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**2019 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET – TAX AND
RATE SUPPORTED - STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
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**BUDGETS PRÉLIMINAIRES DE FONCTIONNEMENT ET
D'IMMOBILISATIONS DE 2019 – FINANCÉS PAR LES TAXES ET
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management consider the relevant portions of the draft 2019 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 March 6, 2019.

Mr. Kevin Wylie, General Manager, Public Works and Environmental Services Department (PWESD), introduced Mr. Alain Gonthier, Director, Infrastructure Services, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department (PIEDD), Ms Isabelle Jasmin, Deputy City Treasurer, Financial Services, Corporate Services Department, and Ms. Megan Michie, Program and Project Management Officer, Business Support Services, PWESD.

Mr. Wylie, Ms Jasmin and Mr. Gonthier then spoke to a detailed PowerPoint slide presentation overview of the Committee's portion of the 2019 Draft Operating and

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Capital Tax and Rate-Supported Budgets. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk. Mr. Stephen Willis, General Manager, PIEDD, Ms Marian Simulik, General Manager, CSD and City Treasurer, Ms Marilyn Journeaux, Director, Solid Waste Services, PWESD, and Ms Laila Gibbons, Director, Parks, Forestry and Stormwater Services, PWESD, were also present to respond to questions. Councillors D. Deans, L. Dudas, T. Kavanagh and C.A. Meehan were also in attendance.

Following the presentation, Councillor Menard introduced the following Motion so that the Committee could receive and consider pages that had been amended within its Rate-Supported Budget book.

MOTION N^o EPWWM 01/03

Moved by Councillor S. Menard:

WHEREAS the 2019 Draft Budget includes Integrated Roads, Water & Wastewater Capital projects that are funded partially through the Transportation Committee Budget (the Roads portion) and partially through the Rate-supported Budget; and

WHEREAS, while these projects were included in the Transportation Committee budget book, but the rate-supported funding for these integrated water and wastewater projects were inadvertently omitted from the rate-supported budget book that was tabled at Council and is before the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management receive and consider the attached amended pages of the draft 2019 Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management, Rate-Supported Budget, as follows:

- : Amended Pages 23-25b – Capital Funding Summary**
- : Amended Pages 115-119B - Capital Forecast Summary**

CARRIED

The Committee then heard from the following delegations offering their views and suggestions for the Committee's portion of the 2019 City Budget:

- Ms Erin Andrews
- Mr. Eric Schiller, Ottawa Water / Study Action Group
- Mr. Bill Eggertson*, Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee
- Ms Emma Coulter, Healthy Transportation Coalition
- Mr. Robb Barnes*, Ecology Ottawa
- Ms Angela Keller-Herzog*, Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES)

Written correspondence was also received from the following:

- Ms Karen Treleaven*
- Dr. Eugenie Waters*

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- Mr. John D. Reid*

[* 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 the delegations and to staff were based upon the staff presentation and many of the points raised by the delegations, which included, but were not necessarily limited to: greater promotion of the quality of the City's tap water; eliminating plastic water bottle use at City facilities; additional funding for Energy Evolution and environmental infrastructure; tree replacement and reforestation; construction of energy-efficient housing; the development and implementation of bold new Strategic Priorities; greater use of a Climate Impact Lens in all decision-making; transitioning to electric transit vehicles and investing in transit infrastructure to get more vehicles off of the City's roadways.

Deliberations centred on the points raised above, and included discussions on the City's reserve funds, stormwater fees, greenhouse gas reduction targets, the value of recyclables, funding for education to foster increased recycling and green bin usage, the state of existing infrastructure, potential risks due to invasive flora and fauna, opportunities to collaborate with external organizations, and whether staffing levels are adequate to provide required services.

Discussions having concluded, the Committee then considered the following Motions:

MOTION N° EPWWM 01/04

Moved by Councillor S. Menard:

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- 1. Infrastructure Services as follows:**
 - a. User Fees (p. 9);**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirement (p. 8).**
- 2. Resiliency and Natural Systems Policy 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);**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirement (p. 14).**
- 5. Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Capital Budget p. 16 (individual projects listed pp. 34-35, pp. 37-45).**

CARRIED

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MOTION N° EPWWM 01/05

Moved by Councillor S. Menard

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- 1. Drinking Water Services as follows:**
 - a. User Fees (pp. 9-13);**
 - b. Operating Resource Requirement (p. 8).**
- 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 Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Rate-Supported Capital Budget (pp. 23-25B, as**

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amended, individual projects listed on pp. 39-64, 66-69, 71-92 and 94-114).

CARRIED, as further amended by Motion N^o EPWWM 01/06:

MOTION N^o EPWWM 01/06

Moved by Councillor J. Cloutier:

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, the Environmental Protection, Water & Waste Management Committee is considering the draft 2019 Rate Supported Services Operating and Capital Budgets; and,

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Services budget includes an overall revenue increase of 13% to cover the costs of the full capital and operating Stormwater Services program, as approved in the Long-Range Financial Plan for Rate Supported Services; and

WHEREAS, the recommended 13% revenue increase to cover program costs would result in an increase of 10.8% for Stormwater ratepayers; and

WHEREAS staff has advised that a 1% reduction in the Stormwater rate could be achieved if the Stormwater Services budget was reduced by \$410,000; and

WHEREAS staff has advised that a reduction of \$410,000 in the overall stormwater capital program could be accommodated without a major impact in stormwater services;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend Council approve that the planned capital investment in stormwater services (page 18 of the Rate-Supported Budget Book, Operating Resource Requirement, Non-Departmental) be reduced by \$410,000, with the result being that the 2019 stormwater rate increase would be 9.8%, and that staff be directed to amend the rates on page 21 (Stormwater Services-User Fees) to reflect that change.

CARRIED, with Councillor R. Brockington dissenting.

MOTION N^o EPWWM 01/07

Moved by Councillor K. Egli:

WHEREAS Phase 1 of Energy Evolution: Ottawa's Community Energy Transition Strategy was approved by Council on December 13, 2017 (ACS2017-PIE-EDP-0048). It framed the beginning of a strategy for Ottawa and approved a three-year action plan designed to manage energy consumption, promote the use of renewable energy and advance local economic development opportunities in Ottawa.; and

WHEREAS on December 13, 2017 Council approved by way of motion that:

"City Council approve that any surplus in the Hydro dividend received in 2018 will be allocated such that 2/3 of the amount be directed towards the Road Resurfacing program and that 1/3 be directed towards energy efficiency programs within the City, with specific projects to be

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recommended by the Environment and Climate Protection Committee and Council once the specific dollar amount, if any, is known.”

WHEREAS in June 2018 Council approved the Energy Evolution: Ottawa's Community Energy Transition Strategy, Phase 2 Update (ACS2018-PIE-EDP-0033) which included staff's recommendation for eight energy initiatives that would be funded using the 2018 Hydro Ottawa dividend surplus in the amount of \$633,000; and

WHEREAS the initiatives supported the Strategy's objectives to reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions, transition to renewable energy sources and promoted Ottawa as a center for innovation; and

WHEREAS it is expected that there will be further Hydro Ottawa surplus dividends going forward for the 2018-2022 Term of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council approve that any surplus in the Hydro Ottawa dividend received in the 2018-2022 Term of Council, that is the amount the exceeds the projected amount in the long range financial plan, be directed toward energy efficiency, conservation or renewable energy programs within Ottawa, with specific projects to be recommended by staff and approved by the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water & Waste Management and Council once the specific dollar amount, if any, is known.

CARRIED

The report recommendation was then put before the Committee and was “CARRIED”, as amended by Motions N^{OS} EPWWM 01/03, 01/04, 01/05, 01/06 and 01/07:

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 - c. Stormwater Services as follows:
 - i. User Fees (pp. 19-22), amended as noted below;
 - ii. Operating Resource Requirements (p. 18) as amended as follows:

That the planned capital investment in stormwater services (page 18 of the Rate-Supported Budget Book, Operating Resource Requirement, Non-Departmental) be reduced by \$410,000, with the result being that the 2019 stormwater rate increase would be 9.8%, and that staff be directed to amend the rates on page 21 (Stormwater Services-User Fees) to reflect that change;
 - d. The Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management Rate-Supported Capital Budget (pp.

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CARRIED, as amended