



Hamilton

## **MINUTES**

### **Waste Management Advisory Committee**

Wednesday January 31, 2018

1:30 p.m.

City Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 718

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**Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services  
Emil Prpic, Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal  
Colin Vidler, Manager of Waste Collections  
Raffaella Morello, Sr. Project Manager, Waste Operations  
Jacquie Colangelo, Project Manager, Community Outreach  
Mike Stelmach, Project Manager, Contracts

**Regrets:**

Angela Storey, Manager of Business Programs

**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  
November 22, 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**

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the operation of the Transfer Stations and Community Recycling Centres will be posted during Q1 2018.

Staff has prepared a report for Council for the February 19<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee which will provide an update on the status of the contract negotiations for the operation of the Central Composting Facility (CCF), operation of the Material Recycling Facility (MRF), and an update on the RFP that will be issued for the operation of the Transfer Stations and Community Recycling Centres.

**6.2 Waste-Free Ontario Act Updates**

- **Food and Organic Waste Framework**

An Information Update was issued to Council in January relating to the proposed Food and Organic Waste Framework issued by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

- **Amended Blue Box Program Plan**

An Information Update was issued to Council in January regarding the transition of the Amended Blue Box Program Plan.

- **Tire Regulation**

An Information Update was issued to Council in January related to the Draft Tire Regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act. Under the regulation, tire producers and retailers will be required to collect any tires returned from consumers.

At this time, it has not been determined if program changes may be required for the collection of used tires at the City's Community Recycling Centres. Used tires will continue to be collected during the transition period.

### 6.3 Operations Update

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

The 2018-2019 residential recycling and garbage guide is scheduled to be delivered to residents during the week of February 20, 2018. Staff has arranged to have both print and digital ads in local media reminding residents that they will receive their guides in the mail.

- **Update on the “Green Your Routine” advertising campaign**

The first phase of the “Green Your Routine” campaign was completed in 2017. The goal of Phase 1 was to promote and increase participation in the green bin program. Overall, the feedback received from residents has been positive. Several residents indicated that the most challenging aspects of using the green bin was preventing odours and the work associated with sorting materials properly.

Following the launch of the campaign, staff noticed there was an increased percentage of acceptable compostable material during seasonal audits at the City’s Central Composting Facility.

Staff is currently developing Phase 2 of the “Green Your Routine” campaign for promotions to begin in 2018.

- **Recycling Collection Services**

The City’s contractor for recycling collection, Green for Life Environmental Inc. (GFL), experienced service issues during the last week of December 2017 and the first week of January 2018 due to various factors. Since this time, GFL has taken several steps to remedy the issues, including changes in management and staffing and bringing in vehicles from other areas.

A PSA was issued on January 5, 2018 to advise Council and the public of the delays that the recycling collection crews were experiencing. An Information Update was later issued to Council on January 9, 2018 to provide details on the steps that were taken by GFL to address the issues.

- **Global impacts on recycling end-markets**

China’s “National Sword” initiative took effect on January 1, 2018. This initiative reduces the amount of recyclable material that China accepts and has resulted in a reduction in value of blue box commodities. While the revenues generated by the sale of blue box commodities did increase in 2017, impacts from the “National Sword” initiative started to be seen in September. In anticipation of this initiative, staff applied to have the

Environmental Compliance Approval for the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) amended to allow for additional storage of paper materials.

- **Textiles waste diversion**

Staff is reviewing opportunities to introduce a textile waste diversion program. Staff reviewed best practices with other municipalities and have met with various vendors who have expressed interest in operating a pilot project with the City to collect textiles. As part of the pilot project, staff will consider installing textile collection bins at the Dundas and Kenora Transfer Stations.

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**7. OTHER BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

- There was discussion on the use of lids for blue boxes to prevent litter during inclement weather. Staff advised that the City does not supply lids for blue boxes; however, residents can purchase lids or recycling containers with lids from retail locations.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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