's blue and black bin recycling programs to IPR under the lead Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) Circular Materials, who

will be responsible for collecting recycling from eligible sources, starting January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS City of Ottawa staff have worked diligently to ensure the transition of IPR programs is as seamless as possible to residents and as cost effective as possible for the City; and

WHEREAS many of the recently proposed amendments to Ontario's Blue Box Regulation would erode producer responsibility and weaken the effectiveness of the recycling program; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff in Solid Waste Services be directed to work with Councillor Brockington and the Mayor's Office to advocate to the Province of Ontario for stronger support with the IPR programs, including the expansion of materials that are designated for producer-responsibility, stronger targets for designated materials more accountability for the producers to meet the requirements of the regulations and more emphasis on working with municipalities; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding structure for compensating municipalities be revisited to ensure shortfalls of producers do not result in deficits for municipalities in instances where municipalities collect, transport and dispose of products or packaging that fall under the IPR regulations; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back in Q4 2025 on advocacy efforts, outcomes and achievements ahead of the full transition of the Provincial Blue Box Program that will begin on January 1, 2026.

Carried

6.2 Waste Management Technologies Feasibility Study

File No. ACS2025-PWD-SWS-0003 – City-wide

Ms. Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Service, Public Works Department (PW) and Ms. Heidi Scott, Program Manager, Compliance, Maintenance and Operational Planning, PW provided a presentation. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

Prior to the delegations, Chair Menard read in a Direction to Staff for consideration. Councillor Tierney requested a recorded vote, pursuant to

Subsection 33(10) of the Procedure By-law. The Direction to staff was turned into a Motion.

The following members of the public spoke before the Committee and provided comments:

- Angela Keller-Herzog, CAFES Ottawa*
- Duncan Bury, Waste Watch Ottawa*
- William van Geest, Executive Director, Ecology Ottawa
- Valérie Leloup , EnviroCentre
- James Scott MacKillop*

[* 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:

- Ms. Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Service, Public Works Department (PW)
- Ms. Heidi Scott, Program Manager, Compliance, Maintenance and Operational Planning, PW
- Megan Farnel, Senior Project Manager, Environmental Assessment, PW
- Bruce Howie, Vice President & WTE Practice Leader, HDR Consulting.

Following discussion and questions of staff, Chair Menard ceded the Chair to acting Vice-Chair L. Johnson, with the will of committee, to speak to his motion. The Committee recessed from 1:16 pm to 1:21 pm to prepare a revised motion. Resuming the meeting, Councillor Menard withdrew his motion. The item was then put to Committee and Carried the report recommendations as presented.

Report Recommendation(s)

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend that Council:

1. **Receive, for information, the Feasibility Study for waste management technologies and other proven solutions that**

support the long-term solid waste diversion and management needs of the City of Ottawa, and support the goals of the Council-approved Solid Waste Master Plan;

2. Direct staff to advance an in-depth evaluation of Scenario 1 (Status Quo and Private Facilities), Scenario 2 (Waste to Energy Incineration Facility), and Scenario 5 (Construct a New Landfill), as explained in this report and within the Feasibility Study; and,
3. Direct staff to report back with a recommendation and finalized business case for Ottawa's future waste management system, including decision-point timelines and budget implications, as soon as practical within the next Term of Council.

Carried

Motion No. ECCC 2025-18-02

Moved by S. Menard

Staff shall be directed to:

1. Plan a robust Community and Partner Engagement process which meaningfully engages all interested parties, including members of the former Stakeholder Sounding Board (SSB), for their input and guidance in developing the Terms of Reference for the in-depth evaluation of Scenario 1 (Status Quo and Private Facilities), Scenario 2 (Waste to Energy Incineration Facility), and Scenario 5 (Construct a New Landfill), as described in recommendation #2 of the staff legislative report on the Waste Management Technologies Feasibility Study; and
2. By Q2 2026, report back to the Environment and Climate Change Committee with a proposed stakeholder engagement plan which achieves this goal.

Withdrawn

7. Office of the City Clerk

7.1 Status Update – Environment and Climate Change Committee – Inquiries and Motions for the Period Ending 6 June 2025

File No. ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0076 – City-wide

Report Recommendation(s)

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

Received

8. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

9. Information Previously Distributed

9.1 Fossil Fuel Advertisement Review – Motion No. FCSC 2024-12-05
(Councillor Menard)

Prior to the delegations, Chair Menard read in a Direction to Staff for consideration. Councillor Hill requested a recorded vote, pursuant to Subsection 33(10) of the Procedure By-law. The Direction to staff was turned into a Motion.

The following members of the public spoke before the Committee and provided comments:

- Sam Hersh
- James Adair, CAFES*
- Tom Ledgley
- Jen Martin
- Louise Green
- Rob Samulack
- Edelweiss D'Andrea
- Leah Temper

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The following written submissions were received:

- Petition submitted on 29 May 2025 from Horizon Ottawa
- Video submissions Deputy Mayor Barker and Tjarda van der Vijver, the Hague

The following also responded to questions:

- Mr. Dan Chenier, General Manager, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services

Following discussion and questions of staff, the Chair put the Motion to Committee which was Carried on a division of 10 Yeas to 1 Nay. The item was then put to Committee and Carried the item as amended.

Motion No. ECCC 2025-18-03

Moved by S. Menard

The legal landscape around fossil fuel advertisements in Canada is rapidly evolving. This is partly due to the ongoing legal challenge against the anti-greenwashing legislation under the *Competition Act*, which forms the legal basis for the City of Ottawa to refuse advertisements due to false, unverified, or misleading environmental claims.

Staff shall therefore be directed to monitor the decision which results from this ongoing legal challenge and upon delivery of a court decision, prepare and provide a report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee and the Environment and Climate Change Committee regarding the results and any further action potentially required as it pertains to the City of Ottawa advertising policy.

For (10): S. Menard, D. Brown, C. Curry, S. Devine, L. Johnson, T. Kavanagh, R. King, W. Lo, M. Luloff, and T. Tierney

Against (1): D. Hill

Carried (10 to 1)

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

There were no Notices of Motion.

11. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Adjournment

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.