



# Hamilton

## MINUTES

### Waste Management Advisory Committee

Wednesday September 26, 2018

1:30 p.m.

City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 264

**Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Emil Prpic, Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal  
 Colin Vidler, Manager of Waste Collections  
 Angela Storey, Manager of Business Programs  
 Jacque Colangelo, Project Manager, Community Outreach

**Regrets:**

Kevin Hunt  
 Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services

**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 March 28, 2018

CONLEY/HARGREAVE

**CARRIED**

**4. CONSENT ITEMS**

There are no consent items.

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations.

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 6.1 2020 Waste System Contract Planning

- **Material Recycling Facility Request for Proposals (RFP)**

The current contract for the operation of the Material Recycling Facility expires in March 2020. Staff are preparing specifications for the RFP to be released in November. It is anticipated that a proponent will be selected Q1 2019.

- **Completion of the Waste Transfer & Disposal RFP**

The evaluation process for the City's Waste Transfer and Disposal System RFP has been completed. Waste Connections of Canada and Waste Management of Canada Corporation were the successful proponents for the operation of the City's Transfer Stations and Community Recycling Centres and the Glanbrook Landfill respectively.

### 6.2 Waste-Free Ontario Act Updates

- **Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste**

The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change had previously issued direction to Stewardship Ontario to wind up the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program by December 31, 2020. A plan for the program is to be submitted to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority by June 2019. The current MHSW program will continue to operate without disruption during the transition and residents will not be negatively impacted.

- **Finalization of the Food and Organic Waste Framework**

Staff are reviewing the Organics Framework from an internal standpoint and determining what it will mean for communications to residents.

### 6.3 Operations Update

- **Recycling Contamination**

Discussed the ongoing challenges with recycling end markets and the requirement for a higher quality of material. In response, residents are

encouraged to remove items such as Styrofoam and black plastic from their blue boxes.

- **Waste Diversion Comparison**

Staff discussed the waste diversion rates between 2011 and 2017. In 2017 overall diversion was 44%, this is attributed to various factors including change in packaging and light weighting of materials.

- **Gold Box Audits**

2,600 gold boxes were awarded through the City's Gold Box Audit program in 2018. During the audits, staff noted that many residents did not have their green bins placed at the curb, which is a requirement, and also increased blue box contamination. These factors lead to only a 37% win rate for 2018.

- **Motion on Litter Containers for Drive-Thru Restaurants**

The motion was approved by Council, therefore requiring an adjustment to the Property Standards By-law to ensure that drive-thru restaurants have a garbage receptacle that is easily accessible to customers.

The Committee discussed concerns that were raised from restaurant owners regarding increased costs from illegal dumping in these containers, safety concerns for their employees.

- **Leaf & yard waste collection program**

Report PW18088 is included on the September 26, 2018 Council Agenda for approval. The report contains two parts: third party processing of green bin material; and the temporary removal of grass and leaf and yard waste from the green bin program.

The Report passed at Public Works Committee where positive feedback was received from Councillors in terms of having a six month lead time to prepare a communication plan for residents and develop an enforcement strategy for the temporary ban. Staff advised that the service level residents receive will not be impacted by the ban.

- **2019-2020 Recycling and Waste Guide Planning**

Staff advised that planning of the 2019 / 2020 Recycling and Waste Guide has begun. The guide will be in a booklet form and, if approved at Council, it will include additional information regarding the leaf and yard ban.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

- The City Clerk's office has advised that current Committee Members will continue in their roles until new members have been appointed.
- Discussed the mandate and purpose of the Waste Management Advisory Committee to ensure the Solid Waste Management Master Plan is being met and advise the Public Works Committee on issues related to waste management. Committee Member shared concerns that there were several issues this year that were not discussed at this Committee for members to provide input prior to being presented to Council.
- An update was provided to the Committee regarding the closure of the Central Composting Facility. Investigative reports to determine the cause of the odour are being finalized and staff are continuing to work with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to ensure that restart process is efficient. To date, approximately 8,000 tonnes of organic material has gone directly to the landfill.
- Discussion occurred regarding the legal proceedings between the City and the Contractor for the operation of the City's MRF. The Contractor had approached the City to advise of ongoing challenges within recycling markets and seeking compensation. Staff and the Contractor entered into and completed negotiations. Following negotiations, City staff prepared an in-camera Recommendation Report for the General Issues Committee outlining recommendations related to the negotiations. Following Committee's decision, the Contractor provided an Official Statement of Claim.
- Committee Member provided suggestion to provide a brown bin, a plastic bin similar to the green bin, to residents to encourage separating leaf and yard materials.
- Staff to review opportunities for an agricultural waste program for disposal of items such as bail wrapping.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

That, there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

CONLEY/PASUTA

**CARRIED**