



**Ottawa Forests and Greenspace  
Advisory Committee  
Comité consultatif  
sur les forêts et les espaces verts d'Ottawa**

**MINUTES 18  
PROCÈS-VERBAL 18**

**Monday, 27 August 2012, 6:30 p.m.  
Le lundi 27 août 2012 18 h 30**

**Colonely By Room 110 Laurier Avenue West  
Salle Colonel By, 110, avenue Laurier Ouest**

---

---

*NOTE: These Minutes have not been confirmed and should be considered DRAFT.*

**Present / Présents:** H. Hamilton (Chair/présidente), B. Henkelman (Vice-Chair/Vice-présidente)  
R. Alam, L. Donohue, J. Garlough, P. Hall, N. Parent,  
M. Wani

**Regrets/excuses:** S. Fast

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
DÉCLARATIONS D'INTÉRÊT**

No declarations of interest were received.

---

**Note:** 1. *Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*

2. *Please note that any written or verbal submissions (including your name but excluding personal contact information) will form part of the public record and be made available to City Council and the public.*

**Nota :** 1. *Veillez noter que ces procès-verbaux doivent être considérés comme étant PRÉLIMINAIRE jusqu'à ce qu'ils soient confirmés par le Comité.*

2. *Veillez noter que toute présentation écrite ou orale (accompagnée de votre nom, mais sans vos coordonnées) sera versée aux dossiers publics et sera mise à la disposition du Conseil municipal et de la population.*

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES  
RATIFICATION DU PROCÈS-VERBAL

Minutes 17 from the June 26, 2012 meeting were confirmed.

DISCUSSION  
DISCUSSION

1. DISCUSSION: ADVISORY COMMITTEE RENEWAL TO SUPPORT COUNCIL'S TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES  
DISCUSSION : RENOUVELLEMENT DES COMITÉS CONSULTATIFS AFIN DE SOUTENIR LE MANDAT DU CONSEIL
- 

Rick M. O'Connor, City Clerk and Solicitor and Leslie Donnelly, Deputy City Clerk were in attendance to address the various questions and concerns that members raised with respect to the upcoming report on the proposed Advisory Committee Renewal. The report will be considered by members of the Finance and Economic Development Committee and the Governance Renewal Sub-Committee at the joint meeting on August 30, 2012. The report will then go to Council on September 12, 2012 for final consideration.

Following the discussion the following motion was put forward:

**WHEREAS public consultation, access and involvement is a central mandate for the city, and advisory committees currently provide unique opportunities for meaningful citizen involvement;**

**WHEREAS advisory committees enhance the transparency of city decisions and actions;**

**WHEREAS the proposed Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) will take on the responsibilities for the full or partial mandates of four of the existing Advisory Committees;**

**WHEREAS ESAC will have far fewer members, who will hold fewer (only 4) public meetings per year;**

**WHEREAS ESAC's mandate is to be reduced to Term of Council (TOC) priorities, potentially limiting its ability to respond in a timely way to important issues that arise outside of TOC priorities;**

**WHEREAS planning continues to be one of the most important influences in the city, especially for environmental concerns, and planning is not included in ESAC's mandate, in spite of being a critical factor in the majority of the issues under OFGAC's mandate;**

**WHEREAS, advocacy and advice are two sides of the same coin, such that when advocacy is implemented in a judicious manner it would allow for more effective advice to be provided to Council;**

**WHEREAS OFGAC is the only current Advisory Committee with a mandate to speak for non-human elements of the city i.e. trees, biodiversity, wetlands, forests, etc., through advocacy, which will disappear with the new structure of ESAC;**

**WHEREAS OFGAC has consistently been successful in bringing many important issues to the attention of Councillors and city staff;**

**WHEREAS the *Advisory Committee Renewal to Support Council's Term of Council Priorities Report* focuses only on the problems with the current Advisory Committee system, overlooking what is good about it;**

**WHEREAS OFGAC has repeatedly requested quarterly meetings with the Chair and Vice-chair of the standing committee to which we report, and only two of these meetings, shared with another Advisory Committee and allowing only 15 minutes for each to brief councillors, have taken place in the 20 months of this term of council;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OFGAC expresses its deep concern to City Council about the future ability of the city to effectively recognize and address issues related to forest, tree, greenspace (natural areas), and biodiversity protection and preservation.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OFGAC does not have confidence that the new Advisory Committees will be as independent, effective, timely and transparent with their advice as they should be in order to bring issues that concern the citizens of Ottawa to the attention of Council;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee cannot endorse and support the new *Advisory Committee Renewal to Support Council's Term of Council Priorities Report* and recommends that the report and its recommendations in regard to Advisory Committee structure and function be rejected.**

CARRIED

---

2. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS AND CORRESPONDENCE  
DISCOURS D'OUVERTURE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE ET CORRESPONDANCE

The Chair reported on the following:

- Meeting with Councillor Hume on August 28, 2012 to discuss Developmental Application Reviews (Chair Hamilton and Member N. Parent)
- A meeting request has been sent to Councillor McRae to discuss various projects that OFGAC has been working on
- Attempting to meet with the appropriate City staff to show them the Tree Canopy Study that members have undertaken
- Attempting to arrange a meeting with City staff to discuss the Green Infrastructure Report, as well a briefing note is being prepared for distribution to Councillors and Senior City Staff
- Upcoming presentation to the Joint FEDCO and Governance Renewal Sub-Committee on the Advisory Committee Renewal Report
- Invitation to make a presentation to the Ottawa Field Naturalist Club regarding the work that OFGAC does and the issues that members are concerned with
- Invitation to take part on a discussion panel at the closing of the Urban Tree Exhibit at the Bytown Museum
- Briefly spoke to the City's Environmental Grant Program and the programs criteria
- Acknowledged the upcoming National Tree Day on September 26, 2012
- Received an update from Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) regarding the Emerald Ash Borer situation in Ontario

RECEIVED

PRESENTATIONS  
PRÉSENTATIONS

3. TABLING OF OFGAC GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT  
DÉPÔT DU RAPPORT DU COMITÉ CONSULTATIF SUR LES FORÊTS ET  
LES ESPACES VERTS (CCFEV) SUR L'INFRASTRUCTURE ÉCOLOGIQUE  
D'OTTAWA

Chair H. Hamilton spoke briefly to a PowerPoint Presentation which was originated from the United States on the Benefits of Green Infrastructure. A copy of this presentation is available upon request and is held on file with the City Clerk and Solicitor's office pursuant to the City of Ottawa Records Retention and Disposition By-law.

RECEIVED

---

INFORMATION ITEMS  
POINTS D'INFORMATION

4. CITY OPERATIONS - FORESTRY SERVICES MONTHLY UPDATE  
OPÉRATIONS MUNICIPALES – SERVICES FORESTIERS RAPPORT  
MENSUEL

---

Jason Pollard, Section Manager, Forestry Planning & Protection updated the committee on the following items:

- Summary of current Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) undertaking – monitoring of EAB traps across the City and tree replacement; Summary Results are not yet in, and are pending. Results will be placed on City website.
- The City's Current Tree Canopy will be assessed with a fly-over later in 2012.
- Tree Planting across the City – approximately 2,000 planted in the spring and approximately 3,000 replacement trees of a larger caliper size are planned for the fall months.
- Injection Program – approximately 2200-2300 trees are to be injected in 2013 to prevent further spread of EAB. (A handout entitled "What you need to know about the management of the Emerald Ash Borer was prepared by Forestry Services. A copy can be obtained by contacting the City of Ottawa's Forestry Department). Also as part of the Injection Program, the City now has an "Injection Elm Program Preventative Vaccine" to help fight the resurgence of a fungicide attacking Elm trees.

**Action:** Chair H. Hamilton to follow up with City staff on the outstanding EAB inquiry submitted by OFGAC.

RECEIVED

5. PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE MONTHLY UPDATE  
URBANISME ET INFRASTRUCTURE – RAPPORT MENSUEL

---

Nick Stow, Planner, updated the committee on various projects presently underway, which included:

- Wildlife Strategy – draft is complete and members of the working group are meeting on September 18, 2012 to discuss and provide final input
- Beaver Solutions at Paul Lindsey Park – currently working on a plan with the MNR to find a solution to the beaver problem at this location
- Beaver Deceiver Demonstration Project – three locations have been identified for the placement of these deceivers at the following locations: Kizell Wetlands, Poole Creek (in-stream installation) and near the Trans Canada Trail along Jenkins Road
- Pending Acquisition of Riverside South Community Woodlots
- Urban Natural Features Strategy – report was put on hold for one year

- 
- Status of Blanding's Turtles in the South March Highlands and elsewhere – Population Monitoring Study is continuing
  - Preparation of Monitoring of Wildlife Passages is continuing – trail cameras are in place
  - Preparation of the South March Highland Blanding's Turtle Conservation Plan is on schedule
  - Brief update on the Official Plan Amendment recommending the Designation of the Lester Road Wetlands and the Kizell Wetlands

Mark Richardson, Forester, updated the committee on various projects presently underway, which included:

- Structure of Planning and Growth Management – focusing on internal systems in order to handle the work load and ensure timely review of development applications
- Focusing on better informing planners, engineers and architects on the importance of trees, the intent of the tree by-law and encompassing the forester's viewpoint in the planning stage
- A more timely review is enabling staff to participate and have more of a say in the development process
- Attempting to allocate more time to going out in the field to review applications; to date, 128 files have been reviewed and it is predicted that 190 will be reviewed by year end (up from 96 the previous year) and monitoring implementation of applications' approval conditions
- Challenges and inconsistencies i.e. permit interactions, site conditions compared to what is on paper, growing space availability, protect space occupied by an old tree; and native versus non-native species that are being planted.

RECEIVED

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**POINTS PRIORITAIRES**

6. **PROJECT FILE UPDATES**  
**MISES À JOUR SUR LES DOSSIERS DE PROJETS**

The committee received information updates on the topics noted below.

- A) Wildlife Strategy Response (Chair H. Hamilton and Vice-chair B. Henkelman)
- B) OFGAC Tree Inventory 2011 Summary (Member R. Alam and Volunteer E. Jones). Volunteer Jones spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy

of this presentation is available upon request and is held on file with the City Clerk and Solicitor's office pursuant to the City of Ottawa Records Retention and Disposition By-law.

- C) Trees and Construction Report (Chair H. Hamilton)
- D) Developmental Application Review (DAR) Summary Report Meeting, Chair H. Hamilton and Member N. Parent met with John Moser, General Manager of Planning and Growth Department on 7 August to discuss the DAR Summary Report. A copy of the minutes and agreed upon action items from this meeting was submitted.
- E) Downtown Moves OFGAC Comments (Chair H. Hamilton) submitted to staff on the project and to Councillor Holmes.

RECEIVED

7. FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS  
POINTS À L'ORDRE DU JOUR DE LA PROCHAINE REUNION

- Environment Strategy
- Rural Review
- Water Environment Strategy

RECEIVED

ADDITIONAL ITEMS  
POINT SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Moved by B. Henkelman

**That the Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee approve the addition of the items for consideration by the Committee at today's meeting, pursuant to section 20(3) of the Advisory Committee Procedure By-law:**

- **PRESENTATION - NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTION OFFICE**

CARRIED

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTION OFFICE (NCO) – ‘CONNECTIONS – MAKE  
A NEIGHBOURHOOD!’

Julea Boswell, Coordinator, Strategic Support, Neighbourhood Sustainability Branch, spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation which served as an introduction to the City's Neighbourhood Connections Office, its function, featured programs and projects as well as their next steps. A copy of this presentation is available upon request and is held on file with the City Clerk and Solicitor's office pursuant to the City of Ottawa Records Retention and Disposition By-law.

RECEIVED

ADJOURNMENT  
LEVÉE DE LA SÉANCE

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

---

**A/Committee Coordinator**

---

**Chair**