

MAKING THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC WASHROOMS WITHIN  
PUBLIC CITY FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

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CITY-WIDE

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**That the Information Technology Sub-Committee recommend that the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend that City Council direct staff to:**

- 1. Produce an app (iPhone, Android and other platform compatible) designed to locate the nearest public restrooms in the City of Ottawa. “Where To Go app” should carry a multi-functional interface similar to those presented in this report as Document 1;**
- 2. Release the appropriate data through the “Open Data Program” so that the Open Data community produce an app and/or;**
- 3. Prepare, maintain, and publish information about the city’s public restrooms as part of its city facilities' attributes in an Open Data format to facilitate its consumption by third party applications and the developer community at large, and;**
- 4. Encourage and reach-out to the mobile application development community to solicit interest in the development of this new app and inclusion in an existing apps.**

Chair Chiarelli and Vice-Chair Leiper briefly spoke to introduce this item, an initiative to direct that the City help in the design and production of a real-time smartphone (i.e., iPhone, Android or other platform-compatible) application (app) to help users locate the nearest public restrooms in the City of Ottawa.

Ms. Sarah Good, Carleton University, was also recognized for her initial work on this initiative. The Committee then heard from the following delegations, both of which were in support of the report recommendations:

- Ms. Joan Kuyek, “Gotta Go!” Campaign
- Ms. Bessa Whitmore and the “Raging Grannies”

Councillor Wilkinson pointed out a conflict in the report recommendations, with the first direction asking the City to produce an app, and with the subsequent three directions encouraging the private sector to do so. She suggested it might be better to rephrase the first recommendation to direct Staff to *ensure that an app is produced*. Councillor Leiper agreed to Councillor Wilkinson’s friendly amendment.

#### **MOTION N<sup>o</sup> ITSC 02/01**

Moved by Councillor M. Wilkinson:

**That the direction in Recommendation 1 of the report recommendation be amended to direct Staff to “Ensure that an app is produced...”.**

CARRIED

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Sub-Committee and was “Carried”, as amended by Motion N<sup>o</sup> ITSC 02/01.

**That the Information Technology Sub-Committee recommend that the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend that City Council direct staff to:**

1. **Ensure that an app is produced (iPhone, Android and other platform compatible), designed to locate the nearest public restrooms in the City of Ottawa. “Where To Go app” should carry a multi-functional interface similar to those presented in Document 1 (attached);**
  
2. **Release the appropriate data through the “Open Data Program” so that the Open Data community produce an app and/or;**
  
3. **Prepare, maintain, and publish information about the city’s public restrooms as part of its City facilities' attributes in an Open Data format to facilitate its consumption by third party applications and the developer community at large;**
  
4. **Encourage and reach-out to the mobile application development community to solicit interest in the development of this new app and inclusion in an existing apps.**

CARRIED, as amended