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| <p>4. Motion - Councillor I. Skalski – Management of Excess Soils</p> <p>Motion - Conseillère I. Skalski – Gestion des sols de déblai</p> |
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Committee recommendation(s)

That Council Direct:

- 1. Staff to report back by Q3 2027 with a review of how other Ontario municipalities regulate or oversee excess soil reuse sites, including mechanisms such as site plan control, haul route agreements, fill management plan requirements, road use agreements, and nuisance mitigation measures.**
- 2. As part of this report and within the confines of applicable provincial statute and regulation, staff provide recommendations to Council on how to best strengthen the City's regulatory or oversight approach to excess soil reuse and disposal sites so as to close gaps that otherwise limit the City's ability to ensure that these properties are managed appropriately; and**
- 3. In the interim, by the end of Q2 2026, staff bring forward for Council's approval an amendment to the Site Alteration By-law 2024-448 requiring owners or operators of excess soil reuse sites, or of registered projects using such sites, within the City of Ottawa to notify the City and the local Ward Councillor within five (5) days of registering with the province.**

Recommandation(s) du comité

Que le Conseil :

- 1. Demande au personnel de présenter, d'ici le troisième trimestre de 2027, les mesures de régulation ou d'encadrement des sites de réutilisation des sols de déblai adoptées par les autres municipalités ontariennes, y compris ce qui suit : plans d'implantation, ententes concernant les circuits de transport, exigences en matière de plans de gestion des**

déblais, ententes d'utilisation des routes et mesures de réduction des nuisances.

- 2. Dans le cadre de cette présentation et dans le respect des lois et des règlements provinciaux, demande au personnel leurs recommandations pour améliorer de la meilleure façon l'approche réglementaire ou de supervision de la Ville concernant les sites de réutilisation et de disposition des sols de déblai afin de combler les lacunes qui empêchent autrement la Ville de veiller à la gestion adéquate de ces propriétés; et**
- 3. Entre-temps et d'ici la fin du deuxième trimestre de 2026, demande au personnel de soumettre à l'approbation du Conseil une modification du *Règlement sur les modifications d'emplacements* (n° 2024-448), afin d'exiger que les propriétaires et les opérateurs de sites de réutilisation des sols de déblai (ou les responsables de projets enregistrés d'utilisation de tels sites dans la Ville d'Ottawa) avisent la Ville et la conseillère ou le conseiller du quartier visé dans les cinq (5) jours suivant l'inscription auprès de la province.**

Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, 2 April 2026.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal du Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales, le 2 avril 2026.

2. Councillor I. Skalski's Motion report dated 2 April 2026. (ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0043)

Rapport / Motion de la Conseillère I. Skalski's, daté le 2 avril 2026. (ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0043)

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Motion - Councillor I. Skalski - Management of Excess Soils

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0043 – City-wide

Councillor I. Skalski introduced the following Motion pertaining to the management of excess soils, asked that Committee waive the Rules of Procedure to deal with it due to the time-sensitivity of the matter, and spoke to the Motion to provide context. The Motion was then put before Committee, and its recommendations were 'Carried', as presented.

Motion No. ARAC 2026 34-XX

Moved by Councillor I. Skalski:

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider the following motion at today's meeting as the matter is time sensitive as excess soils will start being moved again shortly with the onset of construction season, especially once the spring load restrictions are lifted.

WHEREAS the management, transport, reuse, and disposal of excess soil (also known as fill) is governed by Ontario Regulation 406/19 – *On-Site and Excess Soil Management*;

AND WHEREAS under this regulation, sites receiving more than 10,000 m³ of excess soil must be registered in a public online registry administered by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA);

AND WHEREAS the Province does not require municipalities to be notified when a large excess soil reuse site is registered within their boundaries;

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AND WHEREAS the Province does not require that a fill management plan be prepared or made public for large reuse sites, but only recommends such plans as a best practice;

AND WHEREAS without mandatory municipal notification or required fill management plans, municipalities may be unaware of significant soil importation activities until impacts occur;

AND WHEREAS the uncontrolled importation of large volumes of excess soil can generate substantial truck traffic, road degradation, dust, odour, noise, erosion, stormwater impacts, invasive species spread, and potential groundwater concerns;

AND WHEREAS in the absence of advance notice and proactive planning requirements, municipalities are limited to reactive enforcement of existing by-laws after impacts to residents, infrastructure, and the natural environment have already occurred;

AND WHEREAS several Ontario municipalities have adopted by-laws or site plan control measures to address excess soil reuse activities in order to mitigate negative impacts and close regulatory gaps;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council direct:

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Carried