



Ottawa City Council

Minutes

Meeting #: 74

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 10 am

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

Present: Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, Councillor Matt Luloff, 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 Marty Carr, Councillor Catherine Kitts, Councillor Isabelle Skalski, Councillor David Brown, Councillor Steve Desroches, Councillor Allan Hubley, Councillor Wilson Lo

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, February 11, 2026, beginning at 10:00 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. National Anthem

Councillor R. King.

The National Anthem, followed by *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, was performed by Rennatha Bernadin.

4. Announcements / Ceremonial Activities

Mayor Sutcliffe along with Councillor King, Council Liaison for Anti-Racism and Ethnocultural Relations, spoke to February being Black History Month. The 2025 theme for Black History Month is "Honouring Black Brilliance Across Generations: From Nation Builders to Tomorrow's Visionaries." Councillor King noted that this year's Black History Month theme calls upon us to make every day an opportunity to honour Black brilliance, to invest in Black futures, and to carry forward the legacy of inclusion and justice that defines who we are as Canadians.

5. Roll Call

All Members of Council were present.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Minutes 73 of the City Council meeting of January 28, 2026.

Carried

6.2 Confidential Minutes 73 of the City Council meeting of January 28, 2026

Carried

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

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

8. Communications

8.1 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Communications

The communications from AMO were received.

9. Regrets

No regrets were filed.

10. Motion to Introduce Reports

Motion No. **2026-74-01**

Moved by M. Luloff

Seconded by J. Leiper

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Report 32, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Report 33, Planning and Housing Committee Report 59, and the report from the City Clerk entitled “Summary of Oral and Written Public Submissions for Items Subject to the Planning Act ‘Explanation Requirements’ at the City Council Meeting of January 28, 2026” be received and considered.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Procedure be suspended to receive and consider Built Heritage Committee Report 29, rising from the Built Heritage Committee meeting of February 10, 2026, as the report was not included on the Draft Agenda.

Carried

11. Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Report 32

11.1 Official Plan Amendment – 1700 Richardson Side Road

File No. ACS2026-PDB-PSX-0023 – West Carleton-March (Ward 5)

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council refuse an amendment to the City of Ottawa’s Official Plan for 1700 Richardson Side Road, as shown in Document 1.

Carried

11.2 Motion – Councillor C. Kelly (for Councillor D. Brown) - Rural Woodlands Ottawa – ARAC Partnership Tree Planting

File No. ACS2026-IWS-WL-0004 – Rideau-Jock (Ward 21)

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. **Approve a small tree planting project at 2155 Roger Stevens Drive which Rural Woodlands Ottawa will maintain for the establishment period as a demonstration of our ongoing collaboration.**
2. **Direct staff to provide the necessary support and coordination to ensure that the project will proceed in spring 2026, including engagement with Rural Woodlands Ottawa and any partners of the project.**

Carried

- 11.3 Motion – Councillor C. Kelly (on behalf of Conseiller D. Brown) - Extension of Municipal Concurrence for the Proposed Antenna System at 8230 Bleeks Road

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0011 – Rideau-Jock (Ward 21)

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council approve that the municipal concurrence for the proposed antenna system at 8230 Bleeks Road be extended by 24 months, lapsing on November 3, 2026.

Carried

12. Built Heritage Committee Report 29

- 12.1 Addition of 1500 Bronson Avenue and 933 Heron Road to the City of Ottawa Heritage Register, under section 27 (3) of the Ontario Heritage Act

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0014 – River (Ward 16); Capital (Ward 17)

Rising from the Built Heritage Committee meeting of February 10, 2026.

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council list 1500 Bronson Avenue and 933 Heron Road on the City of Ottawa’s Heritage Register, under Section 27 (3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* in order to preserve Council’s ability to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate after the prescribed event has occurred.

Carried

13. Finance and Corporate Services Committee Report 33

13.1 Ottawa Paramedic Service West Deployment Facility

File No. ACS2026-EPS-OPS-0001 - City-wide

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. **Receive this report for information and approve staff to proceed with a public-private partnership procurement process as per the City of Ottawa's P3 framework to deliver the Ottawa Paramedic Service West Deployment facility as described in this report and including as follows:**
 - a. **Delegate the authority to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer to authorize staff to develop a procurement strategy**
 2. **Approve the recommended procurement delivery model of a Design-Build-Finance-Maintain for the implementation of the new Ottawa Paramedic Service West Deployment Facility, as described in this report and including as follows:**
 - a. **Receive the Ernst & Young Business Case, Value-For-Money Assessment and Risk Analysis Strategic Assessment, attached as Document 1**
 - b. **Authorize the General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services to procure additional third-party consultants required to advance to the procurement phase of the Design-Build-Finance-Maintain model.**

Carried

13.2 Affordable Housing Debt Funding Pilot Report

File No. ACS2026-FCS-FIN-0001 - City-wide

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. **Approve the Affordable Housing Debenture Framework (Ottawa Community Housing Corporation Pilot) outlined in this report;**

2. **Approve the expansion of permitted uses of the City's Housing Reserve for the Ottawa Community Housing Corporation Pilot to:**
 - a. **service debt issued by the City under the Affordable Housing Debenture Framework; and**
 - b. **assist with servicing federal financing from Build Canada Homes issued to Ottawa Community Housing Corporation for the development of City-approved affordable housing projects, if needed.**
3. **Approve the pre-allocation of up to \$2 million annually for up to 10 years from the City's Housing Reserve for the Ottawa Community Housing Corporation Pilot.**
4. **Delegate the authority to the GM FCSD and Chief Financial Officer of the City of Ottawa to negotiate and enter into the necessary legal agreements with OCHC in support of the Affordable Housing Debenture Framework, as outlined in this report.**

Carried

14. Planning and Housing Committee Report 59

14.1 Official Plan Amendment – Preston Street Extension

File No. ACS2026-PDB-PS-0021 - Somerset (Ward 14)

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. **Approve an amendment to the Official Plan as detailed in Document 2 to replace the Preston Street Extension from the City's Road network with an active transportation bridge; and**
2. **Direct staff to remove the Preston Street Extension from the Needs Based Road Network and Ultimate Road Network in the Transportation Master Plan Capital Infrastructure Plan; and**
3. **Direct the General Manager of Planning, Development and Building Services to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Capital Commission, attached**

as Document 4, immediately following the By-law coming into effect, with all appeals exhausted; and

4. Direct staff to work with the National Capital Commission and Capital Sports Development Inc. to finalize a three-Party Memorandum of Understanding, as described in this report, and bring forward a report to Planning and Housing Committee for approval.

Carried as amended

Motion No. **2026-74-02**

Moved by T. Tierney

Seconded by J. Leiper

WHEREAS Recommendation 4 of Report ACS2026-PDB-PS-0021, approved by Planning and Housing Committee, directs staff to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Ottawa, the NCC and Capital Sports Development Inc.; and

WHEREAS the items to be included in the MOU primarily focus on infrastructure relocation, and traffic management during and after construction, which are items more in keeping with the Terms of Reference for the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff bring the finalized MOU to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for approval, and to the Planning and Housing Committee for information prior to coming to Council.

Carried

14.2 Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment - 951 Gladstone Avenue and 145 Loretta Avenue North

File No. ACS2026-PDB-PSX-0010 - Kitchissippi (Ward 15)

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. **Approve the Amendment to the West Downtown Core Secondary Plan in Volume 2A of the Official Plan, for 951 Gladstone Avenue and 145 Loretta Avenue North, as shown on**

Document 1, with regards to Schedule M - Maximum Building Height and Tower Location, to permit an increase in the maximum permitted buildings heights, from 30, 33 and 35 storeys to 34, 38 and 40 storeys respectively, as detailed in Document 2.

- 2. Approve the Amendment to Zoning By-law 2008-250 for 951 Gladstone Avenue and 145 Loretta Avenue North, as shown in Document 1, to permit an increase in the maximum permitted building heights, from 30, 33 and 35 storeys to 34, 38 and 40 storeys, respectively, as detailed in Document 3.**
- 3. Approve an exemption from Community Benefit Charges for 951 Gladstone Avenue and 145 Loretta Avenue North, as shown on Document 1, in that the development contemplated on the subject lands or any substantially similar development on the subject lands, shall continue to be exempt from Community Benefits Charges provided the City benefits from an enforceable obligation, such as an Agreement registered on title, for the Owner or any subsequent Owners of the subject lands to provide the community benefits.**

Motion No. **2026-74-03**

Moved by J. Leiper

Seconded by A. Troster

WHEREAS the applicant for 951 Gladstone Avenue and 145 Loretta Avenue North and the City of Ottawa have agreed to additional time before this matter comes to Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Report ACS2026-PDB-PSX-0010 be deferred to the February 25, 2026 meeting of Council.

Carried

- 14.3 Motion – Councillor G. Gower – National Capital Commission - Framework Agreement

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0010 – City-wide

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council direct staff to work with NCC counterparts on a framework agreement, to be submitted to Planning and Housing Committee and Council that:

- 1. Help advance and expedite projects on specific parcels of land as proposed by the NCC; and**
- 2. Seek to establish a common approach that creates a structure for value sharing, respects Ottawa's natural heritage and environment, and ensures robust community engagement on projects;**
- 3. Assume a process that will be transparent to the public and involve public consultation albeit within an expediated timeline and**
- 4. Provide a framework for the NCC and the City to act as partners to ensure greater alignment and to maximize co-benefits in addressing the need for affordable housing supply in the short term.**

Motion No. **2026-74-04**

Moved by R. Brockington

Seconded by L. Johnson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee Recommendation be replaced with the following:

That staff be directed to work with NCC counterparts on a framework agreement, to be submitted to Planning and Housing Committee and Council for approval, that strives to:

- a. Establish clear criteria for identifying lands suitable for development.**
- b. Establish a common approach that creates a structure for value sharing, including through the development of new affordable housing.**
- c. Have regard for the policies in the City's Official Plan and other City policies that seek to protect Ottawa's natural heritage and environment, including:**
 - o Protection of ecologically fragile lands;**

- **Tree canopy targets for wards and the City;**
 - **Development of complete 15-minute neighbourhoods; and**
 - **Climate change mitigation and resiliency.**
- d. **Provide a process that will be transparent to the public by enshrining robust community engagement and consultation on development proposals.**
- e. **Provide a framework for the NCC and the City to act as partners to ensure greater alignment and to maximize co-benefits in addressing the need for affordable housing supply.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when preparing reports for Committee and Council to consider site-specific development proposals on NCC lands, staff provide detailed information to Council and the public about the present-day utilization of the subject lands, the ecological significance of the subject lands, and what measures will be taken to ensure that the environment is suitably protected.

Carried with a dissent from Councillor J. Leiper.

Carried

15. Bulk Consent Agenda

15.1 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Report 32

15.1.1 Development Charge Exemption Amendment - Rural Unserviced Storage Structures

File No. ACS2025-FCS-FIN-0002 – City-wide

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council approve:

1. **Adding a discretionary exemption listed under the City-wide Development Charge By-law 2024-218 as Section 7(j.1) to read: Unserviced Storage Structures being not more than 600 sq meters in area on lands identified within Area 3 – Rural (Unserviced) as set out in Schedule A of this by-law and add (j.1) to Section 7(3).**

2. **Adding the following definition under the City-wide Development Charge By law 2024-218 in Section 1: “Unserviced Storage Structure” means a building used strictly for the storage of goods or equipment and being not more than 600 sq meters in area, on lands identified within Area 3 – Rural (Unserviced) as set out in Schedule A of this by-law that is unserviced with water and sanitary facilities and does not include a dwelling unit, retail, office, or assembly activities.**

Carried

- 15.1.2 Mud Creek Municipal Drain (Part Lot 1, Concessions 1 and 2) – Appointment of Engineer

File No. ACS2026-IWS-WL-0003 - Rideau-Jock (Ward 21)

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council appoint Mr. Andy Robinson, P. Eng., of Robinson Consultants Inc., as the Engineer of record to prepare a report that addresses the subsequent subdivision of lands (Part Lot 1, Concessions 1 and 2) within the Mud Creek Municipal Drain for Council’s consideration prior to Council making a decision under Subsection 65(1) of the *Drainage Act*.

Carried

- 15.1.3 Mud Creek Municipal Drain (Part Lots 4 and 5, Concession A) – Appointment of Engineer

File No. ACS2026-IWS-WL-0004 - Rideau-Jock (Ward 21)

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council appoint Mr. Andy Robinson, P. Eng., of Robinson Consultants Inc., as the Engineer of record to prepare a report that addresses the subsequent connection of lands (Part Lots 4 and 5, Concession A) within the Mud Creek Municipal Drain for Council’s consideration prior to Council making a decision under Subsection 65(1) of the *Drainage Act*.

Carried

15.1.4 Zoning By-Law Amendment – 7628 Flewellyn Road

File No. ACS2025-PDB-PSX-0005 – Rideau-Jock (Ward 21)

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council approve an amendment to Zoning By-law 2008-250 for 7628 Flewellyn Road, as shown in Document 1, to regularize a salvage yard operation, as detailed in Document 2.

Carried

15.1.5 Infrastructure Agreement and Area-Specific Development Charge for Shadow Ridge (Greely)

File No. ACS2025-PDB-PS-0015 – City-wide

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council:

- 1. Delegate authority to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services department to enter into a Third-Party Infrastructure Agreement with DCR Phoenix Development Corporation Limited for the detailed design, tender and construction of the required upgrade project for the drinking water plant for the Shadow Ridge development in the Village of Greely.**
- 2. Approve an Area-Specific Development Charge, and enactment of an amendment to Development Charge By-law 2024-218, as amended, as described in this report, for the financing of future infrastructure for the Public Service Area in the Village of Greely.**
- 3. Approve the City of Ottawa 2025 Area-Specific Development Charges Background Study for Water and Wastewater Treatment Village of Greely Shadow Ridge and Lakeland Meadows.**

Carried

15.2 Finance and Corporate Services Committee Report 33

15.2.1 2024 Business Improvement Area and Sparks Street Mall Authority
–Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements

File No. ACS2026-SI-ED-0002 - City-wide

Committee Recommendation(s)

That Council receive the 2024 Business Improvement Area and Sparks Street Mall Authority Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements.

Carried

15.3 City Clerk – Summary of Oral and Written Public Submissions

15.3.1 Summary of Oral and Written Public Submissions for Items Subject to the Planning Act ‘Explanation Requirements’ at the City Council Meeting of January 28, 2026

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0012 - City-wide

Report Recommendation(s)

That Council approve the Summaries of Oral and Written Public Submissions for items considered at the City Council Meeting of January 28, 2026, that are subject to the ‘Explanation Requirements’ being the *Planning Act*, subsections 17(23.1), 22(6.7), 34(10.10) and 34(18.1), as applicable, as described in this report and attached as Document 1.

Carried

16. In Camera Items

Council resolved *in camera* at 10:34 am.

In Camera Session

In Council (Open Session)

Council resumed in open session at 1:07 pm.

Upon resuming in open session, Mayor Sutcliffe advised that Council just met in camera pursuant to the Procedure By-law (By-law No. 2025-100), as follows:

- Subsections 13 (1)(e), litigation or potential litigation affecting the City, and 13(1)(f), the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, with respect to the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Legal Updates.

During the closed session, no votes were taken other than procedural motions and/or directions to staff.

Motion No. **2026-74-05**

Moved by M. Luloff

Seconded by J. Leiper

BE IT RESOLVED that City Council resolve in camera pursuant to Procedure By-law 2025-100, Subsections 13 (1)(e), litigation or potential litigation affecting the City, and 13(1)(f), the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, with respect to the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Legal Updates.

Carried

16.1 Light Rail Transit (LRT) Legal Updates

To be considered in camera pursuant to Procedure By-law (By-law No. 2025-100), Subsections 13 (1)(e), litigation or potential litigation affecting the City, and 13(1)(f), the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

As the content of the in camera update contains information pertaining to the legal aspects of the subject matter, the material falls within the exception contemplated by Subsections 13(1)(e) and (f) of City Council's Procedure By-Law. As such, this matter will not be reported out.

17. Disposition of Items Approved by Committees under Delegated Authority

That Council receive the list of items approved by its Committees under Delegated Authority, attached as Document 1.

Received

18. Motion to Adopt Reports

Motion No. **2026-74-06**

Moved by M. Luloff

Seconded by J. Leiper

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Report 32, Built Heritage Committee Report 29, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Report 33, Planning and Housing Committee Report 59 and the report from the City Clerk entitled “Summary of Oral and Written Public Submissions for Items Subject to the Planning Act ‘Explanation Requirements’ at the City Council Meeting of January 28, 2026” be received and adopted as amended.

Carried

19. Motions of Which Notice Has Been Previously Given

19.1 President of AMO – Councillor Brockington

Motion No. **2026-74-07**

Moved by T. Tierney

Seconded by M. Sutcliffe

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) will host their annual conference and AGM in Ottawa in August 2026; and

WHEREAS all positions on the Board of Directors of AMO will be up for election; and

WHEREAS Councillor Riley Brockington has served on the AMO Board since August 2018 and during his tenure has also served on the Executive Council as the Chair of the Regional and Single Tier Caucus (2022 to present), Chair, AMO Municipal Finance and Economic Development Task Force, Host – AMO Tariff and Trade Symposium (2025) and served four years on AMO’s Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS Councillor Brockington intends to run for President of AMO and as part of his nomination is required to have a motion from City Council acknowledging his intention and endorsing his candidacy; and

WHEREAS AMO provides partial reimbursement of travel expenses in accordance with their Board/Executive/Volunteer Expense Reimbursement Policy, and any costs of the Member's candidacy and participation on the executive over and above those reimbursed by AMO will be paid by the Council Administration Budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ottawa City Council acknowledge Councillor Brockington's intention to run for President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and endorse his candidacy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that costs associated with the Councillor's candidacy and with fulfilling the role should he be successfully elected AMO President be covered by the Council Administration Budget, in accordance with the Council Expense Policy.

Carried

19.2 OMERS Act

Motion No. **2026-74-08**

Moved by R. Brockington

Seconded by L. Johnson

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight; and
WHEREAS this may result in increased financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Ottawa indicate its support for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to retain strong Sponsor oversight over OMERS plan design so as to protect the interests of employers and employees while mitigating financial risks to municipal governments, as is present in the current OMERS governance model; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province be encouraged to consult with AMO as it develops the regulations implementing the OMERS governance changes resulting from Bill 68; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to:

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- MPPs whose ridings include the City of Ottawa; and
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

19.3 Transit Reliability & Accountability Framework

Note: The Devine/Bradley Motion of which Notice was previously given at the January 28, 2026, City Council meeting was replaced with the following revised motion pursuant to Subsection 59(5) of the Procedure By-law.

Motion No. **2026-74-09**

Moved by S. Devine

Seconded by J. Bradley

WHEREAS Ottawa transit riders continue to face persistent reliability issues, including insufficient buses to meet expected service levels,

frequent bus trip cancellations, overcrowding, longer waits, and O Train disruptions that have eroded public confidence; and

WHEREAS OC Transpo customers rely on this service to get to work, school, medical appointments, and family commitments on time, but, as a result of unreliable service, are frequently and routinely late for appointments, or are required to pay for alternate transportation, or are required to add significant buffer time to their commute — all of which are burdens that should not fall on customers; and

WHEREAS in September 2025 OC Transpo submitted a detailed operational plan—*Improving Bus Service Reliability* [Report ACS2025-TSD-TS-0003] —which aimed to reach defined reliability targets by December 2027; and

WHEREAS on page 21 of the *Improving Bus Service Reliability* report, Council was advised that “staff do not have policy direction from Council on whether to favour reliability over service levels”; and

WHEREAS transit agencies in peer jurisdictions employ a range of financial and non-financial accountability tools to strengthen trust and improve reliability (e.g., London’s quality incentive contracts and delay compensation, Singapore’s Bus Contracting Model and Bus Service Reliability Framework, Washington, D.C.’s rider facing commitments, and GO Transit’s customer focused guarantee); and

WHEREAS Toronto City Council has directed the TTC to evaluate a rider-recourse compensation mechanism as part of its Ridership Growth Strategy, signaling a broader shift to customer-facing accountability frameworks in Canadian transit; and

WHEREAS the concept of customer rights—including the right to clear expectations, timely information, and fair recourse when service is not delivered—is increasingly recognized as foundational to rebuilding trust in modern transit systems; and

WHEREAS jurisdictions that pair investments with clear accountability frameworks often see improved performance and reliability outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as part of the annual update cycle of the OC Transpo Five-Year Roadmap, and between Q4 2027 and the end of Q2 2028, staff be directed to:

- Evaluate and report back on the feasibility, implications, and potential models for a *Transit Reliability & Accountability Framework*, including a review of global best practice and including considerations related to clear service expectations, public transparency, and customer focused accountability mechanisms; and
- Update OC Transpo's transit service reliability policy and target metrics, and that this update be done in parallel with the development of the *Transit Reliability & Accountability Framework*.

Carried

19.4 Compensation for Transit Riders

Note: The Menard/Johnson Motion of which Notice was previously given at the January 28, 2026, City Council meeting was replaced with the following revised motion pursuant to Subsection 59(5) of the Procedure By-law.

Motion No. **2026-74-10**

Moved by S. Menard

Seconded by L. Johnson

WHEREAS OC Transpo bus service is currently operating well below normal standards of reliability and capacity because of delays in receiving replacements for life-expired buses, mechanic shortages, and without sufficient advanced mitigation planning; and

WHEREAS service on O-Train Line 1 is currently operating well below the normal level of capacity because of mechanical problems and a P3 that has meant a lack of transparency and urgency in solving root cause issues; and

WHEREAS OC Transpo riders daily lives have been negatively affected by the reduced reliability and capacity of the integrated bus and train system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to explore scenarios to compensate transit users for the latest transit disruptions, which could include refunds, capital improvements to reliability, discounted future service or another method of

compensation or combination thereof, and report back to a future meeting of the Transit Committee in May 2026.

Carried

19.5 Naming of Multi-Use Pathway – Jane Brammer Path

Motion No. **2026-74-11**

Moved by T. Tierney

Seconded by M. Sutcliffe

WHEREAS the Blair Road urbanization project includes a multi-use pathway as part of the Transportation Master Plan Priority Road Network; and

WHEREAS this pathway will serve as an important connection for residents across the city and notably for residents of the Rothwell Heights community; and

WHEREAS Jane Brammer has been a longstanding member of Rothwell Heights and is currently serving as Executive Chair of the Board of Directors for the Rothwell Heights Property Owners Association;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the multi-use pathway to be constructed as part of the Blair Road urbanization project be formally named Jane Brammer Path; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during construction of the path, that a temporary sign be installed to indicate the path's formal name; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all costs related to the production and installation of the temporary sign as well as the permanent stand and plaque be funded through the Ward Councillor's office budget.

Carried

20. Motions Requiring Suspension of the Rules of Procedure

20.1 Algonquin College program cuts

Motion No. **2026-74-12**

Moved by L. Johnson

Seconded by R. King

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider the following motion so that information may be submitted in advance of the next meeting of the Algonquin College Board of Directors.

WHEREAS Ontario's community colleges and universities, including Algonquin College and Collège La Cité, are under increasing financial pressure because of decisions to reduce the number of foreign student visas and to freeze tuition fees; and

WHEREAS Algonquin College has recently announced its plans to cut 30 programs due to financial pressures; and

WHEREAS several of the programs proposed to be cut have frequently supplied future employees to the City of Ottawa, including recreation staff, museum staff, paralegals, paramedics, bus and City fleet mechanics, communications professionals, and more; and

WHEREAS programs like culinary arts, landscaping, media arts, computer programming, business, and many others that are proposed to be cut provide practical training to graduates that go on to staff Ottawa businesses across many sectors, which helps attract new investments to our city; and

WHEREAS Collège La Cité is facing many of the same challenges as Algonquin;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to undertake an internal scan of potential impacts to the future attraction and recruitment of qualified employees, and what City services may be affected as a result; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs staff to conduct a consultation with members of the Mayor's Economic Council to collect their feedback and concerns with the proposed elimination of programs that support their economic sectors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk compile the results of the internal scan and the consultation with members of the Mayor's Economic Council, and that it be sent before February 20 to the President of Algonquin College and its board of directors, as well as the Minister of Colleges and Universities, so they have a fulsome understanding of the impacts of the cuts in our community, in advance of the board's consideration of this matter on February 23.

Carried

21. Notices of Motion (for Consideration at Subsequent Meeting)

21.1 International Women's Day

Moved by A. Troster

Seconded by L. Johnson

WHEREAS in 1910 women delegates from around the world met in Copenhagen to propose that Women's Day become an international event to promote equal rights for women; and

WHEREAS the first International Women's Day was held in 1911 with the support of over a million people; and

WHEREAS in 1977, the General Assembly of the United Nations officially called for all countries to mark a day for the recognition of women's economic, political and social achievements; and

WHEREAS municipalities can play a profound role in promoting and advancing gender equity; and

WHEREAS local and international activists, organizations, and affected communities have shown us more work is required to achieve gender equity; and

WHEREAS every year thousands of events are held around the world to inspire, celebrate and honour women.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ottawa City Council declare March 8, 2026, to be International Women's Day in the City of Ottawa.

21.2 Covid-19 Remembrance Motion – 6th anniversary

Moved by T. Kavanagh

Seconded by L. Johnson

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 viral disease a pandemic, and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has been unprecedented in its far-reaching impacts, including collective trauma, on individuals, families, children and vulnerable communities, and

WHEREAS the impacts of COVID-19 continue to be felt in overburdened and under-resourced health care systems and a range

of other public services that have still not fully recovered from the pandemic, and

WHEREAS as of January 2024, more than 80% of Canadians had been infected with COVID-19 and by September 2024, 60,871 Canadians had died from COVID-19, and

WHEREAS as of January 2024, 1,302 Ottawa residents had died due to COVID-19, not taking into account the number who are impacted where family members died elsewhere nationally or internationally, and

WHEREAS the WHO has advised that global communities transition from COVID-19 emergency approach to a longer-term disease management approach, sustaining capacity for public health responses, community education and awareness based on emerging realities and risks, and

WHEREAS the leadership and front line workers at Ottawa Public Health, as well as health and social service agencies including hospitals across the City of Ottawa, worked tirelessly and effectively to guide the City of Ottawa through the COVID-19 pandemic, and continue to monitor and respond to a vast range of pandemic-related impacts, and

WHEREAS in March 2021, the Government of Canada designated March 11, 2021, as a National Day of Observance to commemorate the people who lost their lives and the significant impacts we have all felt because of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS March 11 will mark the sixth anniversary of the declaration of COVID-19 as a world-wide pandemic.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Day of Observance of the sixth anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic be marked by a flag at half-mast at City Hall on March 11, 2026.

21.3 Black Veterans Monument

Moved by R. King

Seconded by D. Hill

WHEREAS, the Defence Team Black Employees Network (DTBEN) supports Black civilian and military members within Canada's Department of National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS Black Canadians have a long and distinguished history of military service, yet this service is not represented in permanent public memorials within the City of Ottawa; and

WHEREAS the City has a responsibility to advance anti-racism and ethnocultural relations initiatives, and to support engagement with the veteran and military community, through policies, programs and coordinated work with City staff and community partners; and

WHEREAS the Defence Team Black Employees Network has expressed interest in exploring the establishment of a memorial in Wateridge Village - located on former CFB Rockcliffe lands - as a suitable and symbolic location; and

WHEREAS such a memorial honouring Black veterans and Black members of the Canadian Armed Forces aligns with the City of Ottawa's Anti-Racism Strategy, along with federal commitments to recognize Black military service, address historical inequities, and advance anti-racism initiatives; and

WHEREAS the Defence Team Black Employees Network is exploring external funding sources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve in principle the installation of a memorial honouring Black veterans and Black members of the Canadian Armed Forces at a suitable location within a park in Wateridge Village, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the final monument design, materials, dimensions, and bilingual dedication plaque be submitted to the General Manager of Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services (RCFS) for approval, and that staff work with the Defence Team Black Employees Network and the Ward Councillor to confirm the installation location, installation requirements, and maintenance and liability expectations.**
- 2. That both the upfront capital costs and the future, long-term maintenance costs associated with the memorial be funded by the proponent, who is responsible for securing sufficient external funding for each, and that these funds be provided to the City and held in trust to ensure ongoing maintenance.**

21.4 Proposed New Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act

Moved by S. Plante

Seconded by M. Sutcliffe

WHEREAS the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025* (RPCISA) was brought into force on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) is considering regulatory amendments to the RPCISA to prescribe special constables employed by authorized public transit agencies, including OTranspo special constables for the purpose of the Act, thereby granting them the same enforcement powers as police officers, and is seeking public input on this proposal until March 1st; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has invested significant resources to improve public safety in the downtown core and the ByWard Market; and

WHEREAS OC Transpo deploys on average approximately 4 special constables in the downtown daily, and 13 deployed across the city-wide transit network, who are already present in high-traffic transit environments, including stations, platforms, and bus stops throughout the downtown core and across the city; and

WHEREAS public transit riders include workers, students, seniors, people with disabilities, youth, and low-income residents who rely on transit as their primary or only mode of transportation and require a safe environment at all times; and

WHEREAS restoring ridership is essential to the financial sustainability of Ottawa's public transit system, to achieving the City's climate and transportation goals, and to ensuring equitable access to employment, education, healthcare, and community services; and

WHEREAS enabling OTranspo special constables to enforce the RPCISA would allow for timely, proportionate, and location-specific interventions focused on transit spaces, while reducing reliance on police response for matters that occur primarily within the transit system; and

WHEREAS any extension of authority under the RPCISA would be accompanied by appropriate training and would operate alongside existing public health, outreach, and harm reduction services, recognizing that enforcement alone does not address substance use but that clear rules and safe public spaces remain necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa endorse the proposed regulatory amendments under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General of Ontario in support of the proposal before March 1st, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk share this motion with other Municipalities in Ontario, prior to March 1st, 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write the Solicitor General of Ontario to renew or extend the funding associated with the Ontario-Ottawa agreement.

22. Motion to Introduce By-laws

22.1 Three Readings

Motion No. **2026-74-13**

Moved by M. Luloff

Seconded by J. Leiper

That the by-laws listed on the Agenda under Motion to Introduce By-laws, Three Readings, be read and passed with the exception of the following by-law listed as “n” and “o” on the Agenda:

n. A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2008-250 to change the zoning of lands known municipally as 951 Gladstone Avenue and 145 Loretta Avenue North.

o. A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2008-250 to change the zoning of lands known municipally as 951 Gladstone Avenue and 145 Loretta Avenue North.

2026-41 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2020-164 respecting various minor amendments.

2026-42 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2025-242 respecting a minor amendment.

- 2026-43 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2025-243 respecting various minor amendments.
- 2026-44 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to close Part of Booth Street in the City of Ottawa;
- 2026-45 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law 2024-218, the Development Charges By-law, 2024 to provide for Unserviced Storage Structures in the Rural Area.
- 2026-46 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law 2024-218, the Development Charges By-law, 2024.
- 2026-47 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law 2007-268 respecting fees and charges for public transit services.
- 2026-48 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate certain lands and improvements thereon as municipal capital facilities.
- 2026-49 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2017-180 respecting the appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers in accordance with private property parking enforcement.
- 2026-51 A By-law of the City of Ottawa to designate a portion of 21 Concourse Gate as a municipal capital facility.
- 2026-52 A By-law of the City of Ottawa to designate a portion of 308 Legget Drive as a municipal capital facility.
- 2026-53 A By-law of the City of Ottawa to designate a portion of 19 Fairmont Avenue as a municipal capital facility.
- 2026-54 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend Volume 1 of the Official Plan for the City of Ottawa and the West Downtown Core Secondary Plan within Volume 2A to replace the Preston Street Extension of the City's road network with an active transportation bridge and to add related policies.
- 2026-57 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2008-250 to change the zoning of part of the lands known municipally as 7628 Flewellyn Road.
- 2026-58 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law 2017-255, the Noise By-law, in respect of 35 Laurel Street, 127 Loretta Avenue North, and 131 Loretta Avenue North.
- 2026-59 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2008-250 to change the zoning of part of the lands known municipally as 1296 and 1400 Old Montreal Road.

Carried

23. Confirmation By-law

Motion No. **2026-74-14**

Moved by M. Luloff

Seconded by J. Leiper

That the following by-law be read and passed:

To confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of February 11, 2026.

Carried

24. Inquiries

24.1 POS Systems and Payment Processes at Standalone Arenas

Submitted by Councillor I. Skalski

City of Ottawa standalone arenas currently do not have Point of Sale (POS) systems or a cash float, in accordance with the City's cash-handling policies. As a result:

- Residents attending these arenas must bring exact change for entry fees, creating inconvenience and potential barriers to participation.
- Many other City recreation facilities have more flexible payment options, highlighting an inconsistency in service delivery.

City staff have indicated that the feasibility of adding POS systems at standalone arenas is being explored, and that website improvements are underway to clarify which arenas are considered standalone.

Inquiry:

1. What is the status of the evaluation regarding the potential installation of POS systems at standalone arenas, including cost and infrastructure requirements?
2. Are there interim solutions being considered to reduce inconvenience for residents, such as mobile payments, pre-purchased passes, or alternative payment options?
3. How can the City's cash handling policy be updated to be more responsive to the feedback from residents that it is not convenient to expect exact change, cash only transactions for City services.

With the view to ensure City recreation facilities, including standalone arenas, provide a modern, convenient, and accessible payment experience for all residents, please provide a response within 30 days.

24.2 Kanata Lakes Golf Course Lands (175 Acres)

Submitted by Councillor C. Curry.

Public Health, Environmental Risk, Precaution, and Independent Oversight

This inquiry concerns the Kanata Lakes Golf Course lands, comprising approximately 175 acres of a site with documented mercury contamination within and beyond residential limits, as acknowledged through Ontario Land Tribunal proceedings.

Residents have expressed significant concern not only about the timing and nature of current ground-disturbance activities, but also about how risk is being assessed and by whom. Specifically, there is growing unease that environmental testing and monitoring are being undertaken by consultants retained and paid for by the developer, which may create a reasonable perception of bias, regardless of professional obligations.

My questions are intended to clarify how the City is ensuring independent, precautionary, and credible oversight across the entire contaminated site — and how public confidence is being safeguarded where potential harm may be irreversible.

Questions

1. Site-Wide Risk Assessment Across 175 Acres Has the City received or conducted any site-wide risk assessment addressing mercury mobilization across the full 175 acres of contaminated lands in relation to the current and anticipated ground-disturbance activities?
 - If yes, who prepared the assessment, under what authority, and what conclusions were reached?
 - If no, on what basis has staff concluded that activities proceeding on any portion of the site do not pose a credible risk beyond the immediate area of disturbance?
2. Reliance on Non-Municipality-Retained Consultants To what extent is the City relying on environmental testing, monitoring, and assurances provided by consultants retained and paid for by non-

- independent entities in determining that work may proceed safely on a known mercury-contaminated site?
3. Independence and Perceived Bias While I recognize that Qualified Persons have professional and statutory obligations, what consideration has the City given to the reasonable perception of bias when assessments critical to public health and environmental safety are conducted by parties financially retained by the proponent?
 4. Independent Third-Party Oversight Has the City considered requiring or requesting independent third-party testing, peer review, or monitoring, retained by the City or another neutral body and not influenced by the developer now or in the future, particularly given:
 - the incomplete assessment to date of the scale or location of contamination across 175 acres,
 - the irreversible nature of mercury harm, and
 - the level of community concern and the close proximity of thousands of homes?
 - the recommendations of the Carp River Audit
 5. Winter Conditions and Mercury Behaviour What analysis has been undertaken — independent of the developer's consultants — to assess how winter conditions, freeze–thaw cycles, and spring melt may affect mercury mobilization across the site, and why winter ground disturbance was determined to be appropriate rather than deferring work to less complicated conditions?
 6. Application of the Precautionary Principle Given the known contamination and uncertainty associated with mercury movement, how has the precautionary principle been applied in allowing work to proceed based largely on developer-provided information rather than independent verification?
 7. Public Health Assessment and Independence Beyond notification, has Ottawa Public Health provided or been asked to provide any independent public-health assessment of potential exposure pathways across the 175-acre site, and if not, why was such independent public-health input not sought?

8. Authority and Duty of Care While staff have referenced limitations under the Site Alteration By-law, what consideration has been given to the City's broader duty of care, including whether reliance on developer-retained consultants alone is sufficient where there is a credible risk to public health or municipal infrastructure?
9. Triggers for Escalation and Independent Review What thresholds or trigger points would prompt the City to require independent testing or oversight, and how are those triggers being tracked and documented?
10. Accountability for Early Risk Identification Finally, where responsibility is shared among the City, Ottawa Public Health, MECP, and developer-retained professionals, who is accountable for ensuring that credible risk across the full 175 acres is identified early, independently assessed, and addressed before harm occurs, rather than after?

25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Motion No. **2026-74-15**

Moved by M. Luloff

Seconded by J. Leiper

That the proceedings of the City Council meeting of February 11, 2026, be adjourned.

Carried

City Clerk

Mayor