



Emergency Preparedness and protective services committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 21
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026
Time: 1:30 pm
Location: Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation

Present: Councillor Riley Brockington, Councillor David Hill, Councillor Jessica Bradley, Councillor Sean Devine, Councillor Laura Dudas, Councillor Allan Hubley, Councillor Laine Johnson, Councillor Clarke Kelly, Councillor Matt Luloff, Councillor Stéphanie Plante, Councillor Isabelle Skalski

Absent: Councillor Steve Desroches

1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public

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 and public speakers; notices regarding minutes; and remote participation details.

Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.

Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on February 25, 2026 in Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Report 21.

The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on Thursday, February 19, 2026.
2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 EPPSC Minutes 20 – November 20, 2025

Carried

4. Responses to Inquiries

4.1 EPPSC 2025-03 - Ottawa Public Health and By-law Dog Bites Coordination

Written correspondence was received from Natasha Goldstein and is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

5. Office of the City Clerk

5.1 Status Update - Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee Inquiries and Motions for the period ending February 9, 2026

File No. ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0008 - City-wide

Report Recommendation(s)

That the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee receive this report for information.

Received

6. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

7. Motions of Which Notice has been Previously Given

7.1 Motion - Councillor L. Dudas - Ottawa's Animal Care and Control By-law as Concerns the Feeding of Wildlife

File No. ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0134 - City-wide

At the outset, Councillor Laura Dudas spoke to provide context for the Motion she had introduced as a Notice of Motion at the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee meeting of Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Mr. Ryan Perrault, General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services (EPS) Department, Mr. Roger Chapman, Director, By-Law and Regulatory

Services, EPS, and Mr. Jake Gravelle, Associate Director, By-Law and Regulatory Services, EPS, were present to respond to questions.

Following questions to staff, and with Committee discussions having concluded, Motion No. EPPSC 2026-21-01 was put before the Committee and was 'CARRIED', as presented.

Motion No. EPPSC 2026-21-01

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's By-law Review Work Plan identifies regulatory by-laws for review or development each Term of Council; and

WHEREAS the feeding of wildlife, particularly mammalian wildlife, can result in:

- **Animals becoming dependent on humans for food, disrupting their natural foraging behaviour**
- **Increased risk of disease transmission among animals and between animals and humans**
- **Wildlife becoming more aggressive or losing their natural fear of people, leading to safety concerns**
- **Unintended attraction of rodents such as rats and mice; and**

WHEREAS Ottawa's Animal Care and Control By-law currently addresses domestic animals but does not specifically regulate the feeding of wildlife; and

WHEREAS other Ontario municipalities, including Toronto, have recently introduced bans on wildlife feeding, with regulated exceptions for birds, fishing, research, animal control, and cultural practices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff include a wildlife feeding by-law, or amendments to the Animal Care and Control By-law concerning the feeding of wildlife, as an item for consideration as part of the development of next Term of Council's By-law Review Work Plan to be approved by Council, and that other jurisdictions be considered as models as part of this work.

Carried

7.2 Motion - Councillor J. Bradley - Driving School Prohibition Zone near Walkley Drive Test Centre

File No. ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0135 - Gloucester-Southgate (Ward 10)

At the outset, Councillor Jessica Bradley spoke to provide context for the Motion she had introduced as a Notice of Motion at the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee meeting of Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Following discussions, Motion EPPSC 2026-21-02 was put before Committee and was 'CARRIED', as presented.

Motion No. EPPSC 2026-21-02

WHEREAS Schedule 2 of the City of Ottawa's Licensing By-law 2002-189, as amended, licenses and regulates driving school operators and driving instructors;

AND WHEREAS in 2011, by motion, Council amended Schedule 2 to prohibit driving instruction within a defined area adjacent to the Ministry of Transportation DriveTest facility at 1570 Walkley Road to address on-going issues with increased traffic and potential safety concerns in the residential area adjacent to the test facility;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation has expanded its test route and therefore, requested a corresponding expansion of the prohibited area;

AND WHEREAS given continued safety considerations and concerns expressed by the community in this regard, City staff support restricting driving instruction in the expanded test route;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve amendments to Schedule 2 of Licensing By-law 2002-189, as amended, as detailed in the attached amending by-law, to prohibit driving instruction within the defined area adjacent to the Ministry of Transportation DriveTest facility at 1570 Walkley Road.

Carried

8. Information Previously Distributed

8.1 Use of Delegated Authority in 2025 by the Emergency and Protective Services Department

ACS2026-EPS-GEN-0001

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

There were no Notices of Motion.

10. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

Next Meeting

March 26, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

J. Courchesne, Committee
Coordinator

Councillor R. Brockington, Chair