



## Ottawa City Council

### Minutes

**Meeting #: 76**

**Date: March 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

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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 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

The National Anthem was from a recording that was performed by the Canterbury High-school Choir.

4. Roll Call

All Members of Council were present.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 Minutes 75 of the City Council meeting of February 25, 2026

**Carried**

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

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

7. Communications

7.1 Responses to Inquiries

7.1.1 OCC-2025-20 - Review of Procurement Practices

7.1.2 OCC-2026-04 - Kanata Lakes Golf Course Lands (175 Acres)

With the will of Council, Response to Inquiry OCC-2026-04 was lifted for discussion.

8. Regrets

No regrets were filed.

9. Motion to Introduce Reports

Motion No. **2026-76-01**

Moved by W. Lo

Seconded by M. Luloff

**That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Report 33, Community Services Committee Report 21, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Report 34, Planning and Housing Committee Report 61, Public Works and**

**Infrastructure Committee Report 24, 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 February 25, 2026” be received and considered.**

**Carried**

10. Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Report 33

10.1 Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment – 635 and 891 Jinkinson Road

File No. ACS2026-PDB-PSX-0019 - Rideau-Jock (Ward 21)

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve an amendment to Schedule B9, Schedule C11-A and Schedule C11-B of the Official Plan, as detailed in Document 2.**
2. **Approve an amendment to Zoning By-law 2008-250 for part of 635 Jinkinson Road and part of 891 Jinkinson Road, as shown in Document 3 and detailed in Document 4, to permit a quarry expansion.**
3. **Direct staff to incorporate an amendment into the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2026-50 for part of 635 Jinkinson Road and part of 891 Jinkinson Road, as detailed in Document 5.**

**Carried**

10.2 Wetland Omnibus Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

File No. ACS2026-SI-CCR-0002 – Rideau-Jock (Ward 21)

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve the proposed amendments to the Official Plan as shown in Document 1 and detailed in Document 3;**

2. **Approve the proposed amendments to Zoning By-law No. 2008-250 as shown in Document 1 and detailed in Document 4;**
3. **Direct staff to incorporate the proposed amendments into the new Com-prehensive Zoning By-law, as detailed in Document 4 and Document 5.**

Carried with a dissent from Councillor G. Gower.

**Carried**

10.3 Amendments to align the Transportation Master Plan with the Official Plan

File No. ACS2026-PDB-PS-0012 – City-wide

**Planning and Housing Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve and adopt the Official Plan Amendments as presented in Document 1, to implement the recommendations of the Council approved Transportation Master Plan.**
2. **Approve amendments, as shown in Document 4 of this report, to new zoning by-law 2026-50 following approval of the Official Plan Amendment to correct neighbourhood zoning details in those areas where the evolving neighbourhood overlay has been removed or newly extended.**

**Carried as amended**

Motion No. **2026-76-02**

Moved by D. Brown

Seconded by C. Kelly

**WHEREAS the proposed amendments to the Rights-of-Way Protection Requirements in Schedule C16 of the Official Plan as detailed in Appendix D of Document 1 of Report ACS2026-PDB-PS-0012 inadvertently misprinted a provision as a result of a typographical error;**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Policy 2.1.1(e)(xvi) be entirely replaced with the following text: “Arterial road to arterial road – two overlapping 5 metre x 15 metre triangles”.

**Carried**

10.4 Minor Zoning By-law Amendment – Part of 6659 Franktown Road

File No. ACS2026-PDB-PSX-0030 - Rideau-Jock (Ward 21)

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve an amendment to Zoning By-law 2008-250 for Part of 6659 Franktown Road, as shown in Document 1, to permit an enlarged home-based business and adjust the location of the Environmental Protection Zone boundary, as detailed in Document 2.**
2. **Direct staff to incorporate an amendment into the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2026-50 for Part of 6659 Franktown Road, as detailed in Document 3.**

**Carried as amended**

Motion No. **2026-76-03**

Moved by D. Brown

Seconded by C. Kelly

**WHEREAS Document 1 – Location Map / Zoning Key Map in report ACS2026-PDB-PSX-0030 inadvertently omitted the holding symbol (“-h”) from the new zoning code;**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Document 1 be replaced with the map attached; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to subsection 34(17) of the Planning Act, no further notice be given.

**Carried**

10.5 Motion – Councillor I. Skalski – Delegated Authority of Section 65 of the Drainage Act

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0029 - City-wide

Motion No. 2026-76-04 was introduced and carried as a replacement to the Committee Recommendations.

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Delegate authority to the General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services and the Director, Water Linear and Customer Services to appoint a qualified engineer for the purposes of preparing any report required under Section 65 of the *Drainage Act*; and**
2. **Approve that the General Manager report back to Council through annual delegated authority reporting, on any engineer appointments made under this delegated authority, including the purpose of the appointment and a summary of the resulting Section 65 report.**

Motion No. **2026-76-04**

Moved by I. Skalski

Seconded by D. Brown

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council delegate authority to the General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services and the Director, Water Linear and Customer Services to appoint a qualified engineer for the purposes of preparing any report required under Section 65 of the Drainage Act; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Manager shall report back to Council through annual delegated authority reporting, on any engineer appointments made under this delegated authority, including the purpose of the appointment, funding source, and a summary of the resulting Section 65 report.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any costs associated with engineer appointments under this delegated authority be funded by revenues, and that all financial administration, including budgeting, establishing the capital project, reserve use, and accounting**

**treatment, remain subject to the City's established financial policies and controls.**

Carried

11. Community Services Committee Report 21

11.1 Community Funding Framework Midterm Review

File No. ACS2026-CSS-GEN-001 – City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

- 1. Approve The Community Funding Framework Funding Policy Statements as outlined in this report and attached as Document 2 to this report.**
- 2. Delegate authority to the Director of Community Safety, Well-Being, Policy and Analytics and the Program Manager of Social Development and Funding, individually, to manage and administer the Community and Social Services Department Community Funding budget as described in this report and the Policy Statements attached as Document 2 to this report.**

Carried

11.2 Community Safety and Well-Being Legislated Review

File No. ACS2026-CSS-GEN-002 – City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2021–2031 in accordance with s. 255(1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, as outlined in this report and attached as Document 1.**
- 2. Direct the General Manager, Community and Social Services and Director, Community Safety and Well-Being, Policy, and Analytics to explore opportunities and the funding to expand and enhance access to alternate neighbourhood crisis response (ANCHOR) services; with a report back to Council**

outlining options and recommendations by 2027, in coordination with community partners and mental health service providers.

3. Direct staff to engage Federal and Provincial governments to advocate for continued funding and explore new funding opportunities to support initiatives under the City's CSWB Plan in collaboration with community partners.
4. Advocate to the Ministry of the Solicitor General and other provincial ministries for the establishment of a stable, long-term funding model available for municipalities to access in order to support the operational and project-based initiatives associated with Community Safety and Well-Being plans, recognizing the fiscal limitations faced by Ottawa and other municipalities committed to advancing proactive community well-being.
5. Forward this report to the Ottawa Police Services Board and Ottawa Board of Health for their information and collaboration.

Carried

### 11.3 Unsheltered Homelessness Outreach Model

File No. ACS2026-CSS-GEN-003 – City-wide

#### Committee Recommendation(s) as amended

**That Council:**

1. Approve the outreach model outlined in the report below.
2. Delegate authority to the General Manager, Community and Social Services to make operational adjustments to the model through evidence-based processes in the future.
3. Direct the General Manager, Community and Social Services and Chief Financial Officer to identify sustainable funding sources for the outreach model, including in partnership with other levels of government.
4. Receive the memorandum dated February 20, 2026, in which staff respond to the October 8, 2025 Council direction on

**encampment responses (File No. ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0090), attached as Document 1 to this report.**

Carried

12. Finance and Corporate Services Committee Report 34

12.1 Advancing Indigenous Relations in the City of Ottawa

File No. ACS2026-CSS-GEN-005 - City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council receive this report for information and approve the path forward for Indigenous Relations for the City of Ottawa, as outlined in the report.**

Carried

12.2 Brownfield Grant Application – 299 City Centre Avenue

File No. ACS2026-PDB-PS-0019 - Somerset (Ward 14)

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve the application submitted by Taggart (City Centre) Ltd., owner of the property at 299 City Centre Avenue, for Rehabilitation Grant under the Brownfield Redevelopment Community Improvement Plan (2024), not to exceed a total of \$2,642,250 million for which the grant payment period will be phased over a maximum of twenty years of development, subject to the establishment of, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Agreement.**
2. **Delegate the authority to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department, to execute a Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Agreement with Taggart (City Centre) Ltd., establishing the terms and conditions governing the payment of the grant for the redevelopment of 299 City Centre Avenue, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services Department, the City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer.**

Carried with a dissent from Councillor S. Menard.

**Carried**

12.3 Advancing the ByWard Market: A Revitalization Framework and Coordinated Redevelopment Program

File No. ACS2026-SI-ED-0001 - Rideau-Vanier (Ward 12)

**Direction to Staff** (Councillor S. Plante)

While City staff work to develop a community benefits framework scheduled to be completed in 2027, that staff be directed at the appropriate time to consider whether the By-Ward Market Redevelopment Program projects would be a candidate for the community benefits framework.

**Direction to Staff** (Councillor S. Plante)

The ByWard Market Revitalization Framework and Redevelopment Program will contain many key milestones and dates related to phased construction completion, street closures and openings during construction and/or events, estimated project timeline completion, and useful information for vendors, businesses, residents and visitors as the goals of the Public Realm Plan are put into action.

Direction:

Staff are directed to:

- Develop and maintain a dedicated City of Ottawa webpage for the ByWard Market throughout the design, construction, implementation, and review phases of the project. The webpage should serve as a centralized source of information for the public and interest holders, including project updates, timelines, consultation opportunities, key milestones, event information, and other relevant notices related to the Market and its ongoing revitalization.

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve the ByWard Market revitalization framework and action plan, and direct staff to seek required funding sources for foundational actions, as described in this report.**

2. **Approve the ByWard Market public realm redevelopment program and its objectives, and direct staff to implement its priority actions, as described in this report, and including as follows:**
  - a. **Approve the increase in capital budget authority of \$2.7 million, funded by the Citywide Capital Reserve and repaid from the Municipal Accommodation Tax Tourism Reserve, to implement the design phase of 55 ByWard Market Square and the tenant transition plan;**
  - b. **Approve the capital budget authority of \$4.5 million, funded by the Citywide Capital Reserve and repaid from the Municipal Accommodation Tax Tourism Reserve, to implement the design phase of the York Street Plaza;**
  - c. **Approve the capital budget authority of \$200 thousand, funded by the Parking Reserve, to implement a parking replacement and access strategy;**
  - d. **Direct staff to undertake an options analysis for 70 Clarence Street, including options to:**
    - i. **Develop a destination building concept, including a competitive process to identify qualified operating, tenant, and delivery partners, residential integration analysis; and**
    - ii. **Maintain a parking facility at the site;**
  - e. **Direct staff to explore partnership, sponsorship, philanthropic and other funding opportunities and propose a financing model;**
3. **Direct staff to report back to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee and Council in 2027, as described in this report, and including as follows:**
  - a. **The results of the options analysis for 70 Clarence Street and recommended next steps;**
  - b. **An update on the design of 55 ByWard Market Square and York Street Plaza**
  - c. **A recommended parking and access strategy for the ByWard Market;**

- d. **A recommended financing model for the redevelopment program;**
  - e. **A recommended project sequencing schedule;**
4. **Delegate authority to the General Manager, Strategic Initiatives to negotiate, finalize and execute all agreements and deliverables required to support the ByWard Market revitalization framework and redevelopment program, as outlined in this report.**

**Carried as amended**

Motion No. **2026-76-05**

Moved by S. Plante

Seconded by M. Carr

**WHEREAS Councillor Plante has highlighted that there exists a gap in childcare services for parents who are nighttime workers; and**

**WHEREAS CSSD has been directed to develop a business case and capital funding plan to explore the feasibility to maintain the continuity of municipally operated French language child-care services within Lowertown and Sandy Hill and report back to Community Services Committee with the findings of the business case no later than Q1 2027**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CSSD include a priority consideration for licensed early learning and childcare spaces to assist with future growth plans or children and youth recreational programs in the ByWard Market, as part of the reporting back on the aforementioned business case, that will be reported back to Community Services Committee in Q1 2027.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this priority consideration for child spaces in the Market consider a needs assessment of both day-time and nighttime services for the diversity of parents who work in the ByWard Market.**

**Carried**

Motion No. **2026-76-06**

Moved by S. Plante

Seconded by R. Brockington

**WHEREAS public washroom access in the ByWard Market is limited; and**

**WHEREAS public washrooms are open in 55 ByWard Market Square during the day and have extended hours under supervision of security; and**

**WHEREAS the provision of temporary portable toilet rentals is inadequate as a public washroom strategy for the ByWard Market; and.**

**WHEREAS the GottaGo! Campaign was supported by several Councillors; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 3 be amended to add a short-term action to develop a recommended 24/7 public washroom strategy for the ByWard Market and report back to Council in 2027.**

Carried with a dissent from Councillor W. Lo.

**Carried**

Motion No. **2026-76-07**

Moved by S. Plante

Seconded by D. Brown

**WHEREAS many delegations at Finance and Corporate Services Committee on the ByWard Market Revitalization Framework and Redevelopment Program on March 3, 2026 delegated in support of the capital infrastructure investments and a flexible balance between pedestrianization and parking, while also highlighting the need to address social service concentration;**

**WHEREAS document 2 of 11.1 - ByWard Market Revitalization Measurement Framework cites implementing the Unsheltered Homelessness Outreach Model as an action under the Safety and Well-Being for All area of focus;**

**WHEREAS the Unsheltered Homelessness Outreach Model report (ACS2026-CSS-GEN-003) rises to Council on March 11, 2026.**

**WHEREAS the report states:**

- **“...the highest number of recorded unsheltered individuals reached 405, with encampments concentrated in downtown neighbourhoods like Centretown, Lowertown, and Sandy Hill.”**
- **“Compounding the unsheltered homelessness crisis is the toxic drug crisis the city is facing. In 2024, there were 941 overdose-related emergency department visits and 166 opioid-related deaths, with the highest rates in Lowertown West and East, Wateridge Village and Centretown West.”**
- **“A 2025 population survey showed 41 per cent of downtown residents feel unsafe walking around after dark, and over 65 per cent of respondents feel their neighbourhood has worsened in the past two years, citing public drug use and discarded needles as key concerns.”**

**WHEREAS delegate submissions consistently raised the issue of social disorder (the intersection of homelessness, substance abuse and crime and safety), in their delegations;**

**WHEREAS the Rideau Business Improvement Area commissioned a public opinion survey of residents, which part of the delegation submissions for this item, that found in 2025, the top two barriers to visiting the downtown were resident perceptions of Crime and Safety (23%) and Homelessness (23%);**

**WHEREAS “Housing First” (including transitional and supportive housing), with better mental health and addiction wrap-around services, remains a longer-term priority focus of this Term of Council’s priorities that I whole-heartedly support through the Housing and Homelessness 10 year plan refresh, the Housing Acceleration Plan and the Downtown Revitalization Framework, but that it requires additional federal and provincial government support for it to be achievable system wide;**

**WHEREAS this short-to-longer term focused actions on the ByWard is necessary in delivering on these larger agendas;**

**WHEREAS support for capital infrastructure investment in the ByWard Market is welcomed but will not bear the fruit of visitation**

and increased tourism if perceptions of crime, safety and homelessness are not addressed as a city-wide issue;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the ByWard Market Revitalization Framework and its measurement framework, amend the area of focus of “Safety and Well-Being for All,” to include the following objective: “Identify strategies to address the impact of concentration of social services from Ward 12.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that medium-term actions under this area of focus will include “The Steering Committee to identify potential strategies to achieve this objective, some of which may require future consideration by the appropriate Standing Committee (s) and Council.”

**Carried**

Motion No. **2026-76-08**

Moved by S. Plante

Seconded by J. Leiper

**WHEREAS** the ByWard Market Revitalization Steering Committee, established in February of 2025, recognizes that revitalizing the ByWard Market requires a whole-of-City approach, involving multiple City departments, including the Ottawa Police Service, and Ottawa Public Health, as well as collaboration with other levels of government and the broader interest holder community; and

**WHEREAS** there exists a gap in public governance for the implementation of the Framework and Redevelopment Plan.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Steering Committee co-chairs provide a monthly update to the Ward 12 Councillor on its coordinated activities related to City-led initiatives in the ByWard Market.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff undertake a functional review of existing committees and working groups related to the ByWard Market and downtown revitalization, and report back to Finance and Corporate Service Committee in Q3 of 2026 with recommendations regarding the need for additional external engagement and advisory strategies.

**Carried**

Motion No. **2026-76-09**

Moved by S. Plante

Seconded by L. Dudas

**WHEREAS the ByWard Market Public Realm Plan was approved unanimously by City Council in January 2021 and establishes a long-term vision for transforming the streets and public spaces into vibrant, people-focused civic places in accordance with the Official Plan; and**

**WHEREAS Council has reaffirmed its commitment to the revitalization of the ByWard Market and downtown recovery through the City of Ottawa's Strategic Plan and the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan; and**

**WHEREAS the ByWard Market Redevelopment Program implements Council direction by advancing a long-term framework for streets and public spaces that prioritize pedestrians, public gathering, and high-quality civic spaces while maintaining necessary access for businesses, residents, deliveries and emergency services; and**

**WHEREAS the ByWard Market functions as a mixed-use district that relies on a balance of transportation modes and operational flexibility to support local businesses, residents and visitors; and**

**WHEREAS opportunities exist to test temporary and adaptable approaches to the use of streets and public spaces in advance of permanent capital investments identified in the redevelopment program; and**

**WHEREAS the report identifies that the York Street Plaza will proceed to the design phase, which will include consideration of safety measures and operational efficiencies to better support regular use and programming, including the potential use of bollards and other access management tools; and**

**WHEREAS the report identifies a district-wide placemaking initiative in 2026, to be delivered in partnership with the ByWard Market District Authority (BMDA), which will activate plazas and underutilized public spaces using temporary and adaptable elements; and**

**WHEREAS testing temporary people-focused uses of streets and public spaces during peak periods can provide ByWard Market-specific data and operational experience to inform the design phases of future permanent public realm investments;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. Staff be directed to work with the ByWard Market District Authority (BMDA) to develop a flexible plan for temporary and pilot initiatives that allow for the safe, full or partial pedestrianization of key streets and public spaces within the district, including but not limited to George Street, York Street, William Street and ByWard Market Square, during high-impact weekends, holidays and events where operationally feasible.**
- 2. Placemaking initiatives be implemented on a temporary and adaptable basis during the 2026 season, including weekends between Canada Day and Labour Day, in order to test pedestrian-focused programming while maintaining appropriate access for businesses, residents, deliveries and emergency services.**
- 3. Staff collect ByWard Market-specific data and operational experience across different seasons and programming conditions, including impacts on mobility, business operations, visitor experience and safety, to help inform the design phases of future permanent public realm investments within the district.**
- 4. Amend the report recommendation directing staff to report back to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee and Council in 2027, as described in this report, and including as follows:**
  - a. The results of the options analysis for 70 Clarence Street and recommended next steps;**
  - b. An update on the design of 55 ByWard Market Square and York Street Plaza**
  - c. A recommended parking and access strategy for the ByWard Market;**
  - d. A recommended financing model for the redevelopment program;**

- e. A recommended project sequencing schedule;
  - f. That staff report back on placemaking and pedestrianization pilot initiatives;
5. Staff report back to Council on the findings and lessons learned from these pilot initiatives, including feedback from businesses, residents and visitors, as part of the planned 2027 reporting on the ByWard Market revitalization program.
  6. As future capital projects proceed, including the York Street Plaza project, staff evaluate appropriate long-term approaches to access management through the detailed design process, which may include measures such as timed access, removable or retractable bollards where appropriate, and other design tools that support pedestrian-priority spaces while maintaining necessary operational access for businesses, residents, deliveries and emergency services, consistent with Council approved plans.
  7. Staff continue to engage local businesses, residents and stakeholders throughout planning and design processes to ensure that curbside access, loading, deliveries, emergency access and business continuity remain integral considerations as redevelopment advances.

**Carried**

Motion No. **2026-76-10**

Moved by S. Plante

Seconded by J. Leiper

**WHEREAS** a decision on how to re-allocate funding provided by the Province for the pedestrianization of William Street has not been finalized by City staff who are in discussions with the Province.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City's preferred request for re-allocation of Provincial funding be subject to approval by Council by means of a report to the Finance and Corporate Services Committee or City Council.

**Carried**

12.4 Acquisition of 377 O'Connor Street: Transitional Housing for Families

File No. ACS2026-SI-HSI-0002 - Somerset (Ward 14)

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve the acquisition as described in the report for the purchase of the fee simple interest in lands and premises known municipally as 377 O'Connor Street, shown as Parcel 1 on Document 1 attached, from the Albert/O'Connor Properties GP Inc. for \$45,000,000 plus applicable taxes and closing costs estimated at \$2,000,000.**
2. **Delegate authority to the General Manager, Strategic Initiatives to enter into, conclude, execute, amend, and implement on behalf of the City, the Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of 377 O'Connor Street as described in this report.**

**Carried**

12.5 Motion – Councillor C. Kitts – Procurement Practices Pilot Projects

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0028 - City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council approve that:**

1. **Staff be directed to conduct a comprehensive review and feasibility assessment, including operational, legal and financial implications of other procurement practices and approaches that are in place in other Canadian municipalities, which include but are not limited to, a Fair Wage Policy, a Living Wage Policy, and a Community Benefits Agreement; and**
2. **Staff leverage the Ottawa Paramedic Service West Deployment Facility and the Riverside South Library project to pilot innovative approaches that would maximize the use of local and equity denied labour, and ensure robust training and apprenticeship programs are built into the procurement processes; and**

3. **Staff report back to Council by Q1 2027 with the results of the comprehensive review of other procurement approaches in place in other Canadian municipalities, along with proposed changes to the Procurement Bylaw to ensure there is maximum community benefit being generated in Ottawa; and**
4. **As part of this review, staff explore the feasibility of potential options to mitigate development charge impacts on facilities that support the training of skilled trades professionals and are recognized as Training Delivery Agents by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, including consideration of existing or alternative policy mechanisms.**

**Carried**

13. Planning and Housing Committee Report 61

13.1 Transportation Master Plan Development Charges Amendment

File No. ACS2026-FCS-FIN-0004 - City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council approve:**

1. **The 2026 Amended Development Charge Background Study dated January 9, 2026, as detailed in Document 1; and**
2. **The City-wide Development Charge By-law, 2024-218, be amended in accordance with Document 2; and**
3. **The budget adjustments as detailed in Document 3; and**
4. **That pursuant to the *Development Charge Act*, subsection 12(3), no further public meeting is necessary.**

Carried with a dissent from Councillor S. Desroches.

**Carried**

14. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Report 24

14.1 New Private Approach By-law

File No. ACS2026-PDB-RHU-0015 - City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)****That Council:**

1. **Approve the repeal of the Private Approach By-law (2003-447).**
2. **Enact the Access By-law as described in this report and in a form similar to the draft by-law set out in Document 1 to be in effect upon the passing of said by-law.**
3. **Approve the amendments to the following by-laws in conjunction with enactment of the Access By-law as described in this report and set out in Documents 4 to 6 to be in effect upon the passing of the new Access By-law:**
  - a. **Use and Care of Roads By-law (By-law No. 2003-498)**
  - b. **Road Activity By-law (By-law No. 2003-445)**
  - c. **Encroachment By-law (By-law No. 2003-446)**

**Carried**14.2 **Motion – Councillor W. Lo - Watershield parking**

File No. ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0132 - Barrhaven East (Ward 24)

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council direct staff to implement a year-round parking prohibition on the same side as the existing winter parking prohibition (replacing the winter parking prohibition) on the following streets before 1 April 2026:**

- **Cicely Terrace**
- **Coralroot Avenue**
- **Gentian Heights**
- **Springbeauty Avenue**
- **Sweetflag Street**
- **Twayblade Avenue**
- **Watershield Ridge**

For (14): M. Sutcliffe, M. Luloff, L. Dudas, C. Curry, C. Kelly, G. Gower, S. Devine, T. Tierney, A. Troster, R. Brockington, I. Skalski, D. Brown, A. Hubley, and W. Lo

Against (10): D. Hill, T. Kavanagh, L. Johnson, J. Bradley, S. Plante, R. King, J. Leiper, S. Menard, M. Carr, and S. Desroches

**Carried (14 to 10)**

14.3 Motion – Councillor C. Kitts - Extension of Delegated Authority for Seasonal Road Closures

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0027

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council approve the extension of delegation of authority to the Director, Right of Way, Heritage and Urban Design in consultation with the Director of Traffic Services together with the Director of Roads and Parking Services for seasonal road closures to December 2027.**

**Carried**

15. Bulk Consent Agenda

15.1 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Report 33

15.1.1 2025 Annual Report Pursuant to the Building Code Act

File No. ACS2026-PDB-BCS-0001 – City-wide

**Planning and Housing Committee and Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council receive this report for information.**

**Received**

15.2 Finance and Corporate Services Committee Report 34

15.2.1 2025 Statement of Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses Paid to Members of Council and Council Appointees

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

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council receive this report for information.**

**Received**

15.2.2 Report on 2026 Budget Expenses Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09

File No. ACS2026-FCS-FIN-0005 - City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopt this report in accordance with Ontario Regulation 284/09.**
- 2. Approve that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) / City Treasurer be delegated the authority to adjust the accrual budget to include any budget changes approved by Council as part of the final adopted budget, and to include the accrual budget presentation within the City of Ottawa's final adopted 2026 budget book, for information purposes.**

**Carried**

15.2.3 Project Delivery and Cost Estimating Guidelines Update

File No. ACS2026-IWS-AM-002 - City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council approve:**

- 1. The updated Project Delivery Review and Cost Estimating Guidelines, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A.**
- 2. Delegating authority to the General Manager, Infrastructure and Water Services, and the Director, Asset Management individually, to make and approve technical amendments to the Project Delivery and Cost Estimating Guidelines, as described in this report.**

**Carried**

15.2.4 Comprehensive Legal Services Report for the Period July 1 to December 31, 2025

File No. ACS2026-LEG-GEN-0001 - City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council receive this report for information.**

**Received**

15.2.5 Update on the 2026 Municipal Elections and amendments to election-related by-laws

File No. ACS2026-OCC-GEN-0002 - City-wide

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Receive this update on the 2026 Municipal Elections for information;**
2. **Approve and enact a *By-Law to Authorize the Use of an Alternative Voting Method*, attached as Document 1, to authorize the use of a special mail-in ballot that does not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote in accordance with Section 42 of the *Municipal Election Act, 1996*, for the 2026 Municipal Elections and any by-elections that may occur during the 2026-2030 Term of Council, as described in this report;**
3. **Approve housekeeping amendments to the *Contribution Rebate Program By-law (By-law No. 2022-76)* as described in this report and as attached in Document 3; and**
4. **Approve the establishment of the 2026-2030 Election Compliance Audit Committee, as described in this report and including:**
  - a. **The Terms of Reference for the Election Compliance Audit Committee as outlined in Document 4;**

- b. **Delegating the authority to appoint the members of the Election Compliance Audit Committee to the Selection Panel made up of the City Clerk, the Auditor General, and the Integrity Commissioner; and**
- c. **Exempting the Election Compliance Audit Committee from Subsections B.1, 2, 3, and 5 of the Appointment Policy – Council-Appointed Public Members of Committees, Boards, and other External Authorities.**

**Received**

15.3 Planning and Housing Committee Report 61

15.3.1 Area-Specific Stormwater Development Charges Amendment -  
Riverside South

File No. ACS2026-FCS-FIN-0003 - Riverside South-Findlay Creek  
(Ward 22)

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council approve:**

1. **The 2025 Amendment to the Stormwater Management Development Charges Background Study: Riverside – South Urban Centre (SWM Area S-1) attached as Document 1.**
2. **An amendment to the area-specific development charge stormwater management rates listed within By-law 2024-228 for Riverside -South Urban Centre (Area S-1) attached as Document 2.**

**Carried**

15.4 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Report 24

15.4.1 Kanata North Transitway Environmental Assessment Study –  
Recommended Plan

File No. ACS2026-PDB-TP-0007 - Kanata North (Ward 4), West  
Carleton-March (Ward 5), Bay (Ward 7)

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

1. **Approve the updated functional design for the Kanata North Transitway Environmental Assessment (EA) Addendum (Corkstown Road to 240.0 metres north of Maxwell Bridge Road), as described in this report;**
2. **Direct Transportation Planning staff to finalize the documentation for the Kanata North Transitway Environmental Assessment Addendum, submit it to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and post it on the project website;**
3. **Approve the functional design for the Kanata North Transitway Extension Environmental Assessment Study (240.0 metres north of Maxwell Bridge Road to the Urban Boundary), as described in this report; and**
4. **Direct Transportation Planning staff to finalize the Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the Kanata North Transitway Extension project and complete the requirements of the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP) as described in *Ontario Regulation 231/08 of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.**

**Carried**

15.5 **City Clerk – Summary of Oral and Written Public Submissions**

15.5.1 Summary of Oral and Written Public Submissions for Items Subject to the Planning Act 'Explanation Requirements' at the City Council Meeting of February 25, 2026

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0026 - 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 February 25, 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 1-2.**

**Carried**

16. In Camera Items

Council approved Motion No. 2026-76-11 to go in camera at 12:56 pm.

Following a recess, Council reconvened in closed session at 2:01 pm.

**In Camera Session**

**In Council (Open Session)**

Council resumed in open session at 4:00 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.

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

Motion No. **2026-76-11**

Moved by W. Lo

Seconded by M. Luloff

**BE IT RESOLVED that City Council resolve in camera beginning at 2 p.m. 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.**

Motion No. **2026-76-12**

Moved by G. Gower

Seconded by D. Hill

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes and approves the proposed terms of settlement of claims with various insurers under the Builders Risk Insurance Policy No. 14602 whereby the City would recover certain costs arising from the June 2016 sinkhole event during Stage 1 LRT construction, as set out in the confidential Settlement Agreement dated February 27, 2026, and as presented to Council during the in camera briefing;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the terms of settlement shall remain confidential and shall not be reported publicly, as they relate to litigation and are protected by solicitor-client privilege and settlement privilege; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager, in consultation with the City Solicitor, be authorized to execute all necessary documentation to give full effect to the Settlement Agreement and to undertake any actions required to implement its terms.**

**Carried**

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. **2026-76-13**

Moved by W. Lo

Seconded by M. Luloff

**That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee Report 33, Community Services Committee Report 21, Finance and Corporate Services Committee Report 34, Planning and Housing Committee Report 61, Public Works and**

**Infrastructure Committee Report 24, 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 February 25, 2026” be received and adopted as amended.**

**Carried**

19. Motions of Which Notice Has Been Previously Given

19.1 Black Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice Month

Motion No. **2026-76-14**

Moved by R. King

Seconded by A. Troster

**WHEREAS African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) communities in Canada experience disproportionate maternal and reproductive health outcomes and ongoing barriers to accessing appropriate maternal and reproductive healthcare, reflecting persistent inequities within healthcare systems; and**

**WHEREAS reproductive justice is a human rights framework affirming bodily autonomy, access to safe and dignified care, and the ability to parent children in safe and supported communities; and**

**WHEREAS municipalities play a role in advancing population health and equity through public health programming, community partnerships, and anti-racism initiatives; and**

**WHEREAS Ottawa Public Health reports that more than 10,000 babies are born annually in Ottawa, with approximately one in five new mothers reporting postpartum mental health concerns, underscoring the importance of culturally responsive, community-based supports; and**

**WHEREAS research and community-based evidence demonstrate that culturally grounded, community-led approaches improve maternal health experiences and outcomes for Black families; and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa proclaimed April as Black Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice Month in both 2024 and 2025, and continued momentum has emerged across Ontario municipalities; and**

**WHEREAS** establishing a municipal recognition strengthens visibility, accountability, and Council's commitment to advancing maternal health equity;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Ottawa formally establish April as Black Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council request that the Mayor issue a proclamation recognizing Black Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice Month, beginning in April 2026.

**Carried**

19.2 Commemorative Naming for John Curry and John Brummell

Motion No. **2026-76-15**

Moved by G. Gower

Seconded by D. Brown

**WHEREAS** on July 10, 2024, City Council approved the Commemorative Naming Policy; and

**WHEREAS** in keeping with its powers set out in the Municipal Act, 2001, Council may assign a commemorative name by resolution, notwithstanding the provisions included in the Commemorative Naming Policy; and

**WHEREAS** John Curry lived in Stittsville for over 40 years and served as the long-time editor, writer and publisher of the Stittsville News, as well as an avid local historian and author; and

**WHEREAS** John Curry was a dedicated school board trustee for over 20 years and received the provincial Award of Merit in 2018 from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association; and

**WHEREAS** John Curry was a founding member of the Goulbourn Museum, the first Chair of the Holy Spirit Parish Council and a member of the Knights of Columbus, as well as an honorary member of the Stittsville Rotary Club and the Stittsville District Lions Club; and

**WHEREAS John Brummell lived in Stittsville for almost 45 years and worked for decades as a writer and photographer for the Stittsville News; and**

**WHEREAS John Brummell received the Mayor's City Builder Award in 2017 for his work at the Stittsville News, as well as his involvement in the community; and**

**WHEREAS John Brummell was Director of the Richmond Fair Board, a member of the Goulbourn Township Historical Society, the Stittsville District Lions Club, and the Goulbourn Horticultural Society, as well as integral in establishing the Stittsville Rotary Club where he remained an affiliate member; and**

**WHEREAS John Brummell and John Curry were known throughout the community as "the two Johns" who were long-time best friends for 40 years and worked side by side at the Stittsville News and worked tirelessly to document the community and tell the stories of people living in Stittsville and Goulbourn;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approve the commemorative naming of Cope Park, located at 785 Cope Drive, to "Brummell-Curry Park" in honour of John Brummell and John Curry, in recognition of their outstanding service and enduring impact on the community of Stittsville and the City of Ottawa; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate stand and plaque be installed displaying the name and a brief history of the contributions of John Brummell and John Curry; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all costs related to the production and installation of the stand, plaque and subsequent event be funded through the Councillor's office; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all costs related to updating the park sign be funded through Ward 6 – Stittsville Cash-in-Lieu; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all text for signage and commemorative plaques shall be bilingual and subject to approval by the General Manager of Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services.**

**Carried**

19.3 Use of Mooney's Bay Parking Lot

Motion No. **2026-76-16**

Moved by R. Brockington

Seconded by T. Tierney

**WHEREAS the St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Parish located at 750 Ridgewood Avenue is expecting significant attendance during the Orthodox Easter period that will result in overflow parking needs that cannot be accommodated on their site; and**

**WHEREAS the parish has requested the ability for their parishioners to use the Mooney's Bay Park parking lot during the Easter season, in keeping with past arrangements; and**

**WHEREAS, with 1,700 families in the parish, there have been community concerns with accommodating overflow parking on the local residential streets during the Orthodox Easter period; and**

**WHEREAS parking in City parks for unrelated uses is generally not permitted if it is unrelated to use of the park; and**

**WHEREAS the Parks and Facilities By-law 2025-251 provides the general hours of operation of parks is 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the issuance of a park permit to allow the St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Parish to use the Mooney's Bay Park parking lot during their Orthodox Easter events on the following dates and times:**

- **Sunday April 5, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
- **Friday April 10, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday April 11, 2026 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council waive the associated park rental fee.**

**Carried**

19.4 Honouring Ottawa's Black History

Motion No. **2026-76-17**

Moved by M. Sutcliffe

Seconded by L. Dudas

**WHEREAS Black History Ottawa (BHO) is a registered Canadian charity dedicated to advancing education by increasing the public's knowledge and appreciation of Black history, and 2026 marks its 40th anniversary, having been first formed as the Black History Month Committee in 1986; and**

**WHEREAS the history of Ottawa's Black community dates back over two centuries, beginning with early settlers such as London Oxford in 1800 in the Ottawa-Gatineau region and the first recorded Black family in Bytown (Perry Adams and Henrietta Joyce) in 1844, followed by contributions from figures like Paul Barber in the mid-19th century and ongoing growth through immigration, resilience in the face of challenges, and trailblazing achievements in community leadership; and**

**WHEREAS this legacy includes key milestones for persons of African descent in Ottawa, such as Hubert Waugh, Ottawa's first Black police officer (1970); June Girvan, Ottawa's first Black Supervisory Officer for the Ontario Ministry of Education (1990), Isobel Granger, first Black female police officer (1994); and Rawlson King, first Black City Councillor (2019), highlighting contributions of persons of African descent to the city's fabric; and**

**WHEREAS on March 21, 2018, the City of Ottawa marked the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination with a proclamation launching local actions aligned with the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024), leading to systemic policy adoptions across the municipality to promote recognition, justice, and development for people of African descent; and**

**WHEREAS the main objectives of the Decade are to 1) Adopt and strengthen national, regional and international legal frameworks according to the Durban Declaration and Program of Action and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and to ensure their full and effective implementation; 2) promote a greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse**

heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of societies; and 3) promote respect, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by people of African Descent, as recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS our city has demonstrated a community-wide, systemic commitment to the objectives of The Decade through the adoption of its first Anti-Racism Strategy on June 22, 2022, a five-year plan to proactively identify and remove systemic barriers in City policies, programs and services, addressing racism and promoting equity; and

WHEREAS the City is committed to promoting greater knowledge and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of Ottawa, through partnerships with Black History Ottawa for event such as Black History Month events, Black History in Ottawa Streets initiative, and other programs to celebrate and preserve the legacies of residents of African descent to Ottawa.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor proclaim the City of Ottawa as a "Human Rights Community", recognizing our community's commitment to uphold the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to foster an inclusive environment in which the objectives of the Decade are the cultural norm, freed from discrimination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa, supported by Black History Ottawa, identify 40 distinguished Black Ottawa residents to be commemorated over the next decade (2026-2035) for their significant legacy contributions to the community, starting with the following people: 1. Dr Horace Alexis; 2. civil rights activist Minnijean Brown-Trickey; 3. professor Cynthia Bled; 4. child and human rights activist June Girvan; 5. Ottawa's first Black City Councillor Rawlson King; 6. diplomat and author Mairuth Sarsfield; and 7. journalist and writer Ewart Walters.

Carried

19.5 Demolition Control Exemption –139 Parkdale Avenue and 122 Forward Avenue

Motion No. **2026-76-18**

Moved by J. Leiper

Seconded by R. Brockington

**WHEREAS the owner of 139 Parkdale Avenue and 122 Forward Avenue, located in the Mechanicsville neighbourhood, has applied for demolition permits; and**

**WHEREAS the properties currently consist of a two-storey, detached residential building (139 Parkdale Avenue) and a two-storey apartment building (122 Forward Avenue), both properties being vacant, deteriorating, in poor condition, and raising concerns around public safety; and**

**WHEREAS the properties are part of a larger, future development (inclusive of 131 Parkdale Avenue) that will add much needed residential units to the City's housing stock in the form of a mid-rise and high-rise development; and**

**WHEREAS the owner is amenable to providing landscaping requirements and/or potentially permitting the Mechanicsville Community Association to plant a temporary community garden plot in the interim before the future development; and**

**WHEREAS the pending development proposal is subject to Site Plan Control under the *Planning Act*; and**

**WHEREAS the property is subject to the Demolition Control By-law (By-law 2012-377), but did not have the benefit of the Consent application condition requiring the demolition of the existing residential buildings, which was recently amended in the Demolition Control By-law and would have had the effect of allowing the demo permits to proceed in advance of the building permit; and**

**WHEREAS, by waiving demolition control approval, the City will not receive \$6,200.48 (includes \$1,274.64 Legal Fee + HST), which is the fee associated with a demolition control application.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council exempt 139 Parkdale Avenue and 122 Forward Avenue from demolition control, allowing**

the owner to proceed directly to demolition permit issuance at the discretion of Building Code Services.

Carried

20. Motions Requiring Suspension of the Rules of Procedure

20.1 LRT Construction and Stage 2 West Extension

Motion No. **2026-76-19**

Moved by T. Kavanagh

Seconded by M. Sutcliffe

***That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider the following motion as the closure of Woodroffe Ave North is scheduled to happen by March 30, and the matter is time sensitive for Bay Ward residents and small businesses, as well as commuters in the west end of the city.***

**WHEREAS** the residents of Bay Ward have been disproportionately impacted by years of construction and detours associated with the Stage 2 West Extension, which includes the development of seven new stations within the ward, and significant infrastructure work on the Richmond Road Complete Streets project; and

**WHEREAS** the Woodpark and Woodroffe North neighbourhoods have experienced significant and repeated disruptions, including periodic closures of Richmond, Byron, and the closure of Woodroffe Ave north of Richmond Road for several months last year; and

**WHEREAS** when the Richmond/Woodroffe intersection reopened in December 2025, the community was informed that any future closures would be of a short-term duration, and were surprised and disappointed to learn of a new eight-month closure of Woodroffe Avenue (north of Richmond Road), starting in late March 2026; and

**WHEREAS** the infrastructure renewal project on Richmond Road will replace aging watermains and other critical utilities and will be of immense value to the community and the city overall; and

**WHEREAS** the opening of the Stage 2 West Extension will also bring significant benefits and improvement to public transit access and reliability, consideration must be given to the negative impact this

prolonged construction period has had on affected communities;  
and

**WHEREAS** this extended closure once again cuts off the main access point for the Woodroffe North community, severely impacts local small businesses, such as those located at 911 Richmond Road, and represents a significant disruption for people in the west end accessing the Kichi Zibi Mikan from Woodroffe Ave; and

**WHEREAS** the community has expressed a loss of faith in the timeline and management of this project, citing a lack of transparency and the unacceptable nature of repeated, unexpected, long-term closures;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City direct KEV (Kiewit-Eurovia-Vinci), the Stage 2 Constructor, to expedite the underground utility work, permanent road work, and any related construction at the intersection of Richmond and Woodroffe, allocating all available resources to shorten the duration of the closure; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City and KEV provide Council with a clear timeline and project plan outlining the final stages of work on the LRT Stage 2 West Extension and the Richmond Road Complete Streets project, including expected road closures and their duration by the end of Q2 2026.

Carried with a dissent from Councillor W. Lo.

**Carried**

20.2 Councillor Lo: Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) – Board of Directors, Transit Board Members Committee (TBMC), Conferences, & Expenses

Motion No. **2026-76-20**

Moved by D. Hill

Seconded by G. Gower

***That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider the following motion to take advantage of early-bird pricing for conference registration prior to April 7, 2026.***

**WHEREAS** the City of Ottawa is a member of the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA); and

**WHEREAS CUTA is comprised of municipal elected officials from across Canada and provides a venue for discussion and the promotion of public transportation among municipal decision-makers, and serves as a forum to share knowledge, insights, and experience, and help identify new and prevailing issues of interest to the sector and aid in addressing them; and**

**WHEREAS Councillor Wilson Lo is a member of the CUTA Board of Directors; and**

**WHEREAS Councillor Wilson Lo is a member of the CUTA Transit Board Members Committee (TBMC); and**

**WHEREAS Councillor Lo has also accepted a request from the Nomination Committee to let his name stand for re-election for a second term on the CUTA Board of Directors; and**

**WHEREAS Councillor Lo has accepted a request for re-appointment to CUTA's TBMC; and**

**WHEREAS the elections to the Board of Directors and meetings of the Board of Directors and the TBMC will take place at the CUTA Spring Summit and Annual General Meeting; and**

**WHEREAS the CUTA Spring Summit and Annual General Meeting is taking place May 31 – June 2nd, 2026, in Québec City, Québec; and**

**WHEREAS if re-elected to the Board of Directors, the expectation is that Councillor Lo may also attend the CUTA Annual Conference and Transit Show taking place November 15-18, 2026, in Winnipeg, Manitoba; and**

**WHEREAS if a Member of Council is participating on a board in their capacity related to their role as a member, that participation be approved by Council; and**

**WHEREAS, subject to Council approval, the Council Administration Budget will fund the travel costs associated with the participation of Council's representatives to external municipal organizations; and**

**WHEREAS all City-funded travel shall be subject to the requirements of the Council Expense Policy;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the continued participation of Councillor Wilson Lo as a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Urban Transit Association's (CUTA),**

subject to re-election at the CUTA Spring Summit and Annual General Meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council approve the continued participation of Councillor Wilson Lo as a member of CUTA's Transit Board Members Committee (TBMC); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, Council approve the attendance of Councillor Lo at the CUTA Spring Summit and Annual General Meeting taking place May 31 – June 2nd, 2026, in Québec City, Québec, and, subject to re-election to Council, at the Annual Conference and Transit Show taking place November 15-18, 2026, in Winnipeg, Québec; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council Administration Budget will fund the costs for Councillor Lo's participation in the CUTA Spring Summit and Annual General Meeting conference, the Annual Conference and Transit Show, and any meetings and activities of the Board of Directors.

Carried

20.3 Enactment of New Zoning By-law

Motion No. 2026-76-21

Moved by J. Leiper

Seconded by G. Gower

***WHEREAS the enacting by-law for the New Zoning By-Law is included in the Council meeting agenda for March 11, 2026 under 23.1 Three Readings.***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the rules of procedure be waived to consider the following motion.***

**WHEREAS** the report for the new Zoning By-law included a recommendation that if the Minister's approval is not provided prior to enactment of the new Zoning By-law, staff be directed to replace provisions in the new Zoning By-law that implement Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 46 with provisions that conform to the policies currently in the Official Plan; and

**WHEREAS** OPA 46 is considered to be in the final stages of its approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and

**WHEREAS** Section 24 of the *Planning Act* allows approval of a zoning by-law amendment that implements an official plan amendment (OPA) approved by Council where the OPA is not yet fully in effect.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the enacting by-law for the new Zoning By-law, By-law 2026-50, implementing OPA 46, proceed to third reading at the Council meeting of March 11, 2026.

**Carried**

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

21.1 Public-Facing Organizational Chart and Staff Directory

Moved by C. Kelly

Seconded by C. Curry

**WHEREAS** Members of Council are elected by residents to represent them at the City of Ottawa, and residents expect transparency, accessibility, and accountability from their municipal government;

**WHEREAS** residents, community organizations, and stakeholders regularly seek to understand how the City of Ottawa is structured and which branches or officials are responsible for specific programs and services; and

**WHEREAS** the absence of a clear, public-facing organizational chart and staff directory can create barriers to service access, delay issue resolution, and increase reliance on Councillors' Offices as intermediaries; and

**WHEREAS** providing general organizational information and appropriate contact points does not replace existing service channels such as 3-1-1, but instead helps residents better understand how municipal services are organized;

**WHEREAS** many large Canadian municipalities maintain public-facing organizational charts and staff directories as a best practice in transparency and customer service, including but not limited to the Cities of Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, and Hamilton; and

**WHEREAS** providing high-level organizational information and appropriate staff contact details can improve service efficiency,

reduce misdirected inquiries, and enhance public trust in municipal administration;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that City Council direct the City Manager to establish and maintain a public-facing City of Ottawa organizational chart, accessible through the City's website, that clearly identifies departments, branches, and senior management reporting relationships; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City Council direct the City Manager to establish and maintain a public-facing staff directory, with appropriate privacy protections, that includes at minimum:

- a. names and titles of senior leadership and key branch contacts;
- b. departmental or functional contact information (email and/or phone); and
- c. clear descriptions of areas of responsibility to assist the public in directing inquiries appropriately; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public-facing organizational chart and staff directory be designed to be easily navigable, regularly updated, and written in plain language; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager ensure that any exclusions or limitations in the directory are clearly explained and are based on operational, privacy, or safety considerations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager report back to Council within ninety (90) days of adoption of this motion with the proposed scope and format of the public-facing organizational chart and staff directory. At a minimum, it should include:

- a. the names and titles of senior leadership, directors, managers, and key branch contacts;
- b. departmental or functional contact information (email and/or phone); and
- c. clear descriptions of areas of responsibility to assist the public in directing inquiries appropriately; and
- d. examples of comparable practices from other municipalities; and

- e. **implications associated with implementing the organizational chart and directory.**

## 21.2 Service Standards for Councillors' Responses

Moved by C. Kelly

Seconded by I. Skalski

**WHEREAS Members of Council are elected by residents to represent them at the City of Ottawa, and residents expect that when they reach out to their elected officials they will receive timely and respectful responses; and**

**WHEREAS Members of Council rely on timely, accurate, and complete information from City staff in order to respond to residents, address time-sensitive constituency matters, and make informed decisions; and**

**WHEREAS clear and consistent internal service standards support accountability, transparency, and effective collaboration between Members of Council and City staff;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council direct the City Manager to establish and implement a corporate service standard for responses to requests from Members of Council and Councillors' Offices ("Councillor Office Requests"), applicable across all departments and supported by a centralized tracking mechanism; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the service standard include, at minimum, the following elements:**

### 1. **Scope and Definitions**

**Define "Councillor Office Request," and clarify that the service standard does not replace formal Council or Committee reports, statutory timelines, or legislated processes. Definitions shall include when the response timeline begins ("clock start"), as well as definitions for "Acknowledgement," "Interim Update," and "Substantive Response."**

### 2. **Acknowledgement Timeline**

**Staff shall provide an acknowledgement within one (1) Business Day of receipt of a request, including the**

assigned staff lead, a tracking reference number, and a target date for the substantive response or first interim update.

Each department shall identify a designated alternate contact to ensure acknowledgements are issued during staff absences.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the service standard include, at minimum, the following:

**1. Substantive Response Timeline – Routine Requests**

For routine requests, staff shall provide a substantive response within five (5) Business Days of receipt.

**2. Complex Requests**

Where a request requires coordination across departments, research, or additional analysis, staff shall provide an interim update within five (5) Business Days outlining the work required and providing an estimated response date. A substantive response should normally be provided within twenty (20) Business Days, unless extended in accordance with this service standard.

**3. Missed Timelines**

If staff cannot meet a prescribed timeline, they must provide an update prior to the deadline outlining the reason for the delay, work completed to date, a revised target date, and the timing of the next update.

Updates shall be provided at least every five (5) Business Days until the request is resolved.

**4. Urgent Matters**

The service standard shall include an urgent request category, with acknowledgement the same Business Day (or within four hours during business hours) and an interim update within one (1) Business Day.

**5. Escalation Process**

The service standard shall include a clear escalation pathway for overdue responses through departmental

management levels up to and including the City Manager's Office.

## 6. Tracking and Reporting

The City shall implement a centralized tracking mechanism for Councillor Office Requests and provide quarterly corporate performance summaries to Members of Council, including request volume and on-time response metrics by department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager report back to Council with the finalized service standard and implementation details within ninety (90) days of adoption of this motion.

### 21.3 I ♥ (Love) Barrhaven Market 2026

Moved by W. Lo

Seconded by D. Hill

**WHEREAS** the I ♥ (Love) Barrhaven Market is a semi-annual event organised by the Ottawa Farmers' Market in partnership with Locally Crafted Markets and the Barrhaven Business Improvement Area (BIA), promoting the usual local farmers plus guest artisan and business vendors; and

**WHEREAS** the market is scheduled for Sunday 14 June 2026 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Nepean Woods Park and Ride; and

**WHEREAS** vendors require two hours before and after the market for set up and tear down; and

**WHEREAS** the market has steadily grown in popularity, becoming one of Barrhaven's central and most-looked-forward-to regular events and increasing pressure on parking availability at the park and ride; and

**WHEREAS** potential additional guest vendor space was identified on the bus-only ramp connecting eastbound buses from Nepean Woods Station with eastbound Strandherd Drive, adjacent to the parking lot; and

**WHEREAS** within the proposed closure timeframe, trips on routes 70, 74, and 99 will need to be placed on a minor detour which adds 60 to 90 seconds to trip time, with no impact to bus stops, no

**modifications to stop assignments at Nepean Woods Station, and no impact to the turnaround loop for route 80; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the closure of the bus-only ramp from Nepean Woods Station to Strandherd Drive on Sunday 14 June 2026 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for the I ♥ (Love) Barrhaven Market, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of pylons to demarcate the closed areas and an accessible temporary curb ramp be covered by the event organisers.**

22. Notice of Intent

- Notice of Intent from the Auditor General to submit the 2025 Annual Report for consideration at the Audit Committee meeting of March 31, 2026, rising to the City Council Meeting of April 8, 2026.
- Notice of Intent from the Light Rail Regulatory Monitor and Compliance Officer to submit the Annual Compliance report to the April 9, 2026, meeting of the Transit Committee, rising to the City Council meeting of April 22, 2026.

23. Motion to Introduce By-laws

23.1 Three Readings

Motion No. **2026-76-22**

Moved by W. Lo

Seconded by M. Luloff

**That the by-laws listed on the Agenda under Motion to Introduce By-laws, Three Readings, be read and passed.**

2026-76 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law 2024-228, Riverside South - South Urban Centre Stormwater Development Charges By-Law, 2024.

2026-77 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law 2024-218 in respect of Roads and Related Services, Public Transit and Land Acquisition.

2026-78 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to authorize the payment of rebates to individuals who make monetary contributions to participating candidates for office on the municipal council and to repeal By-Law No. 2022-76.

2026-79 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to authorize the City Clerk to

implement the use of an alternative voting method for the 2026 Municipal Elections and any by-elections that may occur during the 2026-2030 Term of Council.

2026-80 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2003-445 with respect to road cut, temporary road closures & temporary construction related encroachment fees.

2026-81 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2003-446 to regulate encroachments on City highways.

2026-82 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2024-486 to regulate Municipal Consent Applications and Utility Circulation fees.

2026-83 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2003-497 respecting permit fees for over-dimensional vehicles.

2026-84 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2003-447 respecting fees for private approaches.

2026-85 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2023-230 respecting fees for ROW patios on City highways

2026-86 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2003-520 respecting the fees for certain signs and advertising devices on City roads

2026-87 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2002-189 respecting the licensing, regulating and governing of Driving School Operators and Driving School Instructors to expand a prohibited area.

2026-88 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2025-094, being a by-law of the City of Ottawa to regulate the control of discharges to sewers and sewage works and to repeal by-law 2003-514.

2026-89 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.

2026-90 A bylaw of the city of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2003-499 respecting the designation of fire routes.

2026-91 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2024-453 being a by-law of the City of Ottawa to provide for solid waste management and to repeal by-law No. 2012-370.

2026-92 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2021-290 being a by-law of the City of Ottawa regulating the operation and use of cargo power-assisted bicycles in the City of Ottawa.

2026-93 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to establish certain lands as common and public highway and assume them for public use (chemin Star Top Road).

2026-94 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to establish certain lands as common and public highway and assume them for public use (rue Mineral

Street, promenade Les Emmerson Drive, bois Sapling Grove, promenade Conservancy Drive and chemin Peninsula Road).

2026-95 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate certain lands at voie Bankside Way, croissant Tadpole Crescent, croissant Moonglade Crescent, ruelle Deltaview Lane, ruelle Concerto Lane and voie Symphony Way, as being exempt from Part Lot Control.

2026-96 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to designate certain lands at terrasse Sencha Terrace, as being exempt from Part Lot Control.

2026-97 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend Volume 1 of the Official Plan for the City of Ottawa to implement the Transportation Master Plan.

2026-98 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend Schedules B9, C11-A, and C11-B of the Official Plan for the City of Ottawa to allow mineral extraction on parts of the lands known municipally as 635 Jinkinson Road and 891 Jinkinson Road.

2026-99 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2008-250 to change the zoning of parts of the lands known municipally as 635 Jinkinson Road and 891 Jinkinson Road.

2026-100 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend the Official Plan for the City of Ottawa by amending Schedules B9, C11-A, and C11-B to reflect recent updates to wetlands by the Provincial Ministry of Natural Resources.

2026-101 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2008-250 to implement zoning related to recent updates to wetlands by the Provincial Ministry of Natural Resources.

2026-102 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 6659 Franktown Road.

2026-103 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2008-250 to remove the holding symbol from the lands known municipally as 15 Deerfox Drive and 3162 Woodroffe Avenue.

2026-104 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2008-250 to change the zoning of lands known municipally as 3490 Innes Road.

2026-50 A by-law of the City of Ottawa titled the City of Ottawa Zoning By-law regulating the use of all land, and the density, size, location and use of all buildings within the City of Ottawa.

2026-105 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2026-50 to change the zoning of parts of the lands known municipally as 635 Jinkinson Road and 891 Jinkinson Road.

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2026-109 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to amend By-law No. 2026-50 to change the zoning of lands known municipally as 3490 Innes Road.

2026-110 A by-law of the City of Ottawa to impose Local Improvement Special Charges in respect of Taunton Place Sanitary Sewer

**Carried**

24. Confirmation By-law

Motion No. **2026-76-23**

Moved by W. Lo

Seconded by M. Luloff

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

**To confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of March 11, 2026.**

**Carried**

25. Inquiries

25.1 OCC-2026-06 - Light glare stemming from LED headlights

Submitted by Councillor R. Brockington

Light glare stemming from LED headlights on new models of vehicles is causing temporary light blindness for approaching motorists putting all immediate road users in to dangerous situations.

What advocacy could Traffic Services staff undertake with the Ministry of Transportation and/or Transport Canada, to address the dangers of light glare from (new) LED headlights to ultimately rectify this situation.

## 26. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Motion No. **2026-76-24**

Moved by W. Lo

Seconded by M. Luloff

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

For (20): M. Sutcliffe, M. Luloff, L. Dudas, D. Hill, C. Kelly, G. Gower, T. Kavanagh, L. Johnson, S. Devine, J. Bradley, S. Plante, R. King, A. Troster, J. Leiper, M. Carr, C. Kitts, I. Skalski, D. Brown, A. Hubley, and W. Lo

**Carried (20 to 0)**

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City Clerk

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Mayor