



Hamilton

MINUTES

Waste Management Advisory Committee

Monday May 9, 2016
1:30pm
City Hall, 2nd Floor, Room 264

Present:

Chair: Councillor Maria Pearson
Vice-Chair: Councillor Doug Conley
Members: Kevin Hunt

Also Present:

Betty Matthews-Malone, Director of Operations
Emil Prpic, Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal
Angela Storey, Manager of Business Programs
Anne Winning, Supervisor of Operations Support
Raffaella Morello, Senior Project Manager

Regrets:

Councillor Robert Pasuta
Peter Hargreave
Colin Vidler, Manager of Waste Collections
Joel McCormick, Sr. Project Manager of Waste Processing

Recorder:

Hayley Court-Znottko

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None to declare

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Waste Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 11, 2016

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4. CONSENT ITEMS

There are no consent items.

5. PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 2020 Waste System Contract Planning

Waste Management System Overview Report

Staff is currently developing a report for the Public Works Committee related to the planning and development of the 2020 waste management system for the City of Hamilton. The first in a series of an estimated four reports, it will provide a summary of the current waste management contracts and briefing notes from the discussions and questions raised through preliminary meetings with Public Works Committee members and the Waste Management Advisory Committee. The report will include a recommendation for staff to engage in community outreach to gather feedback that will further assist with planning.

If approved, Staff will approach and consult with the Public Works Committee on the method and approach recommended by the consultant on gathering relevant and useful feedback from several demographics across the City. Staff anticipates having feedback from the community outreach compiled into a report for the Public Works Committee prior to the end of 2016 or early 2017.

6.2 Waste Free Ontario Act, Bill 151

Staff provided an update on the new Waste Free Ontario Act, Bill 151 legislation to the Public Works Committee. Several stakeholders were in attendance at the public hearings held on April 18th and 19th and the majority supported the new bill, but have concerns about its execution. The next step in the process is a clause by clause hearing of each item beginning Friday May 13th. Staff advised that it appears the new bill will be approved in June and will be a factor that needs to be considered during the 2020 waste management system planning.

6.3 Operations Update

- **Compost Giveaway Events**

Staff discussed the success of this year's Compost Giveaway Events, having given away over 585 tons of compost to residents at several locations across the City. At the time of today's meeting, 334 tons were given away at Valley Park, 50 tons at the Ancaster Public Works Yard, 60 tons at the Dundas Public Works Yard and 70 tons at both Joe Sams Leisure Park and the Rymal Road Public Works Yard.

Staff advised that additional loads of compost were required at Valley Park throughout the week due to its accessibility. It was noted that residents should be reminded to bring containers from home.

Due to the success of the spring event, and given that there is a limited quantity of compost each year, staff must reconsider holding fall events. Staff advised plans to improve future events include ensuring a staffed and secure site is used for the week-long event, monitoring the distribution of blue bins and reinforcing the message that residents need to bring their own shovels and containers.

- **120 Litre Green Bin**

Staff advised that the tender for green bins and large recycling bins, used for multi-residential apartments, is closed and is currently being evaluated by the Procurement Section. Due to the limited supply of large green bins, the City's Community Recycling Centres (CRC) are offering small green carts for residents to pick up.

Residents can request a new green bin if theirs has been damaged by calling the City's Customer Contact Centre and receiving a Hansen number to provide staff with at the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) when they pick up their new bin. There was a discussion concerning the proper protocol for residents to request and obtain a new green bin to ensure proper tracking.

- **Optical Sorter Update**

The Request for Proposals has been awarded for the purchase and installation of a new optical sorter at the Material Recycling Facility (MRF). The function of an optical sorter is to remove as much of the valuable materials out of the recycling to reduce residue and capture more high value commodities. The optical sorter is being purchased from the Quebec-based company Machinex and the purchase is being partially funded by the Continuous Improvement Fund.

- **Compost Regulations Update**

The Ministry of Environment (MOE) Compost Regulations came into effect in July 2015. The City of Hamilton worked with the MOE to get an exemption that would allow the City to continue with status quo until upgrades can be completed on the Central Composting Facility (CCF). The City is currently developing a new maturation bunker

system at the CCF. Staff has prepared a report for the Public Works Committee on May 30th that is proposing to award the work to Maple Reinders. Staff have done a great job investigating options and minimizing overall impacts, operating and capital, due to these new requirements.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION

- Members discussed the proper method for residents to dispose of grass clippings. Staff advised that they can be placed in open, rigid containers and collectors will pick them up. In the event that a resident calls the Customer Contact Centre, the representative will educate the resident on grass recycling.
- The City is working with Stewardship Ontario and Waste Diversion Ontario to complete four seasonal audits of one hundred single-family homes and five multi-residential buildings. These audits will be done over a two week period beginning May 9th. The consultant's collection vehicle will be collecting waste and diversion material at the curbside of the selected homes. Collection operators have a letter that provides information on the audit and contact information in the event that a resident has any questions or concerns. A final report will be prepared by the consultant and submitted to the city following analysis of the findings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

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