



Hamilton

MINUTES WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday September 26, 2019

1:30 p.m.

Room 264, 2nd Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present:

Chair:	Councillor Maria Pearson
Vice-Chair:	Councillor John-Paul Danko
Secretary:	Hayley Court-Znottka
Members:	Councillor Nrinder Nann
	Kevin Hunt
	Lynda Lukasik

Also Present:

Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services
 Angela Storey, Manager of Business Programs
 Rob Conley, Senior Project Manager, Landfills
 Ryan Kent, Senior Project Manager, Waste Planning
 Jacquie Colangelo, Project Manager, Community Outreach
 Adriana Byrne, Senior Project Manager, Parks & Cemeteries

Regrets:

Catherine McCausland, Manager of Recycling & Waste Disposal
 Joel McCormick, Manager of Waste Collections

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- (i) Item 4.2, Lisa Maychak and Jeanne Mayo, Age Friendly Hamilton, respecting Hamilton's Age Friendly Plan, has been added to the agenda as a Delegation Request.
- (ii) Item 9.2, 2019 Fall Community Compost Giveaways has been added to the agenda.

(Nann/Danko)

That the agenda for the September 26, 2019 Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 June 11, 2019

(Danko/Nann)

That the Minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting of the Waste Management Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Nann/Danko)

That the following delegation requests be approved:

4.1 Greg Drnovsek, Btt Natural Inc., respecting Organic/Food Waste Treatment Product for Eliminating Odours at the Central Composting Facility (for a future meeting)

4.2 Lisa Maychak and Jeanne Mayo, Age Friendly Hamilton, respecting Hamilton's Current Age Friendly Plan and to Consult with Advisory Committee Members for the Development of Hamilton's Second Age Friendly Plan (for a future meeting)

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

5.1 Anthony LeBlanc addressed the Committee respecting Treating Non-Recyclable Plastics through Reverse Construction of Materials and Reclaiming Usable Waste.

(Nann/Danko)

That the delegation by Anthony LeBlanc, respecting Treating Non-Recyclable Plastics through Reverse Construction of Materials and Reclaiming Usable Waste, be received.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT ITEMS

**(i) 2012 Solid Waste Management Master Plan Status of Objectives
(Item 6.1)**

Staff reviewed the status of the 2012 Solid Waste Management Master Plan Recommendations and provided updates on two items; the number of Gold Boxes that have been awarded has increased to 19,350 and 12,170 pieces of educational material has been distributed to Multi-Residential properties.

7. PRESENTATIONS

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Pet Waste Receptacles in City Parks (Item 8.1)

Parks & Cemeteries staff attended to provide an update on the ongoing pet waste receptacles pilot program. While the pilot is approximately 90% complete, staff are assessing the data to consider if the program is meeting the intent. There has been a positive uptake and a steady increase in the use of the receptacles and materials that are collected; however, staff have encountered issues related to the servicing of the units.

After engaging in conversations regarding expanding the program, staff discovered that waste from City parks is no longer guaranteed to be processed by bio-digestion, but in a manner that is not recognized as diversion. Since this discovery, service has been paused while staff investigates options to continue the pilot.

Committee Members inquired if the waste removal could be done in-house, but staff advised disposal of collected waste would still be an issue.

(ii) 2020 Waste System Contract Planning (Item 8.2)

(a) Material Recycling Facility Request for Proposals

The recommendation report for the Operations and Maintenance of the Material Recycling Facility Request for Proposals will be included on the agenda for the Public Works Committee on September 30, 2019.

(b) Waste Collections Request for Proposals

The current Waste Collections contract will expire on March 30, 2021. The Request for Proposals (RFP) / new Contract will focus on technology and efficiencies, while maintaining the current level of service to residents.

Following the announcement from the Province regarding the transition of the Blue Box Program, the RFP contract length will be structured so that the blue box/cart collection services are 5 years plus three 1-year extensions and all other waste streams will be 7 years with one 1-year extension.

Staff are currently finalizing the RFP / Contract documents and anticipate that it will be released later this year.

(iii) Waste-Free Ontario Act Updates (Item 8.3)

(a) Blue Box Transition

The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks issued the Blue Box program wind-up letter to Stewardship Ontario on August 15, 2019. The wind-up letter directs that a transition plan must be approved by December 31, 2020 and include a transition period between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025. The transition plan must be developed in consultation with stakeholders and include designated wastes included in the Blue Box program. Staff advised that the wind-up letter did not include details on when municipalities will be selected to transition or if Producers will take over any existing contracts as part of the transition. Staff will continue to provide updates to the Waste Management Advisory Committee and Council.

(iv) Operations Update (Item 8.4)

(a) Status of Curbside Enforcement of Yard Waste and Recycling

Staff provided an update on the curbside enforcement of leaf and yard waste in the green bin to Members. Since the update to the Solid Waste Management By-law earlier this year, which removed leaf and yard waste from the green bin program, data shows the steady decrease in properties tagged for improperly sorted materials. Inbound truck audits at the Central Composting Facility shows that 92% of material is source separated organics.

An update was provided on Multi-Residential blue cart enforcement. A letter was mailed to multi-residential property owners in March 2019 advising of an increase in enforcement at

the curb to assist with reducing contamination and offering and additional education support to Superintendents and tenants. Statistics show that since April, the number of blue carts being tagged for contamination has reduced.

Staff advised the upcoming enforcement of black plastic in Styrofoam in the blue box/cart. Beginning on October 21, 2019, these items will no longer be accepted in the blue box/cart and residents will receive an "Oops" sticker and the contaminated material will be left at the curb.

Staff have prepared a postcard to be mailed to residents that includes reminders that leaf and yard waste is no longer accepted in the green bin, that black plastic and Styrofoam are to go in the garbage and that waste needs to be at the curb by 7am.

(v) Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review and Next Steps (Item 8.5)

Staff is currently working with a consultant to verify that the budget aligns with the Scope of Work provided and will prepare a report for Public Works Committee in Q2 2020.

(vi) Upcoming Staff Report re: Comprehensive Waste By-Law Update (Item 8.6)

Staff are preparing a report for the December 2, 2019 Public Works Committee that will seek Council's approval to update the Waste By-law. Proposed updates include moving the lists of acceptable items and acceptable containers to appendices, giving the General Manager of Public Works the authority to revise content in appendices, and removing inconsistencies, duplications and conflicts with other policies from the By-law. Staff are working with Legal Services to draft the revised by-law.

(vii) Upcoming Staff Report re: Moving Hamilton Towards a Zero Plastic Waste Plan (Item 8.7)

Staff are preparing a report for the December 2, 2019 Public Works Committee that will include recommendations on a strategy for eliminating single-use plastics. The strategy will focus on City-owned facilities and operations and will include providing support and resources for businesses and special events.

The report will include recommended items to ban and acceptable alternative products. The results from testing that was completed at the CCF to determine the processing capability of alternative products will

also be included. Staff provided a brief review of the testing, showing that many items that are labelled as compostable did not breakdown within the City's process.

(Nann/Hunt)

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

CARRIED

9. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Waste Reduction Week, October 21-27, 2019 (Item 9.1)

During this year's Waste Reduction Week, staff will be participating in several events within the community and providing educational presentations for local grade 5 students at the CCF. Waste reduction tips will also be posted daily on the Clean & Green Hamilton Facebook page.

(ii) 2019 Fall Community Compost Giveaways, October 5, 2019 (Item 9.2)

The 2019 Fall Community Compost Giveaways are scheduled for Saturday October 5, 2019 at the Brampton Street Public Works Yard and the Rymal Road Public Works Yard. Both events will run from 7am to 11am, or while supplies last.

10. ADJOURNMENT

(Nann/Danko)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

CARRIED