



Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee

MINUTES 15

Thursday, 16 June 2022

6:30 p.m.

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.*

Present: Chair: Kris Nanda
Vice-Chair: Sonia Pacin
Members: Brian Innes, Paulina Pisarek, Kristine Van der Pas-Norenius

Absent*: Members: Abigail Alty, Merissa Mueller, Corey Peabody, Emerson Vandenberg, Melissa Watchorn
Council Liaison: Councillor Shawn Menard
(*All, as advised)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 14, of the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) meeting of Thursday, 14 May 2022 will be confirmed at the Committee's next meeting.

PLANNING, REAL ESTATE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. CLIMATE RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

CITY-WIDE

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and discussion.

The Committee received a slide presentation overview of the Better Buildings Ottawa and Benchmarking and Disclosure Programs from Ms Julia Robinson, Project Manager, Environmental Programs, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk. Ms Andrea Flowers, Section Manager, Climate Change and Resiliency, PRED, was also present to respond to questions.

Questions touched upon parks and tree infrastructure, tree mortality due to extremes in climate, discussions of dedicating budget resources for climate resilience, priorities that may govern future budgets, prioritizing the need for all departments to incorporate considerations of climate change and the need for work on climate-related communications strategies. Following questions to the presenters and Committee discussion, the Committee 'RECEIVED' the presentation for information.

2. ENERGY EVOLUTION - UPDATE

CITY-WIDE

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and discussion.

The Committee received a slide presentation overview of the Energy Evolution Update from Ms Andrea Flowers, Section Manager, Climate Change and Resiliency, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Discussions included: moving towards more sustainable funding models, funding pressures and funding allocation, and trying to ensure that the City provides sustainable funding to implement a funding resilience strategy. At the conclusion of Committee discussions, the Committee considered the following Motion:

Motion N^o ESAC 2022 15-01

Moved by Chair K. Nanda:

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee recommend that the City of Ottawa and City Council provide the necessary sustainable and stable funding to fully implement the City's Climate Change Master Plan.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

3. SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN - UPDATE

CITY-WIDE

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and discussion.

The Committee received a slide presentation overview of the Solid Waste Master Plan Update from Ms Rachael Jones, Project Manager, Environmental Programs, Public Works Department (PWD) and Ms Ashley Cheslock, Outreach and Communications Coordinator, Solid Waste Master Plan, PWD. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Discussions included comments on community consultation, participation and potential barriers to same; food waste reduction; communications related to community health and nutrition; packaging and hazardous waste reduction

At the conclusion of discussions, the Committee 'RECEIVED' the presentation for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice-Chair S. Pacin asked if members would have any interest in meeting over the summer to discuss, on an informal basis, ideas of how ESAC might be more effective. Chair Nanda suggested that Members could do so over the summer.

Member K. van der Pas-Norenus informed that she would not be able to attend the September ESAC meeting, and welcomed the possibility of meeting with other members over the summer.

Member B. Innes asked about the status of earlier inquiries on the subject of trees. The Coordinator informed that operational staff had been resourced to assist with efforts to help deal with the aftermath of the 21 May 2022 derecho, and that it was hoped staff might be able to address the inquiries by the Fall. Chair Nanda added that the Committee would appreciate an update on the scope of tree damage from the storm, including the number of trees damaged, the cost of property damage, the cost of planting new trees, and what strategies and funds the City might be considering to respond to future weather events.

Member P. Pisarek informed that she would be speaking before the SCEPWWM at its meeting of Tuesday, 21 June 2022 on behalf of the Centretown Community Association, on the subject of an item listed on the SCEPWWM agenda: *Motion – Anti-Idling By-Law Review And Education Campaign.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Coordinator

Chair