



Hamilton

**MINUTES
WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday March 31, 2022

1:30 p.m.

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Present: Chair: Councillor Maria Pearson
Vice-Chair: Councillor John-Paul Danko
Councillor Nrinder Nann
Members: Kevin Hunt
Lynda Lukasik

Also Present: Angela Storey, Director, Waste Management
Joel McCormick, Manager of Waste Collection
Catherine McCausland, Manager of Recycling and Disposal
Rob Conley, Senior Project Manager, Landfills
Ryan Kent, Manager of Waste Policy and Planning
Raffaella Morello, Senior Project Manager, Waste Operations

1. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2021

(Danko/Hunt)

- (a) That Councillor Maria Pearson be appointed as Chair of the Waste Management Advisory Committee for 2022; and,

(Pearson/Nann)

- (b) That Councillor John-Paul Danko be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Waste Management Advisory Committee for 2022.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) December 16, 2021

(Danko/Lukasik)

That the Minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting of the Waste Management Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. CONSENT ITEMS

**(i) Solid Waste Management Master Plan - Status of 2020 SWMMP
Action Items (Item 7.1)**

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

(Nann/Lukasik)

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

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(Hunt/Lukasik)

That the following discussion items, be received.

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

(a) Hazardous and Special Products

Staff informed the Committee that the City signed a contract with a battery Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO), Call2Recycle in July 2020 to manage eligible batteries collected at the Household Hazardous Waste depots. The City was awarded the “Leader in Sustainability Award” from Call2Recycle for collecting 58,193 kilograms of used batteries in 2021.

Staff provided information on contracts with PROs to manage hazardous and special products collected at the City’s Community Recycling Centres. All hazardous and special products are currently being collected at the City’s Community Recycling Centres at this time. Staff will share a report

with Council if changes are recommended for the operation of the City's hazardous and special products program.

(b) Blue Box Program Transition

Staff informed the Committee that a road map will be developed for transition of the City's Blue Box program including all tasks that need to be completed prior to the Blue Box program transition in April 2025.

(ii) Operations Update (Item 8.2)

(a) Waste Collection Service Operations

Staff provided information on the City's waste collection service operations:

1) Curbside Yard Waste Collection schedule

Staff informed the Committee that the weekly leaf and yard waste collection program will operate between February 28, 2022 to December 9, 2022.

2) Curbside Waste Collection Service Interruption

It was reported that during January and February 2022, curbside waste collection service interruptions were experienced due to COVID-19 absences among the City's waste collection contractor and a winter storm event.

(b) Recycling and Waste Disposal Operations

Staff provided information on the City's waste processing and disposal operations:

1) Central Composting Facility (CCF) Updates

The CCF is currently processing at an approved annual capacity of 20,000 metric tonnes. The City is working on updating the facility's odour management system to increase annual processing capacity to 40,000 metric tonnes.

2) Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Updates

The MRF started to receive merchant cardboard materials.

Staff is currently undertaking a project to revise the method of proper handling of hazardous and special waste products which are found in blue box materials. Although these products are not accepted in the recycling program, hazardous and special waste is

inadvertently placed in the recycling program which requires removal from the processing operation.

3) Transfer Station and Community Recycling Centre Updates

Staff is reviewing the land requirements for the expansion of an additional Transfer Station/Community Recycling Centre. The cost of land continues to be cost prohibitive.

The City will be undertaking a project to replace the tip floor at the Kenora Transfer Station in 2022.

4) Glanbrook Landfill Operations

The Request for Proposal to construct Cells C, D and E within stage 3 at Glanbrook Landfill was awarded to Seawaves Development Services. The contractor has mobilized their operations as of March 13, 2022.

(c) Promotion and Education

Staff provided information on promotion and education initiatives:

1) 2022-2023 Recycling and Waste Calendar

The calendars were mailed in early March. Residents that didn't receive a calendar by March 25th can contact the Customer Contact Centre to have one mailed to them.

2) Compost Giveaway

The City will be holding a compost giveaway on April 30, May 7 and May 14, 2022 at Turner Park.

(d) 2020 SWMMP Action Item - Reduce and Reuse Policy

Information was provided on the City's Reduce and Reuse Policy. The City developed the Reduce & Reuse Policy to provide direction on how the City may support waste reduction and reuse programs led by community groups and non-profit organizations so that the City's involvement is conducted in a consistent and fair manner.

(e) Federal Draft Regulation on Single Use Plastics

Information was presented on the Federal draft Regulation on single use plastics which was released on December 25, 2021 for public comment. Staff provided a response on March 4, 2022.

The proposed Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulation would prohibit the manufacture, import, and sale of six categories of single use plastics in Canada. The manufacture and import of these six single use plastics for the purposes of export would not be subject to the proposed prohibition. The proposed Regulation includes exceptions for plastic straws to allow the public to obtain these products under certain circumstances, for example, hospitals and health care facilities may provide flexible straws for patients and residents who require them.

The Federal Government also released a document outlining best practices for choosing less-impactful plastics or non-plastic alternatives to the six categories of single use plastics identified in the proposed Regulation.

On February 11, 2022, the Federal Government released a technical issues paper that includes a plan to set minimum recycled content requirements of 50% for certain plastic manufactured items by 2030. Staff provided comments on March 10, 2022.

Staff will review the local impacts from this proposed Regulation among the City's divisions and services that purchase and provide these single use plastic products. Staff is planning to develop educational material for local businesses on alternatives for these single use plastics products.

(f) Recycling in Open Spaces

Staff provided an update on the public space recycling project which will take place beginning in May in four sites including Dundas Driving Park, Red Hill Trail, Sam Manson Park, and William Connell Park. The project will review the performance of the recycling program including container fullness and contamination.

Discussion took place concerning the City's streetscape public litter containers. Staff is undertaking a review of this program which includes the use of technology to improve operations and updating the procedure for litter container placement. Staff reported that new public space recycling containers were installed in the Westdale Business Improvement Area.

CARRIED

9. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(Hunt/Nann)

That the following discussion items, be received.

**(i) Waste Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
(Item 11.1)**

The Committee reviewed several proposed revisions for the Committee's Terms of Reference to reflect recent changes respecting the Committee's activities and support services. A Citizen Advisory Committee report will be submitted to the Public Works Committee to recommend the proposed revisions for the Terms of Reference.

(ii) Code of Conduct Training for Local Boards (Item 11.2)

Information was presented on the upcoming dates for in-person sessions with the Integrity Commissioner regarding the Code of Conduct for Local Boards.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

(Hunt/Nann)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Waste Management Advisory Committee

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