



Community and Protective Services Committee

Minutes 19

Thursday, May 20, 2021

9:30 AM

Electronic Participation

This Meeting was held through electronic participation in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended by Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*.

- Notes:*
- 1. Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by the 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 May 26, 2021 in Community and Protective Services Committee Report 19..*

Present: Chair: Councillor M. Luloff
Vice-Chair: Councillor K. Egli
Councillors: D. Deans, L. Dudas, E. El-Chantiry, M. Fleury, T. Kavanagh, C. Kitts, C. McKenney, C. A. Meehan, T. Tierney

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 18 - 15 April 2021 (regular meeting)

Minutes 1 – April 22, 2021 – Special Joint Meeting of Planning Committee and
Community and Protective Services Committee

CONFIRMED

EMERGENCY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

OTTAWA PARAMEDIC SERVICES

1. OTTAWA PARAMEDIC SERVICE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

ACS2021-EPS-OPS-0001

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

**That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend
Council receive this report for information.**

Kim Ayotte, A/General Manager, Emergency and Protective Services, gave a brief summary of the report at hand and introduced Chief Pierre Poirier, Ottawa Paramedic Service who gave a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation is held on file by the City Clerk's office.

Following the presentation Committee members had a variety questions and comments as follows but not limited to the following:

- The Committee members were flabbergasted and impressed by the amount of work paramedics have done during COVID and able to maintain legislative timelines. Throughout the pandemic, paramedics have risen to the occasion and taken on additional responsibilities. They need to maintain their health and strength for the safety of the community. Report will come before committee on mental health in the 3rd quarter

- The offload times at all hospitals is still long but slowly improving at Ottawa Hospital and it was pointed out that CHEO performs well and they meet the 30-minute offload at 90%. They are a role model for the other hospitals. This should be in the report.
- The opioid crisis has touched the community. It is a topic of concern; COVID has pushed opioid crisis from front page. A program has been instituted to provide naloxone kits in community, no questions asked. If the paramedics sees someone in need, they offer a kit. Has been well-received. We continue to push harm reduction.
- With regards to the community programs, the service is looking for funding from the province to turn the project to a program with sustainable funding.
- The facility on Donnelly Drive is now too small for the number of staff and vehicles. The Service is looking at building another facility, possibly a P3 partnership. This will come to Committee when more information is gathered.
- There were concerns raised that the city needs to take the lead on a coordinated mental health strategy; community partners; paramedics; police; needs to be under tutelage of Anthony Di Monte and Vera Etches. Councillor Deans brought forth a motion under Additional Items.
- With regards to equity and diversity, the service continues to grow and as it does, they have been able to recruit visible minorities. Recruit classes are now more than 50% female. Will continue to monitor this.
- During the pandemic people have waited too long to seek medical attention. There is no magic bullet to get people to seek medical attention when needed but paramedics advocate for medical care immediately.

Chair Luloff thanked the Chief and all paramedics and front-line workers who have been doing an outstanding job especially during these times.

The report was RECEIVED and CARRIED as presented.

RECREATION, CULTURAL AND FACILITY SERVICES

BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

2. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES TO EXISTING PARKS AND FACILITIES BY-LAW

ACS2021-RCF-GEN-0006

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Community and Protective Services Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Approve the administrative amendments to the Parks and Facilities By-law No. 2004-276 as described in this report and detailed in Document 1.**
- 2. Authorize the General Manager, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services, to finalize and make administrative adjustments to the amending by-law.**

CARRIED

PARKS AND FACILITIES PLANNING

3. PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN – PRELIMINARY DRAFT

ACS2021-RCF-GEN-0005

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council:

1. **Receive for information the Preliminary Draft Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, as described in this report and attached as Document 1.**
2. **Direct staff to bring forward a report tabling the Final Draft Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, in consultation with Committee Chairs, to Planning Committee, Community and Protective Services Committee and Council prior to the approval of the New Official Plan.**

Dan Chenier, General Manager, Parks, Cultural and Facility Services, gave an introduction to the report and the fact that this is still a draft plan with further consultation to take place before the final comes to committee. He introduced Kevin Wherry, Manager, Parks and Facilities Planning, who gave a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is held on file in the City Clerk's office.

The Committee heard from the following delegations:

1. Paul Howard - Can't ignore communities in need of recreation because it affects all. When developing the Master Plan, think of these low-income communities. Need to address inequities.
2. *Leo Doyle - Ottawa Shooting Stars Basketball - With gym sports, they have been reduced to using community schools. For basketball, the city has outdoor basketball courts which is not a solution. They need the city to do two things; be a better supplier of facilities to address big gap and shortage.
3. Sandra Milton - Lowertown Community Association – The demographics of the community is mixed. Area contains two community centres. When built, there were not many apartment towers in the area. The facilities are older, more than 20 years old. They cannot offer the same level of service as other centres. Lacking facilities for low-income and seniors. Need to be included for new facilities and upgrades for existing.
4. Cheryl Parrott - Hintonburg Community Association - They want to see greater equity for parks and recreation space for their community; greenspace and open space. Comparing data on neighbourhood or ward

basis is needed. Transsect analysis too large. Hintonburg exceeds density targets. Density part of equity question.

5. *Jill Prot and Nancy Wilson - City View Community Association - Master Plan needs to look at a neighbourhood level. Their area has been flagged for greater intensification. Report should include progressive plan for city view facilities. They are reminding City that Cash-in-lieu need to be addressed before this master plan proceeds.
6. Ilona Horvath - Lowertown resident – There are scarce resources / funding. All communities will be affected by ongoing construction on Rideau Street and elsewhere. She supports city planners' recognition of demands but the draft plan does not offer much in way of new parks in downtown core.
7. Jeff Wilson - Kanata Youth Basketball Association - Kanata is relatively well-off but demands growing 5-10% per year. Biggest challenge is facilities. They do all they can to get people involved. Lack of facilities is an issue.
8. *Marcia Morris - Ottawa Sport Council – They have concerns with transect data; projected provision of facilities lower than targets. Lack of comments in report regarding aging facilities. Issues become critical when you look at equity issue and the disparities. Many of these neighbourhoods in downtown core. Affects marginalized communities even more. Sports should be accessible to all.

[* *All individuals marked with an asterisk either provided their comments in writing or by email; all such comments are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

Correspondence was received from the following:

- *Darrell Bartraw*
- *Evelyn Eldridge - Ottawa Pickleball Coalition*
- *Jason Burggraaf, Executive Director – Greater Ottawa Home Builders' Association*

Following the presentation and delegations Committee members had a variety of questions for staff:

- Do we need to find innovative ways to build new partnerships? This year, they did realignment to create new grouping to take different neighbourhood focus; in process of rolling out. Working with Donna Gray's team. They've helped Parks and Rec with funding in terms of equipping facilities that had inadequate equipment. Need to look at how we move beyond rental program.
- What you see from a projection right now is based on what data we've received from Environics, not the OP. The point of our report is ratio of how many community centres per 1,000 people.
- The report briefly speaks to collaborative partnerships with public and private. Examples used are big stakeholders, is there any room to establish partnerships with smaller partners? I.e., golf courses, Legion, etc.? Larger partnerships can create liabilities in times of pandemic. Would allow for greater flexibility. Much of it comes down to who they had long-term agreements with and what could be established as a destination or goal. Small venues – did not look at. Perhaps is something they could consider during consultations.
- There is no mention of field houses. They're de-facto community buildings. Want comment re: conversion of field houses. They're in areas expected to undergo densification. They are park support houses now but may need to expand to accommodate growth.
- Any opportunity that comes up with NCC, they are happy to engage with; would suggest that discussions are long-term, but associations are short-term. It's not simple but not impossible.
- Council asked the department to deal with aging infrastructure, etc. Council will still have to make decisions on their future. Going to have to decide if it wants twin ice pads, not every community will be the model

The report recommendations were CARRIED as presented.

DIRECTION TO STAFF

As part of the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan – Preliminary Draft, that staff be directed to:

1. Explore best practices for reflecting population context beyond resident populations (workplaces, etc.) for proximity areas to regional amenities and consider population growth since amalgamation;
2. Analyze, consult and report on facility deficiencies per transect (pools, arenas, gyms and turfs/fields), while also considering the Ottawa Neighbourhood Equity Index when determining priorities.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

4. COORDINATION OF A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY
ACS2021-OCC-CPS-0001 CITY WIDE
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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council consider this matter.

Motion CPS 2021 19/1

Moved by Councillor D. Deans

BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law, Community and Protective Services Committee approve that the motion by Councillor Deans be added to the agenda for consideration at today's meeting.

CARRIED

Motion CPS 2021 19/2

Moved by Councillor D. Deans

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend that City Council direct the General Manager of Emergency and Protective Services under the umbrella of the Community, Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan to, as soon as possible, take the lead to develop a Community Mental Health Strategy, working with the Ottawa Police Services, Ottawa Public Health, relevant City partners, health care and hospital partners and community stakeholders, including Ottawa Community Housing, to ensure that the efforts that are being undertaken already are co-ordinated and not duplicated, and report back with a draft strategy and any related funding in advance of the Draft 2022 Budget.

Councillor Deans asked that the Committee deal with this today. She noted that if the Committee delays this, it will not be before Council until July. She commented that to do this right, need to do this now. Pass today, then all the people that Councillor Egli referenced will have opportunity to review the motion between now and Council. If any changes are required, can do so at Council. The motion referenced by Councillor Menard has the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) having the lead but the community doesn't want OPS to lead.

The Committee discussed the merits of deliberating now or waiting until Council when staff can be present to answer any questions.

Motion CPS 2021 19/3

Moved by Councillor E. El-Chantiry

That the Deans Motion be referred to Council.

CARRIED

The motion will be deliberated at the 26 May 2021 Council meeting and the appropriate staff will be notified.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm.

Committee Coordinator

Chair

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