



Hamilton

MINUTES

Waste Management Advisory Committee

Wednesday November 22, 2017

1:30 p.m.

City Hall, 2nd Floor, Room 264

Present:

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

Also Present:

Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services
Emil Prpic, Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal
Colin Vidler, Manager of Waste Collections
Angela Storey, Manager of Business Programs
Raffaella Morello, Sr. Project Manager, Waste Operations
Jacquie Colangelo, Project Manager, Community Outreach

Regrets:

Peter Hargreave

Recorder:

Hayley Court-Znottka

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
September 27, 2017

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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

- **Contract Preparation**

Several waste related contracts are expiring in or around 2020. The waste collection contract with Green for Life Environmental, Inc. has been extended to 2021.

The contracts for the operation of the City's Transfer Stations, Community Recycling Centres and Landfill do not have extensions available and staff are working with Legal and Procurement to issue the Request for Proposals in Q1 2018.

Contract negotiations for the operation of the City's Central Composting Facility and Material Recycling Facility are ongoing. Staff will submit recommendation reports to the Public Works Committee on the results of these negotiations.

6.2 Waste-Free Ontario Act Updates

In August 2017, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) directed the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) and Stewardship Ontario to prepare a proposal for an amended Blue Box Program Plan. Between September to November 2017, Stewardship Ontario held consultation meetings with municipalities and other affected stakeholders to get feedback and comments to assist in developing the draft amended Blue Box Program Plan. The draft is scheduled to be released on December 22, 2017 with a comment period open until January 15, 2018. Staff will submit comments on behalf of the City prior to the deadline.

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change posted a proposed Food and Organic Waste Framework (Framework) on the Province's Environmental Registry (EBR) for public comment until January 13, 2018. The Framework includes several objectives and associated actions that will encourage food and organic waste reduction in Ontario. Actions include developing promotion and education tools, promoting the safe donation of surplus food with food safety guidelines, encouraging food waste reduction in multi-residential

buildings and eventually the implementation of a food and organic waste disposal ban at landfill sites. Staff will submit comments on behalf of the City prior to the deadline.

6.3 Operations Update

- **2018-2019 Residential Recycling & Garbage Guide**

The Waste Management Advisory Committee reviewed the draft 2018-2019 Residential Recycling & Garbage Guide and provided comments to staff. The Guide will have the same layout as the 2017-2018 Guide which includes a poster fold-out that displays sorting guidelines. The Guide also contains important information regarding the City's waste management programs. Councillors were asked to provide any comments to staff prior to December 1, 2017.

- **Board of Health Report on the City's Food Waste Reduction Strategy (BOH Outstanding Business List)**

Recycling and Waste Disposal staff and Public Health Services staff are preparing a report for the Board of Health regarding food waste management. The Inter-Departmental Food Strategy Steering Team is working with community partners to determine what actions can be undertaken to reduce food waste. Actions include encouraging residents to use their green bin and how to shop for and store their food properly to avoid food waste. Staff will also examine opportunities to reduce food waste at City facilities.

- **Multi-Residential Waste Diversion Program**

Report PW17086 Multi-Residential Waste Diversion Program was received at the November 13, 2017 Public Works Committee. It has been referred back to staff to investigate other possible approaches and provide further recommendations for the multi-residential program. In the interim, staff will be updating educational materials and continuing to work with existing and new multi-residential buildings to ensure they are able to participate in the City's waste diversion programs.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION

- Staff discussed the benefits of the new 57 litre green carts that are being used in the City's green cart program. These carts are smaller than the previous standard 120 litre green cart. The smaller size will discourage residents from using their green bin exclusively for their leaf and yard waste. The smaller bins will result in less leaf and yard waste going to the Central Composting Facility and will also result in cost savings on processing the material. Residents will be encouraged to utilize the new 57 litre green carts, except in

the areas where it is not operationally feasible due to the waste collection vehicles that are used.

8. ADJOURNMENT

That, there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

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