



Hamilton

MINUTES WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday April 18, 2019
1:30 p.m.
Room 830, 8th Floor
City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present:

Chair:	Councillor Maria Pearson
Vice-Chair:	Councillor John-Paul Danko
Secretary:	Hayley Court-Znottka
Members:	Kevin Hunt
	Peter Hargreave

Also Present:

Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services
Angela Storey, Manager of Business Programs
Joel McCormick, Manager of Waste Collections
Catherine McCausland, Manager of Recycling & Waste Disposal
Rob Conley, Senior Project Manager, Landfills
Ryan Kent, Senior Project Manager, Waste Planning
Jacquie Colangelo, Project Manager, Community Outreach

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 February 7, 2019

(Hunt/Danko)

That the Minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting of the Waste Management Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. PRESENTATIONS

None

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) 2020 Waste System Contract Planning (Item 6.1)

(a) Material Recycling Facility Request for Proposals

The Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on March 18, 2019, with an anticipated closing date of May 7, 2019. Proponent tours and presentations have been held and staff will prepare a report for Public Works Committee advising of the successful proponent for the meeting on July 10, 2019.

(b) Central Composting Facility Request for Proposals

The current contract for the Operation and Maintenance of the Central Composting Facility (CCF) expires on December 31st 2020. Staff are preparing the RFP and another team of staff will develop an In-House Bid Submission, as per Procurement Policy #22. An Information Report will be brought to the July 10, 2019 Public Works Committee that will outline the process of submitting an internal bid, as required by the Policy.

(c) Waste Collections Request for Proposals

A Consultant has been hired to assist with the development of the technical and general specifications for the Waste Collection Services RFP. The current contract expires March 31, 2021 and staff anticipate that the RFP will be released in Q4 2019/Q1 2020.

(ii) Waste-Free Ontario Act Updates (Item 6.2)

(a) Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities: Discussion Paper

On March 6, 2019, the province released “Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities: Discussion Paper”, with an April 20, 2019 deadline for comments. Staff have prepared comments to submit on the 8 main discussion areas included in the paper. Staff provided a high-level summary of the draft comments that will be submitted on the City’s behalf.

There was further discussion regarding the rationale for full producer responsibility for compostable products and packaging; staff advised that although a product may be labelled as compostable, it may not be compostable within the 21 day timeframe when in the City’s system.

Staff comments also address thermal treatment and chemical recycling, stating that the province should lead a process to determine what technologies are feasible and most beneficial to help guide municipalities.

(iii) Operations Update (Item 6.3)

(a) Green Bin and Yard Waste

Report PW19030, Amendment to Solid Waste Management By-Law #09-067 is included on the agenda for the April 29, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting. The recommendation is to update the by-law to include that leaf and yard waste is no longer an acceptable item in the Green Bin program and that a green bin is an unacceptable container for yard waste.

The leaf and yard waste ban took effect on April 1, 2019 and Collectors have been instructed to leave a yellow “Oops” sticker if leaf and yard waste including grass is in a green bin. The sticker indicates that the green bin was collected this time but will be left behind next time. Following the “grace period”, if leaf and yard waste including grass is in a green bin, Collectors will not collect the contents of the bin and will place a pink “Oops” sticker on the bin that provides information on what to do with the leftover material.

During the time between April 1 to April 14, 2019, a total of 1,013 properties were tagged with “Oops” stickers by Collectors. During this two-week period, the inbound composition of green bin material accepted at the CCF contained an average of 10.5% leaf and yard waste including grass.

(b) Multi-Residential Recycling Contamination Enforcement

An Information Update was sent to Council on March 25, 2019 to advise of the actions being taken to reduce contamination within the Blue Box Recycling program at multi-residential buildings. In January 2019, there was an increase in loads being rejected by the operator of the City's MRF that the operator attributed to the increase in contamination in the Blue Box program and more particularly from multi-residential properties. In response, stickering of blue boxes and blue carts and monitoring at the curb has increased, resulting in a significant reduction in rejected loads at the MRF. A letter was mailed to property owners of multi-residential properties to provide notice of the increased enforcement during the collection of blue cart recycling and to offer educational sessions and materials.

(c) Waste Calendar Distribution

Staff provided an update on the distribution of the new Waste Calendar to residents. Properties that were missed during the initial mailing in March are being tracked and resolved. A Yard Waste sticker for residents to affix to their open-top, rigid containers for leaf and yard waste was included in the package and are also available at the City's Municipal Service Centres. These stickers are not required for pick-up, but assist with identifying the container.

(d) Spring Community Compost Giveaway Events

The 2019 Spring Community Compost Giveaway Events have been scheduled for the following dates and times provided below. Each location will be open from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., or while supplies last, and each will have 60 tonnes of compost and wood chips.

Date and Time	Location
Saturday, April 27	Ancaster Public Works Yard 501 Shaver Rd., Ancaster
Saturday, April 27	Joe Sams Leisure Park 752 Centre Rd., Waterdown
Saturday, May 4	Jones Road Public Works Yard 349 Jones Rd., Stoney Creek
Saturday, May 4	Dundas Public Works Yard 189 King St. E., Dundas
Saturday, May 11	Brampton Street Public Works Yard 2200 Brampton St., Hamilton
Saturday, May 11	Rymal Road Public Works Yard 308 Rymal Rd. E., Hamilton

(iv) Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review and Next Steps (Item 6.4)

Staff provided a review of ongoing initiatives related to the seven Solid Waste Management Master Plan (SWMMP) focus areas and three SWMMP directives.

Further to the discussion regarding advocating for extended producer responsibility, Councillor Pearson raised a concern regarding the approximately \$4.3M cost in 2017 of the Blue Box program and wants to ensure that Council is made aware of these costs going forward.

Further discussion occurred regarding the 2018 diversion rate of 34% and the need to increase this to save valuable landfill capacity. Staff will provide a dollar value for a year's worth of landfill capacity for the next meeting.

(v) Upcoming Staff Report re: Proposals for Waste Management (Item 6.5)

Staff are preparing a report for the June 3, 2019 Public Works Committee as a follow-up to a Notice of Motion by Councillor Danko to City Council on February 27, 2019. The Notice of Motion addresses Requests for Delegation relating to Waste Management technology, waste policy or waste process improvements being referred to the Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) for consideration. The purpose would be for the WMAC to do an initial "vetting" of proposals and if it is determined to have merit, the Committee will direct staff to prepare a report to be brought to Public Works Committee. Staff will contact the City's Clerk's Department to determine the correct procedure relating to this Notice of Motion.

(Hunt/Hargreave)

That the above-noted Discussion Items from Staff, be received.

CARRIED

7. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (Item 7.1)

The City of Hamilton is launching the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program to bring attention to cigarette butt litter and the environmental impacts it has. Garbage containers with cigarette butt receptacles in the downtown core are being wrapped in a new design that will bring attention to the receptacles with the intent to reduce the amount of cigarette butt litter on city streets. The Waste Collections Section is also reviewing technologies and equipment that would make the cleanup of this type of litter more efficient.

On Saturday April 27, 2019 the City is partnering with A Greener Future to host the Butt Blitz in the Downtown BIA, Barton Village BIA, International Village BIA, Kenilworth Avenue North and the Breezeway Trail.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Hargreave/Hunt)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

CARRIED