

# MINUTES WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday September 30, 2021 1:30 p.m.

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Present: Chair: Councillor Maria Pearson

Vice-Chair: Councillor John-Paul Danko

Members: Kevin Hunt

Lynda Lukasik

**Absent with** 

**Regrets:** Councillor Nrinder Nann

**Also Present:** Angela Storey, Director, Waste Management

Joel McCormick, Manager of Waste Collection

Catherine McCausland, Manager of Waste Processing and

Disposal

Rob Conley, Senior Project Manager, Landfills

Scott Hembruff, Senior Project Manager, Waste Processing

Ryan Kent, Manager of Waste Policy and Planning

Raffaella Morello, Senior Project Manager, Waste Operations

#### 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

#### (i) May 10, 2021

#### (Danko/Hunt)

That the Minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting of the Waste Management Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

#### 4. CONSENT ITEMS

## (i) Solid Waste Management Master Plan - Status of 2020 SWMMP Action Items (Item 6.1)

Staff provided information on the status of the 2020 Solid Waste Management Master Plan action items.

## (Hunt/Danko)

That the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Status of 2020 Action Items, be received.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### (Lukasik/Danko)

That the following discussion items, be received.

#### (i) Waste-Free Ontario Act Updates (Item 8.1)

## (a) Status of the Blue Box Transition

Staff provided an update on the Blue Box program transition. The Blue Box Program Regulation was released on June 3, 2021. This Regulation will introduce a new common blue box collection system across Ontario. The City's recycling program will be transitioned by April 1, 2025.

## (b) Proposed Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Regulation

Staff provided an update on the Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Regulation. On July 1, 2021, the new Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) regulation HSP was approved which replaces Ontario's existing Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program. The HSP regulation make producers accountable and financially responsible for collecting and managing

HSP at end-of-life. Producers will have a 15-month transition period from October 1, 2021 to December 2022.

During the transition period, the City will continue to operate its household hazardous waste depots. Staff will undertake a review on whether the City should continue to operate its' Hazardous Waste Depots for the HSP products that are not covered under the regulation.

## (ii) Operations Update (Item 8.2)

## (a) Waste Collection Service Operations

Staff informed the Committee that the seasonal leaf and yard waste program will end during the week of November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Leaf and yard waste drop-off is available year-round at the City's Community Recycling Centres.

## (b) Waste Processing Service Operations

Staff provided updates on the City's waste processing service operations:

- Central Composting Facility The City's Operations and Maintenance Contract C11-46-20 for processing the City's source separated organic materials was transitioned on June 29, 2021.
- 2) Materials Recycling Facility Lighting upgrades were completed at the Materials Recycling Facility which has resulted in the reduction of the facility's energy consumption.
- 3) Transfer Stations/Community Recycling Facilities Staff revised the scope of work for the construction of the expanded Transfer Station/Community Recycling Centre (TS/CRC) due to the cost of land.
- 4) Glanbrook Landfill Staff is drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the design and construction of Cells C, D and E within stage 3 at Glanbrook Landfill

## (c) Solid Waste Collection Design Requirements

Staff provided an update on the staff report concerning the proposed changes to the Waste Collection Design Requirements document. Consultation was undertaken with the Development Industry and the City's Planning and Economic Development staff concerning the proposed policy.

## (d) Waste Management System By-law

Staff informed the Committee of the proposed amendments for the City's Waste Management System By-law 20-221. The proposed amendments include allowing fines to be issued under the By-law, revisions to waste containers that can be used, and other minor revisions. A staff report on the By-law amendments will be presented at the Public Works Committee meeting on October 18, 2021.

#### (e) Promotion and Education

Staff provided information on upcoming community outreach initiatives:

- Waste Collection Safety A new education campaign is being launched to inform the public on how to safely travel around waste collection vehicles.
- Waste Education Virtual education videos are being developed for schools which include information on waste reduction tips and virtual waste facility tours.
- 3) Compost giveaway event The City will be holding a compost giveaway on October 9, 2021 at Turner Park.

#### (f) Multi-Residential Waste Audits

Staff provided an overview of the multi-residential waste audits which were completed in January to March 2021. The audits reviewed information on waste generation, waste diversion rate, capture rate and contamination rate. The audit results were compared to the audit findings from single-dwelling residential homes. As part of next steps, a pilot project will be undertaken assess new educational material. Additional waste audits will be undertaken in 2022 to evaluate the results of the pilot project.

CARRIED

## 7. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Information from the City Clerk Division - Social Determinants of Health in COVID-19 (BOH20015) (Item 8.2)

#### (Danko/Lukasik)

That Information from the City Clerk Division - Social Determinants of Health in COVID-19 (BOH20015), be received.

CARRIED

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

(Hunt/Lukasik)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m. **CARRIED** 

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Pearson Chair, Waste Management Advisory Committee

Raffaella Morello Senior Project Manager-Waste Operations, Waste Policy and Planning Waste Management Division, Public Works Department