

4. City of Ottawa Response to Bill 108
Réponse de la Ville d'Ottawa au projet de loi 108

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the following:

- 1. That Council approve the letter attached as Document 1 to this report and summary of Staff comments attached as Document 2 to this report and the City Clerk and Solicitor forward both to the Minister;**
- 2. That Mayor Watson invite Minister Clark to meet in Ottawa with the Mayor and Chairs of Planning Committee and ARAC to discuss these comments;**
- 3. That, if and when the Provincial Legislature refers this matter to a standing committee, the City Clerk and Solicitor shall contact the clerk of the applicable standing committee to request that a delegation from the City of Ottawa consisting of the Chair of Planning Committee, the Chair of ARAC, the General Manager of Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development and a Legal Services staff member, or their delegates, be permitted to appear as witnesses before the applicable standing committee to speak to the City of Ottawa's comments on Bill 108, and shall provide all information required by the standing committee in order to complete the request;**
- 4. That, if permitted by the legislative standing committee, the aforementioned delegation attend as witnesses to present the City's comments to the committee..**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil approuve ce que suit :

- 1. Que le conseil municipal approuve la lettre jointe à ce rapport en tant que document 1 ainsi que le résumé des commentaires du personnel**

joint à ce rapport en tant que document 2, et que le greffier municipal et avocat général achemine les deux pièces jointes au ministre;

2. Que le maire Watson invite le ministre Clark à une réunion à Ottawa en compagnie du maire et des présidents du comité de l'urbanisme et du CAAR pour discuter de ces commentaires;
3. Que, dans la mesure où l'Assemblée législative provinciale transmet cette question à un comité permanent, le greffier municipal et avocat général demande au greffier du comité permanent la présence d'une délégation de la Ville d'Ottawa composée du présidente du comité de l'urbanisme, du président du CAAR, du directeur général de la Planification, de l'Infrastructure et du Développement économique et d'un employé des Services juridiques ou de leurs délégués à titre de témoins devant le comité afin de se prononcer sur les commentaires de la Ville d'Ottawa sur le projet de loi 108, et fournit tous les renseignements demandés par le comité permanent afin de répondre à la demande;
4. Que, si le comité permanent législatif le permet, la délégation susmentionnée assiste à titre de témoin pour présenter les commentaires de la Ville au comité.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

Planning Committee also approved the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to review the comments and additional proposed amendments to Documents 1 and 2 made by Planning Committee members at their meeting on May 23, 2019, and that staff advise Council, by way of memorandum prior to the June 12 Council meeting, of the implications of each, if any, and prepare a revised Document 1 and 2 for Council's consideration and recommended endorsement.

POUR LA GOUVERNE DU CONSEIL

Le Comité de l'urbanisme a également approuvé la motion suivante:

PAR CONSÉQUENT, IL EST RÉSOLU qu'il sera demandé au personnel d'examiner les commentaires et les propositions de modifications

supplémentaires sur les documents 1 et 2, formulés par les membres du Comité de l'urbanisme lors de sa réunion du 23 mai 2019, et d'aviser le Conseil, dans une note de service avant la réunion du Conseil du 12 juin 2019, de l'incidence de chaque élément examiné, le cas échéant, puis de préparer des versions révisées des documents 1 et 2, pour étude et recommandation d'approbation par le Conseil municipal.

DOCUMENTATION/DOCUMENTATION

1. Report from the General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development department and the City Clerk and Solicitor, dated May 22, 2019 (ACS2019-PIE-GEN-0004)

Rapport du Directeur générale, Direction générale de la planification, de l'infrastructure et du développement économique, et du Greffier municipal et avocat général, daté le 22 mai 2019 (ACS2019-PIE-GEN-0004)

2. Extract of draft Minutes, Planning Committee, May 23, 2019

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'urbanisme, le 23 mai 2019

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Planning Committee / Comité de l'urbanisme
May 23, 2019 / 23 mai 2019**

**and Council / et au Conseil
June 12, 2019 / 12 juin 2019**

**Submitted on May 22, 2019
Soumis le 22 mai 2019**

**Submitted by
Soumis par:
Stephen Willis,**

**General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development
Department / Services de planification, d'infrastructure et de développement
économique**

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OBJET: Réponse de la Ville d'Ottawa au projet de loi 108

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- 4. That, if permitted by the legislative standing committee, the aforementioned delegation attend as witnesses to present the City's comments to the committee.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de l'urbanisme recommande au Conseil d'approuver :

- 1. Que le conseil municipal approuve la lettre jointe à ce rapport en tant que document 1 ainsi que le résumé des commentaires du personnel joint à ce rapport en tant que document 2, et que le greffier municipal et avocat général achemine les deux pièces jointes au ministre.**

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BACKGROUND

The Government of Ontario introduced [Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*](#), which was introduced at first reading on May 2, 2019. The Bill is described as the provincial government's plan to tackle Ontario's housing crisis and contains 13 schedules which affect 15 *Acts*. Many of these amendments have municipal implications. A companion [provincial policy paper](#) provides context for the new proposed legislative changes contained in the Bill.

The Bill is currently undergoing debate as part of the Second Reading process. The Bill may, or may not, be referred to a standing committee of the Legislature before the Third Reading and passage of the Bill.

The province's deadline for comment on Bill 108 is June 1, 2019. Pursuant to the direction of Planning Committee on May 9, 2019 Mayor Watson has, by letter, requested that the Province accept the City of Ottawa's comment after the June 1, 2019 deadline.

DISCUSSION

The letter attached as Document 1 (the “Comment Letter”), serves as the official City of Ottawa comment on Bill 108. The objective is to demonstrate those aspects of the Bill with which the City agrees while providing constructive criticism of and suggesting impactful amendments to specific parts of the Bill that, in the City’s view, are not aligned with the City’s interests.

The Comment Letter incorporates by reference Document 2, in which City staff provide detailed analysis and corresponding comments concerning specific amendments to sections of Bill 108. Document 2 provides working level context on the impacts of the proposed legislation.

This report also recommends that Mayor Watson invite Minister Clark to meet in Ottawa with the Mayor and Chairs of Planning Committee and ARAC to discuss comments in Documents 1 and 2. Staff recommend this approach because it would provide a face-to-face opportunity for honest and constructive dialogue for aligning policy outcomes to stated provincial policy objectives. As the second largest City in Ontario, there are opportunities for Ottawa and the province to work together on tackling the housing crisis, which this meeting would enable.

Finally, this report recommends that the City of Ottawa request permission of the standing committee considering Bill 108, if one is appointed, to present the comments in Documents 1 and 2. The purpose of the delegation would be to assist Members of the Legislative Assembly at Queen’s Park by providing comments on how this legislation is likely to impact Ottawa and to provide constructive proposals for achieving the purposes of the legislation. By providing an opportunity for Ontario legislators to ask questions about the City’s recommendations to improve Bill 108, the City of Ottawa further enables this honest and constructive dialogue for better policy outcomes.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Bill 108 proposes changes to multiple statutes which, if adopted, would have City-wide impacts on City operations, including rural areas. Participation in providing comments on Bill 108 will not, itself, directly impact rural areas.

CONSULTATION

Given the short window in which to consult as a result of the provincial deadline for comments, Councillors were provided an oral summary of the proposed legislation by

Timothy Marc, Senior Legal Counsel, at the May 9, 2019 meeting of Planning Committee. Councillors were further invited to a drop-in technical briefing on the proposed impacts of Bill 108 on May 16, 2019.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLORS

This is a city-wide report - not applicable.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to implementing the recommendations of this report. Council is permitted to approve a statement on the proposed legislation.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset management implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In the event the delegation is permitted to appear before the applicable standing committee, travel expenses will be funded from within existing resources.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no anticipated accessibility impacts associated with this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Not applicable.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION *(distributed separately)*

Document 1 - Draft Comment Letter

Document 2 - Draft Staff Analysis and Comments Table

DISPOSITION

Upon approval:

1. Staff will finalize Documents 1 and 2 to this report and the City Clerk and Solicitor will forward both to the Minister;
2. Mayor Watson shall extend an invitation to Minister Clark to meet in Ottawa with the Mayor and Chairs of Planning Committee and ARAC to discuss these comments;
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