

MINUTES

SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #09-11
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West
Room 718
Thursday November 10, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Maria Pearson
Councillor Russ Powers
Beth Goodger, Senior Director
Pat Parker, Director of Support Services
Emil Prpic, Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal
Jennifer DiDomenico, Manager Policy and Programs
Adam Watson, Program Analyst
Jim Sweetman, Waste Reduction Task Force

Regrets:

Councillor Judi Partridge
Bryan Shynal, Director of Operations

1. Adoption of Agenda

Staff requested the addition of discussion on the Capital Budget be added under Other Business.

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Pearson:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting on October 12, 2011

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Pearson:

That the minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Business arising from the minutes

It was agreed that there was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review Update

Staff provided an update on the current status of the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review. Staff outlined the public consultation activities that were planned for the remainder of the review including utilizing Facebook, website updates and community meetings. An overview of the results of the Mum Show surveys was provided.

Staff indicated that a presentation on the SWMMP Review will be brought to Steering Committee in December, with a report coming forward in January.

Steering Committee members asked that information be provided to the Councillors in advance for their monthly community newspaper columns. Councillor Pearson indicated her deadline is the first

Friday of the month; Councillor Powers' is the third Friday of the month and Councillor Partridge will let staff know her deadline.

5. Upcoming Reports

5.1 Collection System Procurement Process

Staff provided an update on the submissions received for the Collection System RFP and indicated that the technical evaluation is complete and staff is working with Finance on the financial analysis. The report will be on the Public Works Committee agenda on January 16th.

5.2 MRF Processing Negotiations

Staff provided an update on the MRF contract negotiations. Staff indicated that the negotiations have gone well and a report to Public Works Committee will be presented on November 21st, recommending a 7 year contract extension with Canada Fibres.

5.3 Other Considerations

Staff provided an update on Other Considerations (Waste Collection system refinements) report which encompasses the options for smaller green carts, alternative recycling containers, increased garbage containers and bag tags. A presentation and the report will be presented to the November 21st Public Works Committee and as it is an information report there are no decisions to be made at this time.

Staff explained how these options will be layered onto the collection system RFP costs as there are cost implications associate some of these options.

Councillor Powers inquired into the acceptability of blue bags for recycling. Staff indicated that blue bags are an acceptable container in the Solid Waste Management By-law however we do not promote them. Discussion took place on the costs of these options and also whether they had any impacts on other issues, such as preventing litter.

Discussion took place on container limits for garbage and staff indicated diversion may be slightly impacted by the number of containers allowed for garbage. Committee discussed the different bag tag options and Councillor Pearson stated that the cost of the tags at \$1 seemed low compared to current practice in some other municipalities. Staff indicated that the \$1 fee is just to cover production and distribution of the tags, while other programs implement user pay systems to cover other parts of the waste management system, such as collection or disposal. Councillor Pearson requested information on this to provide to residents. Staff indicated that has been provided through reports in previous years and will follow up.

5.4 Illegal Dumping

Staff provided an update on what is being covered in this report and also the additional work currently being done by operations staff to clean up problem areas (including the hot spots) and the work being done with MLE staff. This report is scheduled to go to General Issues Committee on December 12th.

5.5 Clean City Strategy Work Plan

Staff provided an update on the workplan that will be presented to Public Works Committee on December 5th, and the programs planned for 2012, including Team Up to Clean Up, Adopt a Park and Neighbourhood Green Team. Councillor Powers requested that the Annual Report for the Clean City Strategy be presented to the Steering Committee prior to going to GIC. A request was made for staff to look into what Committee the report is scheduled to go to and Councillor Powers will confirm the appropriateness of that direction. A suggestion was made that Public Works

Committee send the report to GIC as a consent item. Staff will follow up with the Clerk's office on the appropriate approach.

Staff also provided information on the work being done on the Rail Lands project in Crown Point and the work being done in partnership with the Rail Authority. This report will come forward at the December 5th Public Works Committee meeting.

6. Waste Reduction Task Force Update

Jim Sweetman provided an update. The SWMMP Review workshop was well received and positive results were achieved. The WRTF suggests that the language of the SWMMP Review be understandable for the public.

It was noted that meeting attendance has been lower, but still quorum has been met at all meetings.

7. Federal/Provincial Legislation and Regulations Update

Staff provided information on a new collaborative initiative that was undertaken between municipalities and waste management associations to send a letter to the Province expressing need for attention on waste management matters now that the election has passed.

Staff provided an update on the Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste Program and the status of same with Stewardship Ontario (SO). The future of program is still unknown and changes are being made by SO, so staff is waiting to see what is brought forward to municipalities. Some thoughts on the reasons for the problems include the cancellation of the Eco Fees program and a lack of agreement on how it should be funded in the future. Councillor Powers requested staff prepare an overview on the MHSW program and staff position on the program for an upcoming AMO meeting. Staff will follow up.

8. Operations Update

8.1 Community Outreach

Staff provided an update on their work on the 2012 workplan. Staff will provide an update on this to the committee in early 2012. Staff indicated that a design tender is in the works, Gold Box audits are being undertaken and three Municipal Waste Association awards were recently received for their work.

Councillors requested a monthly list of the Gold Box winners in each ward be provided to them. Staff will follow up.

8.2 Disposal Activities

Staff indicated that the CRC's are busier than usual due to increased leaf and yard waste drop-off. Staff provided a MRF update noting that the revenues are expected to be higher for 2011, and a more detailed update on MRF revenues will be provided at the November 17th GIC budget workshop.

8.3 Collections Activities

Staff noted that the seasonal leaf and yard waste collection ends early in December.

An update was provided on the Separate School Board green cart pilot and collection has now commenced at the participating schools.

9. Outstanding Action Items

Staff discussed the two outstanding action items.

A motion was made to remove the single-stream recycling item from the Outstanding Business List.

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Pearson:

CARRIED

10. Other Business

A request was made for information on the status of the multi-residential diversion program. Staff informed the committee that an Information Report is being prepared for Public Works Committee on December 5th. Staff provided an update on the current status of the program, the issues being considered, and the approach staff proposes to address some of the problems.

Staff provided a presentation on the waste management Capital Budget (historical and future forecasts).

Councillor Pearson inquired into whether the previous Gold Box website problems have been resolved. Staff will follow up.

Councillor Powers inquired about the process for submitting revisions for the future resident handbook. Staff provided information on how this information should come forward.

A motion was made to receive all presentations from the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Pearson

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Pearson

CARRIED

11. Next Meeting: Thursday December 14th, 2011, 10:00-12:00 PM, Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main St W, Room 718

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