

EXTRACT OF DRAFT
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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
16 JUNE 2015

EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU
PROCÈS-VERBAL 6
COMITÉ DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT
LE 6 JUIN 2015

PROPOSED 2015-2018 TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

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*Referred from the Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting of
2 June 2015.*

*Environment Committee Recommendations will be presented to City Council
on 8 July 2015 in Finance and Economic Development Committee Report 5B*

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Environment Committee recommend Council approve
Appendix A, Section 5.**

At the outset, Councillor Chiarelli introduced the following Motion as a technical amendment to reflect that the funding noted in *Strategic Initiative 22 – Renewable Energy Strategy*, appear in the 2014 and 2015 Base Operating funding only, and not in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

MOTION N^o EC 04/01

Moved by Councillor R. Chiarelli:

WHEREAS Strategic Initiative 22 – Renewable Energy Strategy (p. 88 of Appendix A) has an error in the funding for this strategic initiative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the funding for Strategic Initiative 22 – Renewable Energy Strategy (p. 88) be amended to note that \$100,000 of base Operating Budget funding be included only for the years 2014 and 2015.

CARRIED

Chair Chernushenko introduced this item, following which, Mr. Steve Box, Director, Corporate Programs and Business Services Department, City Manager's Office, spoke to a brief PowerPoint slide presentation overview of the report (a copy of the Councillor's speaking notes and the staff presentation are held on file with the City Clerk).

The Committee then heard from the following public delegations speaking to various elements of the Environment Committee's *Strategic Objectives and Initiatives* portion of the Proposed 2015-18 Term of Council Priorities.

- Dr. George Sorger*, PhD, Department of Biology, McMaster University
- Ms. Gaye Taylor*, Executive Director, "Cool it for the Kids" (w/video)
- Mr. David Rhynas*, 350 Ottawa
- Ms. Adrienne Yuen*, Vice-Chair, Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee
- Mr. Don Grant*, Executive Director, Ottawa Centre EcoDistrict
- Ms. Shelley Page
- Ms. Lynda Kitchikeesic
- Mr. David Beddoe, Ottawa Greenpeace
- Ms. Nancy Biggs
- Mr. Duncan Bury
- Mr. Brian Tansey*, Zero Waste Canada
- Mr. Charles Hodgson*, Ecology Ottawa
- Mr. Bill Toms*
- Ms. Charlotte Scromeda, Faith and the Common Good
- Mr. Marwan Ghalib*, Sustainable Eastern Ontario (w/PowerPoint)
- Ms. Liz Bernstein, President, Lowertown Community Association

Correspondence was also received from the following individuals / groups:

- Mr. Erwin Dreessen*, Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital
- Mr. Peter Farrell*
- Ms. Janice Ashworth*, Operations Mgr., Ottawa Renewable Energy Group

*[* 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.]*

Committee questions to Staff and deliberations touched upon, but were not limited to, matters raised by various delegations regarding: environmental sustainability; forestry management; air quality and climate change; effects of climate change on agriculture and food production; the City's commitment to reducing both its own, and the community's greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption; potential economic impacts from a possible divestment from fossil fuels; the possible use of Local Improvement Charge funding for building retrofits; mandatory disclosure of energy performance for commercial buildings; impacts to the City's stock of affordable housing, and; key measurables for gauging the City's performance in meeting its objectives.

Committee discussions also resulted in a number of Directions to Staff to request additional information, to be reported to Council in the form of memoranda, before this matter rises to Council on 8 July 2015 (Directions to Staff are outlined at the end of this item).

Referencing Council's commitment to environmental sustainability for the City through a renewed Urban Forest Management Strategy, Councillor Leiper moved that this be included as a strategic initiative in the 2015-18 Term of Council Priorities:

MOTION N^o EC 04/02

Moved by Councillor J. Leiper:

WHEREAS Council is committed to Ottawa's environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS Council has identified the importance of a renewed Urban Forest Management Strategy and directed staff to complete the development of this strategy; and

WHEREAS funding was included in the 2015 Capital budget adopted by Council to fund the completion of a renewed Urban Forest Management Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Urban Forest Management Strategy be included as a strategic initiative in the 2015-2018 Term of Council Priorities under objective ES1-Supportive and environmentally

sustainable Ottawa with the associated performance measure of completing the development of the Forest Management Strategy in 2016.

CARRIED

A number of parties made reference to the TransCanada Corporation's *Energy East Pipeline* project as an environmental Term of Council priority that the Committee should address. Staff noted that there will be opportunities for the City to hear from the public and to provide comment when this matter is to be brought before the Committee for its consideration in several months' time.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before Committee and was "Carried", as amended by Motions N^{OS} EC/01 and EC/02, and with Directions to Staff having been given, as noted further below.

That the Environment Committee recommend Council approve Appendix A, Section 5, as amended by the following:

- 1. That the funding for Strategic Initiative 22 – Renewable Energy Strategy (p. 88) be amended to note that \$100,000 of base Operating Budget funding be included only for the years 2014 and 2015, and;**
- 2. That the Urban Forest Management Strategy be included as a strategic initiative in the 2015-2018 Term of Council Priorities under objective ES1-Supportive and environmentally sustainable Ottawa with the associated performance measure of completing the development of the Forest Management Strategy in 2016.**

CARRIED, as amended

DIRECTIONS TO STAFF:

1. That, as pertains to the Environment Committee's (EC) portion of the Proposed Term of Council 2015-18 Strategic Directions report, staff review public submissions (made at Committee or submitted to Committee) to address the following concerns related to the EC's portion of the report's Strategic Initiatives:
 - What the City is doing to meet its corporate and community-wide

responsibilities for the measurement, monitoring and reduction of greenhouse gases;

- A clarification of the term “sustainability lens” pertaining to *Governance, Planning and Decision-making*;
- Potential impacts to the City’s investment portfolio resulting from a possible suggested divestment from fossil fuels;
- What the City is doing to promote *Low Impact Development* and to advance solutions to stormwater management (notably through the Planning processes);

And that the review be reported to Council in the form of a memorandum, and that this memorandum be submitted to Council before the matter rises to Council on 8 July 2015.

2. That Planning and Growth Management staff provide, for the information of Council, options regarding Urban Forestry Management and reliable sources of funding (i.e., an analysis of funds currently available for land preservation / conservation / acquisition at the federal level or through the Nature Conservancy or other sources) for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, that these options be reported to Council in the form of a memorandum, and that this memorandum be submitted to Council before the matter rises to Council on 8 July 2015.
3. That a review of the potential use of *Local Improvement Charge* funding for home energy retrofits, including a review of programs implemented in other municipalities, such as the City of Toronto’s recent pilot program, be brought forward to Environment Committee in Q4 2015.
4. That, as pertains to Strategic Initiative No. 22, the development of a *Renewable Energy Strategy*, staff bring forward a draft analysis for the consideration of Committee by no later than Q4 of 2016.