

Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee Motion

Councillor Maria McRae, Environment Committee Chair and Councillor Scott Moffatt, Advisory Committee Vice-Chair, attended Council's Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) on 6 March 2014, alongside staff from Environmental Services and Planning and Growth Management. ESAC was presented with an overview of the Water Environment Strategy Phase 1.

ESAC approved the following Motion:

WHEREAS given the importance of water to the City and the region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Environment Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) supports the principles outlined in the March 6, 2014 presentation of the Water Environment Strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ESAC moves that the Environment Committee and staff consider the following points in the development of the Water Environment Strategy:

1. Some form of ongoing consultation in the development of the Water Environment Strategy
2. Metrics be developed to monitor the progress of the Strategy
3. The Ottawa River be expressly included in the Strategy, including consultation with Quebec partners
4. Water usage and demand management including conservation and water rate structure be considered
5. A climate change lens be included for example: changes in weather, precipitation, extreme weather events, heat island effects and the overall climate change impacts and adaptation
6. Recognition of impacts of new infrastructure for example roads, paved surfaces, public and private infrastructure and the need to mitigate their impacts on the watershed
7. That staff come back to ESAC to present the results of the roundtable and progress on the work plan.