

## MINUTES

**SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #05-10**  
**Hamilton City Centre, 77 James Street North, Room 320B**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2010**  
**10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Present:**

Councillor Chad Collins  
Councillor Lloyd Ferguson  
Councillor Maria Pearson  
Councillor Russ Powers  
Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services  
Pat Parker, Director of Support Services  
Jennifer DiDomenico, Manager of Policy and Programs  
Adam Watson, Policy/Program Analyst, Support Services  
Jim Sweetman, Waste Reduction Task Force

**Regrets:**

Beth Goodger, Senior Director, Operations and Waste Management Division  
Bryan Shynal, Director of Operations

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as written.

**Moved by Councillor Ferguson, seconded by Councillor Collins:**

*That the agenda be approved.*

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting on April 14, 2010**

**Moved by Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Ferguson:**

*That the minutes be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**3. Business arising from the minutes**

Jim Sweetman gave an update on the issue of residents pooling garbage on one street in Dundas and will continue to report back. Councillor Pearson noted that a similar issue has been addressed in her ward.

**2009 Annual Report**

Staff provided an overview of the annual report, including tonnages, number of public presentations given, and the multi-residential diversion program implementation. An Information Update will be provided along with an electronic copy of the Annual Report for Councillors.

Councillor Ferguson made an inquiry into the recent HUC report and the potential of selling Glanbrook Landfill capacity being reported in the local media. Staff provided clarification on the recommendations in the report and discussion took place on the discrepancy between what was contained in the report and what was reported in the media.

## **1. Diversion Program Updates**

### **1.1. One Container Limit Update**

Staff provided an update on resident compliance with the new one-container limit. For the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>, 701 households had been stickered for being over the limit, which equates to a 0.5% non-compliance rate. It was also noted that the volume of waste-related calls was up over this period.

Staff also provided an update on Municipal Law Enforcement activities and illegal dumping reports related to the container limit. Staff stated that the level of dumping seen this year is not much higher than years past.

An inquiry was made on how collectors know how many bags to pickup at a curbside serviced multi-residential property. Staff indicated that the collector will collect one container for each unit and collectors know their routes well. Staff also indicated that they haven't started container limits in multi-residential properties, but that will be addressed once the program rollout is completed.

### **1.2. Multi-Residential Diversion Implementation**

Staff outlined the procedure for building notification and handed out a backgrounder on the steps staff will be taking to advise non-compliant properties that they are required to comply or risk cessation of collection services.

### **1.3. Other Diversion Options**

Staff provided an outline of the diversion options being considered in the report that will go to Public Works Committee in June.

#### *Street Sweepings*

Staff outlined the two options available to the City to divert street sweepings from landfill and the 2010 budget reduction requirements for street sweepings. Councillor Ferguson made a request for the disposal costs to be provided and this may need to be done in-camera due to the contractual costs being confidential. Staff will look into providing it. Discussion took place on other options to divert and reuse street sweepings and why there is a need for sweepings to be processed at all.

Councillor Powers joined the meeting at this time.

Councillor Powers gave an example on how they used to screen sweepings in Dundas through a metal screen and then reapplied and mixed it in with the pickle mix. Ferguson gave some examples of processing technologies and costs to have sweepings screened and separated. Staff will follow-up on these suggestions.

#### *Drywall*

Staff provided information and estimated costs to begin a drywall recycling pilot at one of the transfer stations. Councillor Ferguson suggested that staff contact the service provider in Hamilton to see if residents could take their drywall directly to them. A request was made for staff to speak to this business. Staff will follow-up.

Discussion took place on whether the City can promote one specific business over another. Staff indicated that Green Venture does operate an information database on other disposal facilities available in Hamilton, so this could be a way to avoid this issue.

Councillor Collins had to leave the meeting.

#### *Diapers*

Staff outlined the program for additional diaper diversion, the promotion of cloth diapers and involvement with additional organizations like the Public Health Department and area hospitals to

continue the promotion. Discussion took place on ways to make that promotion piece happen. Diaper services were cited as being a more cost-effective diaper option.

Councillor Pearson raised an issue on diapers and the under 5 years-old eligibility requirement in the Special Consideration Policy. A request was made for this requirement to be outlined with more detail to clarify this for residents.

### *Commercial Organics*

Staff outlined the program for providing the Green Cart Program to the eligible commercial properties in the City.

## **2. SWMMP Review**

Staff updated the committee on the current RFP process. A strong mix of applicants have submitted proposals and staff expect to award the contract within a week and start the review process shortly after. It was stated that a stakeholder group will be formed over the summer and the timeline for completion of the review will be 16-18 months. A report will be provided to the Steering Committee prior to it being sent to Council.

## **3. Waste Reduction Task Force (WRTF) Update**

Jim Sweetman provided an update on the activities of the WRTF since the last meeting. It was noted that one member has resigned and their position will likely be replaced during the general recruitment process in the fall.

The WRTF received a presentation from the Separate School Board and highlighted the strong difference between the separate and public board regarding waste diversion. The task force will continue to engage these groups.

It was stated that a festival/special event sub-group has formed to have WRTF members engaged and promoting the City recommendations on running waste diversion at festivals.

## **4. Federal/Provincial Legislation and Regulations Update**

Staff gave an update on the May 11 Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference, specifically related to the proposed amendments to the WDA, which may be presented in June. An inquiry was made on whether e-waste was being addressed at the conference. Staff gave an update on the issues being discussed and how they're trying to improve the existing e-waste collection program. Staff also provided an outline of current City practices on e-waste and how the recycling of it is done and how much we pay. Description took place on what we do and don't accept, such as TV's.

Staff stated that the 2009 WDO data call has been completed on time; unsure what impact the 2008 audit will have (if any) on the level of funding to be expected.

## **5. Operations Update**

### **5.1. Disposal Activities**

Staff update that the spring operations at the CRCs have been going well, and there has been limited need to have police do crowd control. Police are only needed if the vehicle lines extend out to a public street.

Staff provided the schedule and planned operation of the 2010 compost giveaways.

### **5.2. Collections Activities**

Staff updated that the completion of the permanent offices for Collections staff at 1579 Burlington St E will be completed in October.

## **6. Outstanding Action Items**

A motion was made to remove Item 1 from the Outstanding Business List.

**Moved by Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Ferguson**

**CARRIED**

Staff indicated that single-stream recycling will be addressed in future and a request was made for an information update be sent to Councillors to clarify why we aren't yet doing single stream, but we are progressing on it. Staff will follow-up.

Staff provided an update on polystyrene, noting that the WDO/CIF application has been submitted and staff is waiting to hear on who was successful and working out potential options to collaborate with other municipalities on a densification unit. Staff noted that our current processor has deemed our polystyrene to be of high enough quality to be permitted to be sent to their Port Hope facility.

## **7. Other Business**

Councillor Powers stated that some informal creek cleanups being done by residents and they are being charged at transfer stations to dispose of the collected garbage. Staff will work on a protocol to keep encouraging these activities and not penalize people for cleaning up now that they can't put all of the collected garbage out curbside.

Councillor Pearson inquired into leaf & yard pickup and questioned why a rectangular Rubbermaid tote was not accepted by the collectors. Staff indicated that this shouldn't have taken place and this should be referred to customer service staff to be addressed. Councillor Pearson also noted that a container with dandelions was rejected by collectors due to presence of dirt. Staff will follow-up.

## **8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 9, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in room 320B of the Hamilton City Centre.**

### **Distribution List:**

SWMMP Steering Committee Members

Gerry Davis, General Manager, Public Works

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