
2018 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET – TAX AND RATE
SUPPORTED – ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE PROTECTION
COMMITTEE

ACS2017-CCS-ECP-0005

CITY WIDE

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee consider the relevant portions of the draft 2018 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 of 13 December 2017.

Messrs. Stephen Willis, General Manager, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department (PIEDD) and Kevin Wylie, General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWESD), accompanied by Ms. Kayla Dover, Strategic Initiatives Project Officer, Business Support Services, PWESD, spoke to a PowerPoint slide presentation which served as an overview of the Environment and Climate Protection Committee's Tax- and Rate-Supported portions of the City's 2018 Operating and Capital Budgets (a copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk).

Ms. Marian Simulik, General Manager, Corporate Services Department (CSD) and City Treasurer, Ms. Isabelle Jasmin, Deputy City Treasurer, Corporate Finance (CSD) and Messrs. Alain Gonthier, Director, Infrastructure Services, PIEDD, and Leo Morissette, Director, Facility Operations, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services Department, were present to respond to questions. Councillors Keith Egli and Tobi Nussbaum were also in attendance.

The following 'Roadmap' Motions, related to the Committee's Tax- and Rate-Supported portions of the 2018 City of Ottawa Draft Operating and Capital Budgets, respectively, were then introduced, along with a Motion from Councillor

McKenney requesting that \$200,000 of the \$500,000 allocated to the Community Energy Fund be reallocated towards two temporary Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing positions for the Smart Energy Office. Councillor Chiarelli also referenced a Motion drafted by the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) in support of directing a surplus Hydro Ottawa dividend to renewable energy programs and initiatives, but during discussions, the Councillor said he would introduce it for Council's consideration at its meeting of Wednesday, 13 December 2017.

MOTION N^o ECP 18/01

Introduced by Councillor R. Chiarelli:

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- 1. Infrastructure Services as follows:**
 - a. User Fees (p. 9);**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirement (p. 8).**
- 2. Environmental Initiatives Operating Resource Requirement (p. 10);**
- 3. Solid Waste Services as follows:**
 - a. User Fees (pp. 12-13);**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirements (p. 11);**
- 4. Forestry Services as follows:**
 - a. User Fees (p. 15);**

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- b. Operating Resource Requirement (p. 14).
 - 5. Environment and Climate Protection Committee Capital Budget p. 16
[individual projects listed pp. 28-31, pp. 33-39].

MOTION N^o ECP 18/02

Introduced by Councillor R. Chiarelli:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommends that Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, approve the Environment and Climate Protection Committee 2018 Rate-supported Draft Operating and Capital Budget, as follows:

- 1. Drinking Water Services as follows:
 - a. User Fees (pp. 8-13);
 - b. Operating Resource Requirement (p. 7).
- 2. Wastewater Services as follows:
 - a. User Fees (pp. 15-17)
 - b. Operating Resource Requirement (p. 14);
- 3. Stormwater Services as follows:
 - a. User Fees (pp. 19-22);
 - b. Operating Resource Requirements (p. 18);
- 4. The Environment and Climate Protection Committee
Rate-Supported Capital Budget (pp. 23-26, individual projects listed
on pp. 37-57, 59-62, 64-94 and 96-112).

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MOTION N^o ECP 18/03

Introduced by Councillor C. McKenney:

WHEREAS Ottawa's Renewable Energy Strategy is a Term of Council Priority;

AND WHEREAS Energy Evolution is a renewable energy strategy designed to manage energy consumption, promote the use of renewable energy and advance local economic development opportunities in Ottawa;

AND WHEREAS the Energy Evolution Strategy aligns with the Sustainable Environmental Services (ES) Strategic Priority: To provide sustainable environmental services that balance protection of our natural resources and support the planned growth of the city with the duty to ensure fiscal sustainability and meet legislative requirements in the delivery of municipal services;

AND WHEREAS a key consideration of the Energy Evolution strategy is Council's directive to reduce community-wide GHG emissions by 80 percent below 2012 levels by 2050;

AND WHEREAS the 2018 draft budget allocates only \$500k towards the Community Energy Fund to allow Community partners to leverage funding from private and public sources including provincial renewable energy programs and FCM grants;

AND WHEREAS there are no dedicated staff positions in the Corporate Smart Energy Office to support this work;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that \$200k be allocated towards two temporary FTEs to staff the Smart Energy Office and that this funding be reallocated from the \$500k from the Community Energy Fund.

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MOTION N° ESAC 11/01

Introduced by Councillor R. Chiarelli:

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee support that the surplus from the Hydro Ottawa dividend be directed to renewable energy programs and initiatives.

The Committee then heard from the following delegations:

- Mr. Bill Eggertson*, Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC)
- Mr. Robb Barnes, Ecology Ottawa
- Ms. Janice Ashworth, Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Committee
- Ms. Angela Keller-Herzog and Ms. Sheila Perry*, President, Federation of Citizens Associations

*[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

The delegations largely intoned that although the City was generally moving in the right direction in terms of environmental stewardship, it was moving too slowly, and that an aggressive approach, with the setting of more ambitious targets, was required for the greater long-term good. The delegations also suggested that a cross-departmental shift in the consideration of expenditures as environmental *investments*, as opposed to *costs*, would yield greater results.

The delegations also emphasized the need for the continued emphasis on, and greater optimization of reduction, re-use and recycling; increased use of biofuels to 'green' the City's fleet; the need for dedicated and experienced management and staff to deliver the City's Energy Evolution Strategy, and; greater forethought to develop plans for alternative low-carbon mobility and a vision for cars beyond the implementation of the City's Light Rapid Transit system.

Committee discussions included points raised by the delegations and also touched upon the feasibility of directing the Hydro Ottawa dividend to renewable energy programs and initiatives; the logistics of reinstating the City's tree planting programs (a request from ESAC); Natural Area acquisitions / NCC outreach; diminished revenues related to lower rates of water consumption; the logistics of shifting revenues between programs to address staffing for the Smart Energy Office, and; the possibility of leveraging funds from other levels of government.

Discussions having concluded, the following Motions, including those introduced earlier, as noted above, were considered as follows:

MOTION N^O ECP 18/04

Moved by Councillor R. Brockington:

That Councillor McKenney's Motion be REFERRED to the Council meeting of 13 December 2017.

LOST, on a division of 1 yeas and 7 nays, as follows:

YEAS (1): Councillor R. Brockington

NAYS (7): Councillors J. Cloutier, J. Leiper, C. McKenney, S. Moffatt,
M. Qaqish, M. Taylor and D. Chernushenko

As Councillor McKenney's Motion contained implications that would affect the fifth point of Motion N^O ECP 18/01, there was a request to split the vote on the individual points contained therein. Points 1 to 4 were all "CARRIED", as presented:

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Moved by: Councillor R. Brockington:

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CARRIED

Subsequent to the above, the Committee considered Councillor McKenney's Motion, being Motion N^O ECP 18/03:

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Moved by Councillor C. McKenney:

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Priority;

And whereas Energy Evolution is a renewable energy strategy designed to
manage energy consumption, promote the use of renewable energy and
advance local economic development opportunities in Ottawa;

AND WHEREAS the Energy Evolution Strategy aligns with the Sustainable
Environmental Services (ES) Strategic Priority: To provide sustainable
environmental services that balance protection of our natural resources
and support the planned growth of the city with the duty to ensure fiscal
sustainability and meet legislative requirements in the delivery of
municipal services;

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Council's directive to reduce community-wide GHG emissions by 80
percent below 2012 levels by 2050;

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Community Energy Fund to allow Community partners to leverage funding
from private and public sources including provincial renewable energy
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AND WHEREAS there are no dedicated staff positions in the Corporate
Smart Energy Office to support this work;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that \$200k be allocated towards two temporary
FTEs to staff the Smart Energy Office and that this funding be reallocated
from the \$500k from the Community Energy Fund.

LOST, on a division of 4 yeas and 4 nays, as follows:

YEAS (4): Councillors J. Cloutier, J. Leiper, C. McKenney and S. Moffatt

NAYS (4): Councillors R. Brockington, M. Qaqish, M. Taylor and
D. Chernushenko

The Committee then completed its consideration of Motion N^o ECP 18/01:

MOTION N^o ECP 18/01 (cont'd...)

Moved by: Councillor R. Brockington:

5. Environment and Climate Protection Committee Capital Budget p. 16
[individual projects listed pp. 28-31, pp. 33-39].

CARRIED, on a division of 6 yeas and 2 nays, as follows:

YEAS (6): Councillors R. Brockington, J. Cloutier, S. Moffatt, M. Qaqish,
M. Taylor and D. Chernushenko

NAYS (2): Councillors J. Leiper and C. McKenney

As with Motion N^o ECP 18/01, there was a request to split the vote on the individual points contained within Motion N^o ECP 18/02. All of the points were "CARRIED" as presented:

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MOTION NO. ECP 18/02

Moved by: Councillor R. Brockington

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CARRIED

The report recommendation, as put before Committee, was therefore “CARRIED”, as amended by Motions N^{OS} ECP 18/01 and 18/02, as outlined below:

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CARRIED, as amended

The following Directions to Staff were also provided:

DIRECTIONS TO STAFF:

That, prior to Council's consideration of this matter at its meeting of Wednesday, 13 December 2017, staff report back, via memorandum to all members of Council on the following:

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1. An identification of which, in staff's professional opinion, would be the lowest priority project(s), to the approximate value of \$1-1.5 Million-worth of funding, should Council decide to transfer such an amount between budget lines;
 2. An estimate of the amount of time and resources required to complete the City's Emerald Ash Borer program;
 3. The reasons for public reluctance / low interest / low participation in the City's Recycling Programs (Blue Box, Black Box and Green Bin) along with methods of addressing same;
 4. An assurance that staffing levels are currently adequate to maintain planned programs as outlined in the General Manager's presentations to Committee (i.e., Energy Evolution) without the expenditure of additional resources;
 5. An identification of the amount of money the City is collecting / recovering from Road-Cut Degradation Fees and whether the fees collected are adequate to cover the City's needs.

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That staff outline the logistics of the processes and procedures that would be involved, should Council choose to direct that a portion of the surplus from the Hydro dividend be used for renewable energy programs and initiatives, or as a source of yearly revenue.

(Staff noted, and Councillor Brockington concurred, that it would be premature to include this in the current budget process, but that this would be addressed when staff report back on the governance of the Energy Innovation Fund.)