VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS **SUBMISSION FORM**

Section 3 Minutes Received by Standing Committee On the following date: (to be completed by Legislative Assistant)	
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Section 1 Date of Minutes being submitted	October 8, 2013
Volunteer Committee Name	Waste Management Advisory Committee

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MINUTES WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 8, 2013 3:00 p.m. Room 433, 4st Floor City Hall 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present:

Chair:

Councillor Maria Pearson

Vice-Chair: Councillor Judi Partridge

Members:

Councillor Russ Powers

Kevin Hunt

Peter Hargraeve

Absent with

Regrets:

none

Also Present:

Robert Norman, Director of Strategic Planning

Angela Storey, Manager of Business Services

Emil Prpic, Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal

Andrew Grice, Manager of Policy and Programs

Kathryn Holloway, Policy Program Analyst

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

1.1 The election of the Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair was added to the agenda.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2.1 None to declare.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

First meeting, not applicable.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

4.1 Frequency of meetings (Moved by Councillor Powers, Seconded by Councillor Partridge)
Motion to hold meetings quarterly or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Stewardship Ontario Plastics Campaign

This campaign is a joint effort with golden horseshoe municipalities as well as Stewardship Ontario and the Continuous Improvement Fund. The purpose is to provide consistent messaging among all involved municipalities. It was suggested that the plastics campaign be educated more in Hamilton schools.

The Committee expressed concerned that the rural communities in Hamilton may not be reached by this campaign.

(Moved by Peter Hargreave, seconded by Kevin Hunt)
Motion for staff to report back on the television channels and networks the video advertisements are being aired on.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Approval of the Terms of Reference

Committee members requested that the Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee be circulated via email following the meeting. The Terms of Reference will be discussed and approved at the January meeting.

6.2 Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RPWCO) Waste Sub-Committee Update

The consensus regarding the Waste Reduction Act (Bill 91) is that while there are some concerns from a municipal perspective, the Act is a positive development that the City should be supportive of. The Act has the potential to reduce waste management costs to the City and tax payers. There is a concern of whether or not the bill will be passed in a minority government leading up to an election.

Councillor Powers will investigate whether the City of Hamilton will submit a letter of support to the MPPs to recommend moving Bill 91 forward.

6.3 Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

The proposed changes to the valuation of landfills have potential impacts for both private and public landfills. In general, most municipalities are concerned about the potential implications of these changes. The more available space you have in a landfill, the more taxes you pay. For the City of Hamilton's public landfills it appears the changes will be revenue neutral. However, residents and businesses may see the impact of these changes for waste that is sent to private landfills as the tipping fees will likely increase. City tipping fees should not increase as a result of this change. Staff indicated that our contractors may face higher operating costs, making it unclear whether or not this will affect the City.

(Moved by Councillor Partridge, seconded by Kevin Hunt) Motion to include MPAC review as a standing agenda item.

CARRIED

6.4 2014-2015 Trash Tags and Communication Materials

Staff are recommending status quo mailing of this year's guide. The guide will be smaller and the trash tags will be a different colour to allow for better tracking. The Committee requested that staff generate data on tonnages of materials collected at transfer stations. The Committee discussed the need to better quantify the financial and environmental impact of the current trash tag system. The Committee discussed mailing issues this year in response to the delivery options presented.

Councillor Pearson requested that staff consult with Councillor Admin Assistants to get feedback on the tag system. (Completed)

There was also a discussion of the potential need for another transfer station in the next 5-10 years. As part of the Solid Waste Management Master Plan, there will be a review of the need for another transfer station in 2017.

Councillor Pearson suggested staff investigate what private companies are doing with clean fill and similar materials. (Completed)

Committee requested that the report to Public Works Committee includes the explanation for the spikes in waste tonnages seen in April and July. (Completed)

7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Dundas Reuse-arama

Councillor Powers requested that the Dundas Reuse-arama be added as a discussion item at the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Moved by Kevin Hunt, seconded by Councillor Powers)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Copies to: Councillor Judi Partridge

Councillor Maria Pearson Councillor Russ Powers

Kevin Hunt

Peter Hargraeve

Gerry Davis, General Manager of Public Works

John Mater, Director of Corporate Assets and Strategic Planning

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