



**Standing Committee on Environmental Protection,
Water and Waste Management**

Minutes 24

Tuesday, 17 May 2022

9:30 AM

Electronic participation

This Meeting was held through electronic participation in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended by the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*.

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- Notes:**
1. *Please note that the Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*
 2. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee.*
 3. *Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 8 June 2022 in Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Report 23.*

Present:

Chair: Councillor S. Moffatt
Vice-Chair: Councillor S. Menard
Councillors: R. Brockington, J. Cloutier, G. Darouze, K. Egli,
A. Hubley, R. King, C. McKenney

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 23, of the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management meeting of Tuesday, 19 April 2022, were confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS

RESPONSE TO INQUIRY

- EPWWM 02-21 - Effectiveness and Enforceability of Anti-idling Bylaw

DEFERRED to meeting of 21 June 2022

PRESENTATION

1. OTTAWA CLIMATE ACTION FUND

City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management receive an oral presentation from the Ottawa Climate Action Fund, for information.

The Committee received a detailed slide presentation from Mr. Steve Winkelman, Executive Director, Ottawa Climate Action Fund (OCAF), which served as an overview of the activities of OCAF, whose purpose is to help accelerate Ottawa's transition to an equitable, carbon-neutral future. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Following questions to the presenter, and Committee discussions, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and the presentation was 'RECEIVED' for information.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

COUNCILLOR S. MENARD (ON BEHALF OF COUNCILLOR T. KAVANAGH)

2. MOTION – CITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

ACS2022-OCC-ENV-0005

City Wide

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council:

- 1. Direct staff to report back to Council by Q2 2022 and:**
 - a) Identify at least three suitable roofs at City-owned facilities to increase renewable electricity generation through leasing solar rooftop equipment for net metering;**
 - b) Establish a working group with Hydro Ottawa and technical experts by Q2 2022 to explore the potential for enhanced community net metering and further enable distributed energy resources.**

2. **Approve that, as part of the 2023 budget process, Planning Real Estate and Economic Development, Recreation, Culture and Facilities, Infrastructure and Water Services, or Innovative Client Services consider the requirement for one full-time equivalent (FTE) position and funding to develop and implement a distributed energy resource framework;**
3. **Approve that, contingent on sufficient resources, Council direct staff to report back to the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management by Q4 2023 with:**
 - a) **An evaluation of existing solar PV systems and impact to facilities installed at City owned facilities**
 - b) **A distributed energy resource framework for city-owned facilities and land including:**
 - i. **Renewable energy generation (solar and wind)**
 - ii. **Energy storage**
 - ii. **Demand response**
 - iv. **Potential policies to install distributed energy resources at City facilities or on City land**
 - c) **Staff and funding implications to implement and support the distributed energy resource framework.**

Councillor Kavanagh thanked Vice-Chair Menard for submitting this Motion on her behalf, and then spoke to provide context. Chair Moffatt also spoke to address public concerns regarding wind power in rural areas. Ms. Andrea Flowers, Section Manager, Climate Change and Resiliency, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, was also present to respond to questions.

With comments having concluded, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were 'CARRIED', as presented.

Emailed correspondence was received from Ms Jane Wilson, Chair, Ottawa Wind Concerns. A copy of her email is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE SERVICES

3. STATUS UPDATE – STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT – INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 6 MAY 2022

ACS2022-OCC-ENV-0006

City Wide

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

- A USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY DURING 2021 BY REVENUE SERVICES UNDER SCHEDULE “B” OF BY-LAW 2022-29, AS AMENDED BY BY-LAW 2022-77

ACS2022-FSD-REV-0003

City Wide

NOTICES OF MOTIONS
(FOR CONSIDERATION AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING)

MOTION N^o EPWWM 2022 24-01

Introduced by Councillor C. McKenney:

WHEREAS the scientific consensus is clear that human activities, including fossil fuel extraction and production, are primarily responsible for accelerating global climate change; and

WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reported in 2022 that we must halve our greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in order to have a reasonable chance of limiting global warming to 1.5°C; and

WHEREAS global governments and the fossil fuel industry are currently planning to produce about 110% more emissions by 2030 than what is needed to limit warming to 1.5°C and avert catastrophic climate disruption, and such plans risk undoing the work of our city to reduce GHG emissions through Energy Evolution; and

WHEREAS changes in the City of Ottawa's climate are already being felt through hotter summers and increased frequency of major flooding events; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa declared a Climate Emergency on April 24, 2019 with the purpose of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, our ecosystems, and our community from climate change; and

WHEREAS the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes communities to untenable risks to public health and safety at the local and global levels and the time is now to phase-out fossil fuels and build a globally just transition for every worker, community and country; and

WHEREAS a new global initiative is underway calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that would end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and accelerate equitable transition plans, which complements the objective of the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty reaffirms the City's commitment to Energy Evolution; and

WHEREAS over 50 cities and local governments globally, including Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal, have formally endorsed the treaty.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Ottawa City Council formally endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council and the City of Ottawa, send a letter from the Mayor to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Ontario urging the Canadian and Ontario governments to support the global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

MOTION N^o EPWWM 2022 24-01

Introduced by Councillor S. Menard:

WHEREAS the City's Urban Forest Management Plan ([ACS2017-PIE-EDP-0012](#)), approved by Council on June 28, 2017, was established to provide a structured approach to protecting and enhancing the environmental, social, and economical services provided by the urban forest and to ensure that it is healthy and robust into the future; and

WHEREAS the City's Urban Forest Management Plan included a recommendation for staff to undertake a Tree By-law Review; and

WHEREAS Council approved a new Tree Protection By-law on January 29, 2020 ([ACS2019-PIE-EDP-0052](#)), to support the protection and enhancement of the City's urban tree canopy; and

WHEREAS a motion was passed by Council on June 24th, 2020 ([ACS2020-OCC-ENV-003](#)), to amend the Tree Protection By-law to reduce the diameter of a Distinctive Tree within the inner urban are from 50 cm to 30 cm in diameter at breast height and a report was subsequently approved by Council to make that amendment on November 24, 2020 ([ASC2020-PIE-EDP-0039](#)); and

WHEREAS in the suburban area of Ottawa, the distinctive tree diameter is currently set at 50 cm in diameter at breast height in the Tree Protection By-law; and

WHEREAS the value of the tree canopy in the suburban area should be reflected equally within the provisions of the Tree Protection By-law; and

WHEREAS there is value in streamlining the provisions for Distinctive Trees within the Tree Protection By-law to reduce resident confusion and to encourage compliance with the by-law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council direct staff to consult with the public and bring forward a report in Q2 2023 to amend the Tree Protection By-law, 2020-340 to reduce the size of a Distinctive Tree in the suburban area of Ottawa from 50 centimeters to 30 centimeters in diameter measured at breast height.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Committee Coordinator

Chair