



Hamilton

## MINUTES

### Waste Management Advisory Committee

Wednesday January 25, 2017

1:30pm

City Hall, 8<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 830

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#### Present:

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

#### Also Present:

Angela Storey, Manager of Operations Support  
Emil Prpic, Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal  
Glenn Watt, Acting Sr. Project Manager of Waste Processing  
Anne Winning, Supervisor of Outreach and Training Compliance  
Raffaella Morello, Sr. Project Manager of Waste Planning

#### Regrets:

Councillor Robert Pasuta  
Betty Matthews-Malone, Director of Operations  
Colin Vidler, Manager of Waste Collection

#### Recorder:

Hayley Court-Znottko

#### 1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None to declare

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (November 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Cancelled)

3.1 [Waste Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated September 22, 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**

- **Public Engagement Strategy**

In November 2016 the City of Hamilton completed a public opinion survey to gather feedback on the City's waste management services as part of the Public Engagement Strategy for 2020 waste contract planning. Staff will utilize the results from the survey to assist in developing future waste management contracts and improving existing service delivery.

The survey was conducted across various mediums: in-person, telephone and online via a link posted on the City of Hamilton webpage. The results have been organized using the forward sortation area of the respondent's postal code.

A portion of the survey gave residents the opportunity to provide feedback on current waste management services within the City. Overall, the majority of residents surveyed were satisfied with the current level of service and are adhering to the City of Hamilton Solid Waste Management By-law by putting out one container of waste weekly and participating in recycling and green bin programs.

The survey also allowed residents to comment on what they would like to see for future waste management services, including bi-weekly waste collection. Several residents expressed concern about bi-weekly collection due to storage issues and the potential odour related to pet waste and diapers.

The next step in the Public Engagement Strategy is for staff to report the survey results to Council at the Public Works Committee meeting.

## 6.2 Operations Update

- **Communications – 2017/2018 Recycling & Garbage Guide**

Staff provided copies of the new 2017 / 2018 Recycling & Garbage Guide for members to review. The guide has been redesigned this year to include a fold out poster that residents can quickly reference to assist with putting waste in the right place. The guide also contains important information regarding the City's waste programs including recycling, green bin and composting, and the Community Recycling Centres.

- **Materials Recycling Facility Operations – Optical Sorting System**

In 2013, the City conducted a performance audit of the Material Recycling Facility container line to measure the efficiency of the line and identify areas for improvement. The audit results showed there were opportunities to increase the operational capabilities of the existing Optical Sorter and Quality Control Lines.

In November 2016, the City installed a new Optical Sorter for Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) to improve the processing efficiency of the existing Optical Sorter and Quality Control lines. PET products typically include clear plastic beverage bottles. The equipment installation was partly funded by the Province's Continuous Improvement Fund. The new equipment has been successful in significantly increasing the PET capture rate which will help generate additional commodity revenues.

- **Central Composting Facility Operations – Curing Building Upgrades**

In October 2016, the City's Central Compost Facility (CCF) underwent Capital upgrades to the storage building where compost is stored. This renovation project was necessary in order to comply with new Ontario Compost Standards requirements for distribution of unrestricted compost.

The upgrades included installation of heavy duty walls used to create storage bunkers to separate compost batches and the construction of a computerized sprinkler system attached to the ceiling to add moisture to the compost. The new installation has allowed the City to produce compost which meets the new standards.

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## 7. OTHER BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION

- Staff discussed the two Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR) postings that have been issued in relation to the Waste Free Ontario Act. The first is in regards to the Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario that includes changes on how waste is regulated and managed in the province. The second is in regards to

the Transitional Operating Agreement that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the MOECC and the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority with governing waste. An Information Update was provided to Council on January 19, 2017 that provides further details on these postings.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

That, there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

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