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2020 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET – TAX AND  
RATE SUPPORTED - STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management consider the relevant portions of the draft 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets, including the tax and rate supported programs, and forward its recommendations to Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, for consideration at the meeting to be held 11 December 2019.**

At the outset, the Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of its portion of the 2020 Draft Operating and Capital Budget. The presentation was introduced by Ms Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Solid Waste Services, PWES, who also introduced Ms Isabelle Jasmin, Deputy City Treasurer, Corporate Finance, Finance Services Department (FSD), and Mr. Stephen Willis, General Manager, PIED. Ms Marion Simulik, General Manager, FSD and City Treasurer, was also present to respond to questions.

The presenters spoke to both the *Tax-supported* (Infrastructure Service, Resiliency and Natural Systems, Solid Waste Services and Forestry Services) and *Rate-supported* (Water Services, Wastewater Services and Stormwater Services) portions of the Committee's draft Operating and Capital budgets. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

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The Committee heard from Ms. Angela Plant, EnviroCentre, who expressed concern that the budget did not seem to align well with the City's Declaration of Climate Emergency. She said she had hoped to see greater actions and initiatives speaking to greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction and to inspire climate action.

Correspondence was also received from Mr. Kris Nanda, Chair, ESAC, speaking to both this item and to the *Term of Council Priorities*. The Budget portion of the submission spoke to ways of augmenting revenue (i.e., polluter-pay principles and energy from waste recovery); the allocation of funding for cycling and pedestrian programs; the reduction of vehicle traffic and greater promotion of car and ride-sharing; infrastructure for electric vehicles; and, better funding for the City's Urban Forest Management Plan. A copy of this submission is on file with the City Clerk.

The Committee's questions to staff, and discussions, included, but were not necessarily limited to: upcoming reports speaking to improved GHG-reduction targets; program affordability; liaising or partnering with other organizations; program funding and the state of the City's reserves; increases tied to the rate of inflation; whether rate increases are necessary if there is no critical need; the methodology of monitoring and maintaining infrastructure; ditch maintenance in rural areas; the state of ongoing recycling pilot programs as well as the market for recyclables; future uses of the Hydro One dividend surplus; and, curbside and multi-residential collection contracts.

Chair Moffatt referenced a Motion he had seconded at Council on 27 September 2017 (*Re: Long Range Financial Plan V – Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Supported Programs, ACS2017-CSD-FIN-0023*), which had asked, in part:

***...that staff be directed to review the longer-term funding strategies for the rate-supported programs as described in this motion, to be reported back to Committee and Council following the report on the***

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*updated infrastructure strategies outlined in the Comprehensive Asset Management Program Update – Water and Sewer Rate Supported Programs (CAM) report, and that this report be presented as early as possible in the next term (of Council);*

He explained that the intent of the above Motion had been for staff to return with a report that better illustrated the reasons for significant increases, in 2017, to the stormwater rate, and why this requirement for same had not been known in 2016.

Mr. Alain Gonthier, Director, Infrastructure Services, PIED, noted that a 2017 Asset Management Program update report, aligned with the City's *Long Range Financial Plan*, had outlined the need for infrastructure renewal, which included stormwater assets. He confirmed that staff would soon provide an update.

Vice-Chair Menard then read out the following 'Roadmap' Motions for the Tax-supported and Rate-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budgets.

#### **MOTION N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 2019 07/01**

Moved by Councillor S. Menard:

**THAT the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommends that Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, approve the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management 2020 TAX-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget, as follows:**

- 1. Infrastructure Services as follows:**
  - a. User Fees (page 4):**

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- b. Operating Resource Requirement (page 3).
- 2. Resiliency and Natural Systems Policy Operating Resource Requirement (page 7);
- 3. Solid Waste Services as follows:
  - a. User Fees (page 10);
  - b. Operating Resource Requirements (page 9);
- 4. Forestry Services as follows:
  - a. User Fees (page 13);
  - b. Operating Resource Requirement (page 12).
- 5. Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Capital Budget page 14, individual projects listed on pages 28-29 (Environment) and pages 31-37(Solid Waste).

CARRIED

**MOTION N<sup>o</sup> EPWWM 2019 07/02**

Moved by Councillor S. Menard:

**THAT the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommends that Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, approve the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management 2020 Rate-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget as follows:**

- 1. Drinking Water Services as follows:

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- a. User Fees (pages 3-7);
  - b. Operating Resource Requirement (page 2).
- 2. Wastewater Services as follows:**
- a. User Fees (pages 10-11)
  - b. Operating Resource Requirement (page 9);
- 3. Stormwater Services as follows:**
- a. User Fees (pages 14-17);
  - b. Operating Resource Requirements (page. 13);
- 4. The Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Rate-Supported Capital Budget (pages) 18-21, individual projects listed on pages 33-64 (Drinking Water), 66-69 (Integrated Roads, Water and Wastewater), 71-96 (Stormwater) and 98-116 (Wastewater).**

CARRIED

There being no further discussion, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and was 'CARRIED', as amended by Roadmap Motions N<sup>OS</sup> EPWWM 2019 07/01 and EPWWM 2019 07/02.