

**Extract of Draft Minutes 3
Planning Committee
February 28, 2019**

**Extrait de l'ébauche
du procès-verbal 3
Comité de l'urbanisme
le 28 février 2019**

Significant Woodlands Guidelines

ACS2019-PIE-EDP-0003

City Wide

Report recommendations

That the Planning Committee:

- 1. Recommend that Council endorse the proposed settlement with the appellants of the Significant Woodlands policies approved by Council on 14 December 2016, as described in this report.**
- 2. Recommend that Council approve the attached Document 1, Significant Woodlands: Guidelines for Identification, Evaluation, and Impact Assessment [Significant Woodlands Guidelines].**
- 3. Direct the Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Development staff to initiate a review of the implementation of the Significant Woodlands Guidelines within three years of approval.**

Nick Stow, Planner, and Geraldine Wildman, Program Manager, Resiliency and Natural Systems Policy, of the Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development department were present to provide comment and respond to questions. Mr. Stow provided a memo to the Committee on February 26, enclosing eight public submissions, and the staff responses to them, that had been considered in the preparation of the report but were accidentally omitted from Document 3. A copy of the memo is held on file.

The committee heard one delegation:

- Paul Johanis, Chair, Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital¹, noted some

¹ Written submission provided; a copy is held on file with the City Clerk

concerns regarding wording around the new definition of tree, and about how significant woodlands will be treated in future urban expansions, but supported the adoption of the guidelines and did not object to the proposed settlement because of the greater gain of recognition of the social and cultural value of urban woodlands and the rigor provided by the guidelines in how to apply this principle.

In addition to the submission previously noted, Planning Committee received the following correspondence between February 15 (the date the report was published to the City's website) and the time it was considered on February 28, a copy of which is held on file:

- Email dated February 27 from Faith Blacquiere
- Email dated February 27 from Heather Pearl, Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa

Motion N° PLC 2019 3/3

Moved by Vice-chair T. Tierney

WHEREAS the Staff Report on the Significant Woodlands Guidelines (ACS2019-PIE-EDP-0003) includes Document 3, Response to Comments; and

WHEREAS staff unintentionally omitted from that document the responses to eight public submissions, as detailed and distributed to committee members in a staff memorandum on February 26, 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Planning Committee amend the staff report, before it rises to Council, to include the summary and responses to the eight additional public submissions as found in the attached table².

CARRIED

Planning Committee CARRIED the report as amended by Motion 2019 3/3.

² The contents of the table appear in Document 3 of the report to Council for its meeting on March 6, 2019