




INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 3, 2024
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Update on Green Building Standards Consultation (PED24228) (Urban Areas – City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Urban Areas – City Wide
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Council Direction:

At its October 9, 2024, meeting, Council approved the following motion and change to Report PED24114 (Green Building Standards):

(a) That Council direct City staff to consult with the Climate Change Advisory Committee including its Technical and Governance Working Group and Building Working Group on the following:

- (i) A framework that phases in successively more stringent tiered standards over a fixed timeline with full transparency on future requirements to all stakeholders;
- (ii) Emissions limits that are sufficient to require new buildings to transition to efficient, low-emissions technology now or in the future;
- (iii) Alignment with Hamilton’s Climate Action Strategy to achieve net-zero by 2050 and avoid fossil fuel lock-in;

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(b) That Council direct City staff to conduct this consultation in advance of implementation and report back with the results of the consultation, any adjustments to the Green Building Standards that may be required, including any necessary financial resources, and timelines for the recommendations in Report PED24114, no later than the first Planning Committee of 2025.

Information:

Previous consultation and engagement on the Green Building Standards was facilitated by WSP Canada Inc. (WSP), who assisted in developing the current version of the Green Building Standards. As such, City staff requested that WSP be further retained to assist in the consultation with the Climate Change Advisory Committee; facilitate further consultation with previous stakeholders involved in the development of the initial Green Building Standards; and finally, to make any required adjustments to the Green Building Standards based on this consultation.

At this time, due to availability, consultation is tentatively scheduled to begin in early December, with exact dates yet to be determined. The completion of all consultation is targeted for the end of December, at which time WSP would make the necessary modifications to the Green Building Standards.

As a result, staff will be bringing forward a report to Planning Committee in February 2025 instead of January 2025.

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