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## **Our Amendments to the Official Plan & Directions to Staff**

### **Motion N° PLC-ARAC 2021-5-3. [m84.1]**

Moved by Councillor Menard

**WHEREAS Policy 3.1.5(f) in the draft Official Plan seeks to protect the proposed Natural Heritage System from future urban expansion.**

**WHEREAS the staff report proposes to revise draft Policy 3.1.5(f) to change the word “exclude” to the word “avoid”;**

**WHEREAS some delegations have expressed concern that the change in wording would weaken protections for the Natural Heritage System;**

**WHEREAS City staff advise that the proposed word change was intended to provide for the possibility of minor, site-specific adjustments to the boundaries between the Natural Heritage System and urban expansion areas to reflect the results of more detailed field investigations if required.**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Committee recommend to Council that Policy 3.1.5(f) be revised to read as follows:**

**f) That lands designated as part of a natural heritage system are excluded while maintaining the possibility of minor, site-specific adjustments along the boundaries to reflect the results of more detailed field investigations if required.**

CARRIED

### **Motion N° PLC-ARAC 2021-5-4. [m77.1]**

Moved by Councillor Menard

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa declared a Climate Emergency on April 24, 2019;**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa approved a Climate Change Master Plan in January, 2020 with a view to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to net zero by 2050;**



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**WHEREAS expansion of the settlement area (urban and village) and intensification of the currently built up area are land use decisions with the greatest potential impact on GHG emissions;**

**WHEREAS the current draft of the Official Plan does not provide guidance to the process for aligning intensification targets with reported annual progress on GHG emissions or for reporting on the evolving demand for expansion lands in relation to trends in GHG emissions.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Joint Committee recommend Council approve that a new subsection 7) be added to 3.1 (Designate Sufficient Land for Growth) as follows:**

*7) To reduce greenhouse gas emissions through land-use, transportation and energy planning consistent with Council-approved greenhouse gas reduction targets, projected demand for urban expansion will be reported on as part of the Climate Change Master Plan's annual status updates considering the following objectives:*

- a) *Alignment with local energy utilities to help control the cost of distribution, facilitate on-site generation and support local distributed energy;*
- b) *Energy efficient built forms and proximity to a mix of land uses;*
- c) *Maximize the energy and emission reduction performance of new development or modifications to existing development; and*
- d) *d) Access to sustainable modes of travel as well as infrastructure to support the electrification of private and public vehicles.*

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3.2.7 be amended (by adding clause e) as follows:**



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3.2 7) To reduce greenhouse gas emissions through land-use, transportation and energy planning consistent with Council-approved greenhouse gas reduction targets, intensification will be reported on as part of the Climate Change Master Plan's annual status updates considering the following objectives:

- a) Alignment with local energy utilities to help control the cost of distribution, facilitate on-site generation and support local distributed energy;
  - b) Energy efficient built forms and proximity to a mix of land uses;
  - c) Maximize the energy and emission reduction performance of new development or modifications to existing development; and
  - d) Access to sustainable modes of travel as well as infrastructure to support the electrification of private and public vehicles.
- e) Alignment of intensification targets with progress towards targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

CARRIED

**Motion N° PLC-ARAC 2021-5-8. [m91.1]**

Moved by Councillor Menard

**WHEREAS the Official Plan should be clearer about the conditions under which mixed used should take place and ensure that permissions for mixed uses in Neighbourhoods must be scaled accordingly;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Joint Committee recommend Council approve amendments to:**

**a) 6.3.3(8)(a) to remove the words "or eliminated" and replace with the words "or exempted under *limited and appropriate circumstances and requirements*"; and**

**b) 11.1(2)(a) to read as follows:**

- i. "Development proposals for Low-rise residential or mixed-use buildings that fulfill the intensification objectives of the Growth Management Framework may be exempt, **under limited and appropriate circumstances and requirements**, from Site Plan Control or shall have reduced submission requirements and a simplified site plan



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process subject to meeting defined criteria in order to streamline the process for, and lower the costs of intensification;”

CARRIED

**DIRECTION TO STAFF<sup>11</sup>. [d10.1]**

Councillor Menard

**That Joint Committee direct Staff to complete the Low rise Design Guidelines within this Term of Council.**

CARRIED

**Motion N° PLC-ARAC 2021-5-27 [m61.1]**

Moved by Councillor Menard

**WHEREAS through the climate emergency declaration of April 24, 2019, Council directed Staff to complete a vulnerability assessment and develop a climate resiliency strategy to reduce the impact of a changing climate; and**

**WHEREAS a climate vulnerability assessment can identify climate risks from a range of climate hazards (such as heat waves, flooding, ice storms and other severe weather), while also examining risks on health and safety, infrastructure, buildings, the economy and the environment, and identify where the city is vulnerable as well as who will be affected and how; and**

**WHEREAS a climate vulnerability assessment can guide the development of a resilience strategy, the aim of which is to mitigate climate risks and impacts and to build the capacity of social, economic and environmental systems to adapt and thrive under evolving climate conditions; and**

**WHEREAS the Climate Resilience Strategy is being developed to align and integrate with programs such as hazard mitigation, health vulnerability plan and comprehensive asset management; and**

**WHEREAS the climate vulnerability assessment was originally intended to be done by end of 2020 but has been delayed until Q2 2022, with the Climate Resilience Strategy to be brought forward by Q2 of 2023; and**



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**WHEREAS** the City has been updating technical data and mapping of projected climate impacts as part of the vulnerability assessment and ongoing City programs to update floodplain mapping in partnership with the Conservation Authorities, and although critical mapping for flooding has been completed it has not been released publicly; and

**WHEREAS** Official Plan Policy 10.1.3 introduces policies requiring the evaluation and mitigation of flood risks within a climate change flood vulnerable area (identified as the 1 in 350-year flood plain); and

**WHEREAS** a recent report by the Canadian Institute for Climate Choices, a multidisciplinary government think-tank, found that the impacts on infrastructure (roads, water/sewer pipes, power and communication systems, public transit) from climate are already happening and will become both serious and costly over the next thirty years if preventative measures are not prioritized and started immediately; and

**WHEREAS** the report also found that many developers and residents are unaware of the impacts and costs of climate on their properties because of the absence of accurate, up-to-date and publicly available data;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Joint Committee recommend Council direct Staff to post the flood plain mapping updates (including climate change flood vulnerable areas) on the City's website by Q1 2022 and post any further mapping updates as they are made available from the Conservation Authorities.

CARRIED

**Motion N° PLC-ARAC 2021-5-39 [m86.1]**

Moved by Councillor Menard

**WHEREAS** the City of Ottawa's Official Plan is intended to provide a vision for the future growth of the city and a policy framework to guide the city's physical development;

**WHEREAS** the City of Ottawa declared a Housing and Homelessness Crisis and Emergency on January 29, 2020;

**WHEREAS** there are housing affordability targets in section 4.2.2 paragraph 4 of the new Official Plan:



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**“4) In accordance with the City’s 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan, the City shall set a target that 10 per cent to 15 per cent of all new residential units be affordable. Of all affordable units, 65 per cent are to be targeted to households whose needs fall within the definition of deep affordability, and the remaining 35 per cent are to be targeted to households whose needs fall within the definition of market-affordability.”** and

**WHEREAS the current Official Plan has 25% affordability target, which the City fell short to achieve, and Council recognizes the need for a similarly ambitious target that the New Official Plan can achieve;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Joint Committee recommend Council amend 4.2.2 paragraph 4 of the New Official Plan to reflect a 20% affordability target, as follows:**

**"the City shall set a target that 20 per cent of all new residential units be affordable. Of all affordable units, 70 per cent are to be targeted to households whose needs fall within the definition of core affordability, and the remaining 30 per cent are to be targeted to households whose needs fall within the definition of market-affordability."**

CARRIED

**DIRECTION TO STAFF [d23.2]**

Councillor Menard

**That Joint Committee recommend Council direct Housing Services Staff, in consultation with Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development, to examine the minimum number and affordability of units on a property when bringing for Council’s consideration a Rental Replacement By-law for the City in 2022.**

CARRIED

**DIRECTION TO STAFF13. [d4.3]**

Councillor Menard



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**That Joint Committee direct Staff to review the need for, and consequences of, the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor's proposed northern section as part of the Transportation Master Plan Update taking into consideration growth and future travel demand to 2046, future modal share, travel patterns and trends, declining greenspace in Old Ottawa East, the importance of access to greenspace for residents with lower incomes living in apartments, current demographic use of the greenspace and with a climate change mitigation lens.**

**That should any lands be deemed not needed for transportation purposes, staff are directed to bring forward a City-initiated Official Plan Amendment with recommended new designations, including adding to Springhurst Park if contiguous lands are available.**

CARRIED

**Motion N° PLC-ARAC 2021-5-59 [m37.1]**

Moved by Councillor Menard

**WHEREAS Ottawa seeks to create 15-minute neighbourhoods and is committed to doing so in the current draft Official Plan;**

**WHEREAS there are 10 indicators of Healthy Streets that would all very much complement and help to achieve 15-minute neighbourhoods;**

**WHEREAS the Healthy Streets indicators are: Everyone feels welcome; Easy to cross; Shade & shelter; Places to stop & rest; Not too noisy; People choose to walk & cycle; People feel safe; Things to see & do; People feel relaxed; and Clean air.**

**WHEREAS, with greater population density achieved through intensification in already built-up areas, the Official Plan and the City needs to pay great attention to liveability, and quality of life, and this includes the need for more greenspaces, street trees and other greenery which will help to achieve greater liveability and a higher quality of life;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Joint Committee recommend Council update item 8, in section 4.1.1 *Provide mobility options to safely and equitably navigate the City*, of the draft revised Official Plan, as follows:**

***8) The City shall seek to create networks of complete and healthy streets as opportunities arise through the construction or***



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***reconstruction of transportation facilities, such as roadways, bridges and transit stations as part of other capital projects and through the approval of development.***

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff assess how the 10 Indicators of the Healthy Streets Approach can be incorporated into the update of the Transportation Master Plan.

CARRIED

**Motion N° PLC-ARAC 2021-5-65 [m92.1]**

Moved by Councillor Menard

**WHEREAS** the City of Ottawa's Official Plan section 4.4.1.2)(b)i) is as below:

“2) All development, regardless of use, shall meet all of the following criteria to the satisfaction of the City:

b) Prioritize land for parks on-site over cash-in-lieu of parkland. Cash-in-lieu of parkland shall only be accepted when land or location is not suitable. The land to be conveyed shall, wherever feasible:

i) Be a minimum of 400 square metres;” and

**WHEREAS** parkettes are desirable elements in livable communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Joint Committee recommend Council approve an amendment to section 4.4.1.2)(b)i) of the Official Plan to read:

**“i) Be a minimum of 400 square metres, or as described in the upcoming Land First Policy and updated Park Development Manual as directed by the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.”**

CARRIED

**MOTION**

Moved Councillor S. Menard  
Seconder Councillor C. Kitts





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**WHEREAS prior urban expansions have added lands to the urban area of Ottawa; and**

**WHEREAS the Vacant Urban Residential Land Survey provides a statement of the amount of urban residential that remains vacant annually;**

**WHEREAS the Growth Management Strategy for this Official Plan has determined that this vacant land represents sufficient space to accommodate 66,300 dwelling units of various types;**

**WHEREAS apartment units represent a minimum of 10% of this number;**

**WHEREAS these lands are located in the Suburban transect;**

**WHEREAS Policy 5.4.4.1 calls for greenfield development in the Suburban Transect to contribute to the evolution towards 15-minute neighbourhoods to the extent possible;**

**WHEREAS Policy 5.4.4.2 calls for net residential densities within secondary plan areas of a minimum of 36 units per net hectare and permit density increases through intensification and accessory dwelling units;**

**WHEREAS there are existing vacant urban designated lands outside of secondary plan areas that have not received draft approval or have complete applications in process at this time;**

**WHEREAS the density target for intensification in the suburban transect is 40 to 60 units per net hectare;**

**WHEREAS it is more efficient and economical to build to the desired built form initially than to subsequently retrofit to the desired built form after the fact;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added as Policy 3 to Section 5.4.4.:**

**“3) On lands with all of the following characteristics prior to the date of adoption of this Plan, residential development shall strive to achieve a density target of 40 units per net hectare, unless there are technical infrastructure impediments as determined by the City to achieve this target:**



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- i. **Within the urban area**
  - ii. **Outside of approved Secondary Plans or Community Design Plans**
  - iii. **Have not received draft approval for plan(s) of subdivision**
  - iv. **Have not received site plan approval**
  - v. **Do not have a submission of a complete Planning Act application for a net increase in existing residential dwellings”**

CARRIED with Councillor R. Chiarelli dissenting.

### **MOTION**

Moved by Councillor S. Menard  
Seconder Councillor S. Moffatt

**WHEREAS there may be site-specific circumstances that should be examined through the application process to consider the permission for small-scale non-residential uses within Neighbourhoods; and**

**WHEREAS Policy 6.3.3(3) of the Official Plan addresses situations where such uses are not permitted as-of-right; and**

**WHEREAS it is more appropriate for the Official Plan to avoid anticipating the City's position for each such application;**

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that Council amend policy 6.3.3(3), as amended, as contained on page 173, by deleting the words “shall support” and substituting with words “will consider permitting”.**

CARRIED

### **MOTION**

Moved by Councillor S. Menard  
Seconder Councillor M. Fleury

**WHEREAS Capital Ward has three universities either partially or fully located within its boundaries; and**



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**WHEREAS** this density of Post-Secondary institutions has driven the supply of low rise development oriented to university housing in the ward, especially in the area surrounding Carleton University; and

**WHEREAS** a specific site plan control process could proactively address aspects of parking, noise, privacy concerns, waste and recycling for the areas around all Post-Secondary institutions; and

**WHEREAS** such a process could proactively save the City a significant amount of time and resources that have been expended to otherwise manage longstanding concerns on site and can be better mitigated through the site plan control process;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That Council direct Staff to add as a departmental work item to explore the feasibility of developing a Low-Rise Apartment Specific Site Plan process for the area surrounding Post-Secondary institutions, to address some of the neighbouring resident's developmental concerns.

CARRIED

### **MOTION**

Moved Councillor S. Menard  
Seconded Councillor S Moffatt

**WHEREAS** the Residual Waste Management Strategy report (ACS2021-PWE-SWS-0005) was considered by the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management on October 19th; and

**WHEREAS** staff in Solid Waste Services presented the Residual Waste Management Strategy to available members of the Stakeholder Sounding Board on October 26, 2021 as directed by the committee,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council receive the summarized feedback from the Sounding Board Meeting attached to this motion and approve that that a copy of the feedback be posted publicly with the Council disposition and Minutes as an attachment<sup>21</sup> to the report.

CARRIED