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| <p>1. Official Plan Update - Growth Projections<br/>Mise à jour du plan officiel – Prévisions de croissance</p> |
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**Committee Recommendation(s) as amended**

**That Council:**

1. Adopt the population, household and employment projections, in Document 1, as the basis for the growth management strategy and future Official Plan update; and
2. Direct staff to review and report back on the City's internal process and criteria for assessing municipal interest in surplus school properties, taking into consideration our current needs and needs projected in the growth forecast with a report to be provided to Council in 2027; and
  - a. That staff provide an updated list of schools that we know are coming up for sale and the City's position on them within the next 30 days.

**Recommandation(s) du comité telles que modifiées**

**Que le Conseil :**

1. adopte les projections de la population, des ménages et de l'emploi de la pièce 1 comme points de départ de la stratégie de gestion de la croissance et de la prochaine mise à jour du Plan officiel; et
2. Enjoint au personnel d'examiner le processus interne et les critères de la Ville pour évaluer l'intérêt municipal dans les propriétés scolaires excédentaires, en tenant compte de nos besoins actuels et des besoins projetés dans la prévision de croissance, puis en rendre compte en produisant un rapport qui sera remis au Conseil en 2027;

- a. **Que le personnel fournisse une liste à jour des écoles dont nous savons qu'elles seront mises en vente et fasse état de la position de la Ville à leur sujet dans les 30 prochains jours.**

Documentation / Documentation

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Joint Meeting of the Planning and Housing Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, February 18, 2026.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Réunion conjointe du Comité de la planification et du logement et du Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales, le 18 février 2026.

2. Report from the Director, Planning Services, Planning, Development and Building Services Department, dated February 6, 2026 (ACS2026-PDB-PS-0002).

Rapport du Directeur, Services de la planification, Direction générale des services de la planification, de l'aménagement et du bâtiment, daté le 6 février 2026 (ACS2026-PDB-PS-0002).

**Joint Planning and Housing  
Committee and Agriculture and  
Rural Affairs Committee  
Report 8  
February 25, 2026**

**3 Comité conjoint de la planification et  
du logement et de l'agriculture et  
des affaires rurales  
rapport 8  
le 25 février 2026**

**Extract of Joint Minutes 8  
Planning and Housing Committee  
and Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
Committee  
February 18, 2026**

**Extrait du procès-verbal conjoint 8  
Comité de la planification et du logement  
et de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales  
Le 18 février 2026**

Official Plan Update - Growth Projections

File No. ACS2026-PDB-PS-0002 – City-wide

Mr. Royce Fu, Manager, Policy Planning, Planning, Development and Building Services (PDBS) Department, introduced Messrs. Stefan Krzeczunowicz and Russell Mathew, Hemson Consulting Limited (planning policy, municipal finance, demographic and economic forecasting, growth management strategy, land needs assessment, real estate advisory and transportation impact analysis), who spoke to a detailed slide presentation which served as an overview of the report. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

The following staff were also present and responded to questions:

- Marcia Wallace, General Manager, PDBS
- Derrick Moodie, Director, Planning Services, PDBS
- Sydney Bowles, Associate Legal Counsel, Legal Services

The Committee then heard from the following delegations:

1. Warren Waters, Federation of Citizens' Associations (FCA)
2. Jason Burggraaf, Greater Ottawa Homebuilders' Association (GOHBA)
3. Dave Coyle, Riverside Park Community Association (RPCA)
4. Paul Johanis, Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital

Written correspondence (sent 17 February 2026) was also received from Ms. Sandra Tree, Soloway, Wright LLP.

At the conclusion of questions to staff and to the delegations, and with Committee discussions having also concluded, the report recommendations were put before Committee and were 'Carried', as amended by Motion No. PHC/ARAC 2026-08-01.

**Report Recommendation(s)**

**That Planning and Housing Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council adopt the population, household and employment projections, in Document 1, as the basis for the growth management strategy and future Official Plan update.**

**Carried as amended**

**Motion No. PHC-ARAC 2026-08-01**

Moved by L. Johnson

**Whereas the City of Ottawa's Official Plan Update Growth Project confirms that Ottawa will continue to grow strongly over the next 25 years and will remain one of Ontario's fastest-growing large cities; and**

**Whereas the number of households in Ottawa is expected to increase significantly by 2051, with continued growth in both older adult and youth populations; and**

**Whereas the number of households in Ottawa is expected to increase from just over 433,000 in 2024 to nearly 700,000 by 2051; and**

**Whereas the forecasts indicate rapid growth in older adult cohorts and these trends will increase demand for accessible housing, age-friendly community design, and inclusive access to City services and facilities; and**

**Whereas the population aged 0 to 24 is expected to increase steadily over the projection period and this growth will support ongoing demand for childcare, schools, post-secondary institutions, recreation facilities, and family-oriented housing;**

**Whereas school site planning, capital funding, and decisions regarding school construction, consolidation, and surplus declarations fall under the**

**jurisdiction of the Province of Ontario and local school boards pursuant to provincial legislation; and**

**Whereas under the Council approved Real Property Acquisition Policy, the City may only initiate acquisitions where a municipal program need has been identified and funding has been approved or identified;**

**Therefore be it resolved that staff review and report back on the City's internal process and criteria for assessing municipal interest in surplus school properties, taking into consideration our current needs and needs projected in the growth forecast with a report to be provided to Council in 2027; and**

**Be it further resolved that staff provide an updated list of schools that we know are coming up for sale and the City's position on them within the next 30 days.**

**Carried**