



## City of Hamilton

MINUTES: Waste Reduction Task Force  
Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m.  
Hamilton City Hall, Room 264

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Present:	Peter Hutton	Jack Freiburger	Elizabeth Wren
	Tom Thompson	Jim Sweetman	Rose Killey
	Greg Kraatz		

Regrets:	Allan Freeman	Deborah Wilson	Paula Hamilton
	Grant Ranalli	Ron Speranzini	Dan Rodrigues

Also Present: Pat Parker, Director of Support Services  
Christina Gallimore, Supervisor of Operations Support  
Rūta Morkunas, Policy/Program Analyst, Policy & Programs Section  
Two public members

The Chair called the meeting to order.

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

(Moved by Greg Kraatz, seconded by Jack Freiburger)

CARRIED

### 2. Approval of the Minutes from – September 21, 2011

The minutes were approved as written.

(Moved by Jim Sweetman, seconded by Jack Freiburger)

CARRIED

### Receive meeting notes from – October 19, 2011

The meeting notes were received as written.

(Moved by Jim Sweetman, seconded by Jack Freiburger)

CARRIED

### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

It was agreed that there was no business arising from the minutes.

### 4. Administrative Items

#### a) Reminder, December meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>

Membership requested and agreed to move the meeting ahead to December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. Solid Waste Management Master Plan (SWMMP) Review

#### a) System Analysis to be released November 16, 2011

Staff gave an update on the current status of the SWMMP; the key directions and principles were revisited. A more detailed document will be posted on the internet in the coming weeks. The SWMMP Review report will be going to Council in January.

The key concern is the extent of the landfill life and the cost of extending landfill life.

## **6. Projects**

### **a) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee (GLCC)**

The Sheila May dedication will be on November 28<sup>th</sup>; details to follow via email.

### **b) SWMMP Steering Committee**

A summary of the discussion from the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

### **c) Clean City Liaison Committee (CCLC)**

The budget request is going to the Public Works Committee on November 21, 2011. Staff will report back on the outcome at December's meeting.

## **7. Operations**

### **a) Collection Request for Proposal (RFP) Update**

Staff explained that the RFP closed in October and that the system evaluation has been completed. Staff is currently working on the financial review. A report will be coming forward on January 16, 2012.

### **b) MRF Processing Negotiations**

The MRF Processing Negotiation report will go to the Public Works Committee on November 21, 2011 and will be posted on the Public Works website tomorrow (November 17). No consideration was given for a single stream processing system at this time. The recommendation is that Canada Fibres contract be renewed for seven years.

### **c) Other Considerations Report**

The Other Considerations Report will be presented at the Public Works Committee on Monday, November 21, 2011. Options for smaller green carts, alternative recycling containers, and bag tags are being reviewed. Staff explained that there will be financial considerations as these items will affect the collection system. There was discussion regarding a possible increased bag limit as well as bag tags.

Membership commented that they would look at the report on Friday and consider whether or not a public delegation is necessary.

### **d) Illegal Dumping**

An Illegal Dumping Report is scheduled to go to General Issues Committee on December 12. It will speak to the current clean-up activities undertaken by Operations & Waste Management to address the areas raised by Councillors. Hot spots were identified and are being monitored regularly. Amendments to City of Hamilton Solid Waste Management by-law, a review of tipping fees, opportunities to address issues in the waste collection system will be discussed. Municipal Law Enforcement will be submitting an Illegal Dumping report specific to By-law enforcement.

Membership commented that they do not support going back to two bags of garbage per household per week because of possibly unjustified illegal dumping concerns and added that we may have to accept that there will always be a small percentage of the population that will never "do the right thing".

### **e) Clean City Strategy 2012 Work Plan**

Staff provided an update on the Clean City 2012 work plan. Events will include: Team Up to Clean UP, Adopt-a-Park, and Adopt a Road. Staff commented on the work being done with the Rail Authority to clean up lands adjacent to the railway corridor in the Crown Point neighbourhood. A report will go to the Public Works Committee on December 5, 2011.

## **8. Sector Reports**

### **a) Business**

There is nothing new to report.

### **b) Education**

There is nothing new to report.

### **c) Environment**

The chair spoke to the group about the withdrawal of federal government funding to grass roots environmental groups that have been supported by the Canadian Environmental Network and the need to attract media coverage concerning this issue. This funding has supported groups such as - The Conservator Society, Clean Air Hamilton, Environment Hamilton, The Bruce Trail Association, The Bay Area Restoration Committee, etc. The WRTF put forward a motion to support an endorsement for continued funding for these groups. The following motion was made:

*The WRTF endorses the petition to ask the Federal government to reinstate its funding agreement of the Canadian Environmental Network and its related provincial and local non-partisan community environmental groups.*

(Moved by the Chair, seconded by all members)

CARRIED

## **9. Public Discussion**

A member of the Public inquired about the number of illegal dumping incidences. Staff advised that this would be included in the December report.

## **10. Other Business**

Membership discussed the changes to the Animal Control By-law which removes the limit on the number of cats per household and questioned how pet waste would be handled.

The Chair mentioned that he would like to change the meeting format so that they are held less frequently. The future of the WRTF will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **11. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 in room 264 at Hamilton City Hall.

(Moved by Jim Sweetman, seconded by Jack Freiburg)

CARRIED

Copies to: All present  
Regrets  
SWMMP Waste Reduction Task Force Binder Distribution List  
Gerry Davis, General Manager, Public Works Department  
Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee c/o Craig Murdoch, Operations & Waste Management Division  
City Clerks Division, c/o Andy Grozelle, Lisa Barroso