



Environment and Climate Protection Committee

Minutes 16

Tuesday, 19 September 2017

9:30 a.m.

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

- 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 27 September 2017 in Environment and Climate Protection Committee Report 15.*

Present: Chair: Councillor D. Chernushenko
Vice Chair: Councillor R. Chiarelli
Councillors: R. Brockington J. Leiper, C. McKenney, S. Moffatt,
M. Qaqish

Absent: Councillors: J. Cloutier, J. Mitic, M. Taylor (as advised)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of Interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 15, of the Environment and Climate Protection Committee meeting of Tuesday, 20 June 2017, were confirmed

COMMUNICATIONS

EC 01-17 - OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEXTILE RECYCLING IN OTTAWA

EC 02-17 - WOOD-BURNING APPLIANCES IN OTTAWA

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

1. STATUS UPDATE – ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE PROTECTION COMMITTEE INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

ACS2017-CCS-ECP-0003

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CORPORATE FINANCE

2. LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN V – WATER,
WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

ACS2017-CSD-FIN-0023

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommend Council receive and adopt the strategy described in this report.

Please note: This item was considered in conjunction with Agenda Item No. 3, Comprehensive Asset Management Program Update – Water and Sewer Rate Supported Programs (ACS2017-PIE-IS-0010).

At the outset, Mr. Alain Gonthier, Director, Infrastructure Services, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department (PIEDD), introduced Mr. Kelly Martin, Manager, Asset Management, PIEDD, Ms. Shelley McDonald, Manager, Asset Management, PIEDD and Ms. Isabelle Jasmin, Deputy City Treasurer, Corporate Finance, Corporate Services Department. Ms. McDonald spoke to a detailed PowerPoint slide presentation which served to provide an overview of the Comprehensive Asset Management Program Update – Water and Sewer Rate Supported Programs report (ACS2017-PIE-IS-0010). Ms. Jasmin spoke to a detailed PowerPoint slide presentation overview of the Long Range Financial Plan V – Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Supported Programs report (ACS2017-CSD-FIN-0023). A copy of both presentations is held on file with the City Clerk). Knoxdale-Merivale Ward Councillor Keith Egli was also present for discussions on Items 2 and 3.

Staff had earlier noted errors contained within Tables 11 and 13 of the report, and requested that they be corrected. Councillor Chiarelli moved the following:

MOTION N^o ECPC 16/01

Moved by Councillor R. Chiarelli:

WHEREAS Report ACS2017-CSD-FIN-0023 includes numerous tables to highlight financial information, and;

WHEREAS errors have been discovered in Table 11 (Wastewater), on page 18 of the report, and;

WHEREAS errors have been discovered in Table 13 (Total Rate Supported), on page 18 of the report;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, to correct the errors noted above, the Environment and Climate Protection Committee approve the substitution of the original Table 11 and Table 13 of the report with the following revised tables:

REVISED TABLE 11 - WASTEWATER

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
139.1	145.9	153.1	159.1	165.4	170.3	175.4	180.6	185.9	191.5

REVISED TABLE 13 – TOTAL RATE SUPPORTED

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
5.6%	5.5%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%	4.2%
363.1	383.1	402.4	421.6	442.0	460.5	480.4	501.8	522.6	544.8

CARRIED

Members raised a number of concerns and requests for information with regard to the Long Range Financial Plan V - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Supported Programs report, touching upon the issuance of debentures; requests for greater clarity regarding actual dollar figure amounts represented by the percentages referenced within report tables; and budgeting methodology, along with concerns raised by Councillor Moffatt with respect to the stormwater rate. A Direction to Staff was also provided, as noted further below.

Councillor Chiarelli indicated that he was moving referral of the matter to Council so that these issues could be addressed. As this report was considered in

conjunction with the Comprehensive Asset Management Program Update – Water and Sewer Rate Supported Programs report, that report would also be deferred to the Council meeting of 27 September 2017.

MOTION N^o ECPC 16/02

Moved by Councillor R. Chiarelli:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee refer Items 2 (Long Range Financial Plan V - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Supported Programs) as amended, and 3 (Comprehensive Asset Management Program Update – Water and Sewer Rate Supported Programs) to City Council.

CARRIED

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That staff make available the Motion or wording that was provided in reference to Committee discussions during its consideration of the Recommended Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Structure (ECPC meeting of 18 October 2016, ACS2017-CSD-FIN-0008) that spoke to the need for public engagement with regard to any proposed increases in rates.

From the ECPC meeting of 18 October 2016:

Recommended Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Structure (ACS2016-CSD-FIN-0008), ECPC Agenda 11, Item 3

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

Staff has indicated that they will undertake a regular review of the rate structure as part of future long-range financial plans. Given the importance of public participation in this review, that staff take as direction, and commit to undertaking a similar public engagement process if they are going to recommend any future, non-administrative changes to the rate structure.

PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

3. COMPREHENSIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE –
WATER AND SEWER RATE SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

ACS2017-PIE-IS-0010

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:

**That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommend
Council:**

- 1. Receive the update on the City's Comprehensive Asset Management Program (CAM) as it relates to programs funded by sewer and water revenues;**
- 2. Approve the next steps for the Comprehensive Asset Management Program as identified in this report.**

Please note: This item was considered in conjunction with Agenda Item No. 2, Long Range Financial Plan V – Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Supported Programs (ACS2017-CSD-FIN-0023), and as such, was referred to Council via Motion N^o ECPC 16/02 above.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
WATER SERVICES

4. 2016 DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ANNUAL
MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORT

ACS2017-PWE-GEN-0029

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommend that Council receive the 2016 Drinking Water Quality Management System Annual Management Review Report.

Mr. Kevin Wylie, General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWESD), Ms. Tammy Rose, Director, Water Services, PWESD, and Mr. Adam Brown, Manager, Development Review, Rural Services, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department, were present to respond to questions. Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze was also present for discussions on this item.

Committee questions to staff, and discussions, touched upon the problem of rising nitrate levels at the Shadow Ridge well system, potential solutions including long-term plans to source water from a deeper aquifer, and working on a communications strategy to allay fears arising from media allegations that the system's water supply was 'toxic'.

Staff had earlier noted an error contained within the report referring to the level of increasing nitrate concentrations in the Shadow Ridge well system, and requested the correction below. Councillor Chiarelli moved the following:

MOTION N^o ECPC 16/03

Moved by Councillor R. Chiarelli:

WHEREAS an error has been discovered on Page 6 of Report ACS2017-PWE-GEN-0029 dealing with Raw Water Supply and Drinking Water Quality Trends, particularly as pertains to the nitrate concentration in the ground water wells in the Shadow Ridge Well System;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Environment and Climate Protection Committee approve the substitution of the following sentence:

"Nitrate concentrations have shown a gradual but steady increase from 1.5 mg/L in 2008 to 5.1mg/L in 2016 at the Shadow Ridge Well System."

With the following corrected version:

“Nitrate concentrations have shown a gradual but steady increase from 1.5 mg/L in 2008 to 4.5mg/L in 2016 at the Shadow Ridge Well System.”

CARRIED

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before Committee and was “CARRIED”, as amended by Motion N^o ECPC 16/03.

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommend that Council receive the 2016 Drinking Water Quality Management System Annual Management Review Report, as amended.

CARRIED, as amended

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR IN-HOUSE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION – EXTERNAL AUDIT RESULTS 2016

ACS2017-PWE-GEN-0028

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommend Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED

INQUIRIES

ECPC 03-17 – STAFF ASSESSMENT OF WASTE WATCH OTTAWA REPORT

COUNCILLOR J. LEIPER

On September 15th, Waste Watch Ottawa released a report asserting low rates of waste diversion in Ottawa. Could staff please provide its assessment of whether the quantitative facts on which that report are based are correct?

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Committee Coordinator

Chair