

B2 City of Waterloo re: Request for Support - Amendments to the Building Code - Energy Performance Tiers and Timelines

Resolution #: 183-22 Moved By: Councillor Good

Seconded By:
Councillor Inglis

Whereas the Province of Ontario adopted greenhouse gas reduction targets of 30% by 2030, and emissions from buildings represented 22% of the province's 2017 emissions;

Whereas the draft National Model Building Code proposes energy performance tiers for new buildings and a pathway to requiring net zero ready construction in new buildings, allowing the building industry, skilled trades, and suppliers to adapt on a predictable and reasonable timeline while encouraging innovation;

Whereas the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on changes for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code (ERO #: 019-4974) that generally aligns with the draft National Model Building Code except it does not propose adopting energy performance tiers, it does not propose timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier, and, according to Efficiency Canada and The Atmospheric Fund, it proposes adopting minimum energy performance standards that do not materially improve on the requirements in the current Ontario Building Code;

Whereas buildings with better energy performance provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, and resilience from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty;

Whereas municipalities are already leading the way in adopting or developing energy performance tiers as part of Green Development Standards, including Toronto and Whitby with adopted standards and Ottawa, Pickering, Waterloo and others with standards in development;

Whereas while expensive retrofits of the current building stock to achieve future net zero requirements could be aligned with end-of-life replacement cycles to be more cost-efficient, new buildings that are not constructed to be net zero ready will require substantial retrofits before end-of-life replacement cycles at significantly more cost, making it more cost-efficient to build it right the first time;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports the City of Waterloo and requests the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building Code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change;

And That Council request the Province of Ontario to adopt a more ambitious energy performance tier of the draft National Model Building Code as the minimum requirement for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code than those currently proposed;

And That Council request the Province of Ontario to facilitate capacity, education and training in the implementation of the National Model Building Code for municipal planning and building inspection staff, developers, and homebuilders to help build capacity;

And That this resolution be provided to the City of Waterloo, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Randy Hillier, MPP.

Carried

B3 Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) re: Shabomeka Lake Dam Construction Update

Resolution #: 184-22 Moved By: Councillor Good
Seconded By: Councillor Inglis

Be It Resolved That Council receives the email dated April 21, 2022 from Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority regarding Shabomeka Dam advising replacement of the earthen embankments this winter was a success. However; improvements to the dam concrete structure to permit ATV access has been delayed until later this year due to supply issues;

And That since the work is postponed, MVCA has resumed filling the lake and, with sufficient rainfall, hope to achieve normal summer levels.

Carried

10. Council, CAO, and Managers' Administrative Reports

a. Public Works Manager - 2021 Septic Re-Inspection Program and Proposed Program for 2022

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Seconded By: Councillor Inglis

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Public Works Managers Administrative Report entitled “2021 Septic Re-Inspection Program and Proposed Program for 2022”;

And That Council approve the continuation of a voluntary Septic Re-Inspection Program, in partnership with the Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office (MRSSO) for the 2022 season;

And That Council approve the Public Works Manager (PWM) signing the 2022 Agreement with MRSSO for septic re-inspection services on behalf of the Township.

Carried

Mandatory Septic Inspection

Resolution #: 186-22 Moved By: Councillor Inglis
Seconded By: Councillor Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council instructs the Public Works Manager to report on the mandatory septic re-inspection and review the benefits and downfalls; and report to Council.

This was a Recorded Vote:

MEMBER OF COUNCIL	YES	NO
Councillor Fowler	Yes	
Councillor Good		No
Councillor Hermer		No

Be It Resolved That Council adjourns the Meeting at 11:36 a.m. until May 20, 2022 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk