

MINUTES

SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #05-12
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West
Room 718
Wednesday May 9, 2012
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Maria Pearson
Councillor Russ Powers
Beth Goodger, Senior Director, Operations & Waste Management Division
Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services
Pat Parker, Director of Support Services
Adam Watson, Program Analyst
Peter Hutton, Waste Reduction Task Force

Regrets:

Councillor Judi Partridge

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Pearson:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business arising from the minutes

No business was brought up under this item.

3. SWMMP Review - April 16 PWC Follow-up and June 18 Preparation

An update was provided on work being done in preparation for the June 18 Public Works Committee meeting on the SWMMP, and the follow-up on the Multi-residential Waste Diversion Information Report discussed at Public Works Committee on May 7th.

Discussion took place on the following issues that were raised at the April 16th PWC meeting.

- Staff provided an update on the Halton CCF partnership and the motion introduced at the May 7 Public Works Committee in advance of the proposed SWMMP recommendations.
- Diversion programs at corporate facilities were discussed, including the potential financial implications of expanding the program and the feasibility of implementing green carts at corporate facilities. A request was made for staff to outline what diversion programs are already in place at corporate facilities to demonstrate that progress has already been made in that area.
- Discussion took place on the commercial green cart rollout and how it will be managed in conjunction with the work on multi-residential and corporate facilities programs.
- Some additional costing information is being considered.
- Discussion took place on the issue of managing the City's waste within our boundaries and the possible amendments to Guiding Principle 2 that could be made.

- Concerns about the SWMMP public consultation process and representation for the whole city were discussed. The consultation was open, broad and available to all residents.
- Staff will provide some clarification on landfill capacity for the various systems.
- Staff indicated that estimates have been made on how managing the waste of the IC&I sector would have impacted the life of the landfill.
- The facility reviews and feasibility studies proposed in the SWMMP and the need for them were discussed. This is a best practice for the management of many facility.
- Staff will review the recommendations in the SWMMP report and provide the Steering Committee with suggestions for refining them.

4. Federal/Provincial Legislation and Regulations Update

A recent meeting was held with a representative from Stewardship Ontario to go over existing program concerns. The outstanding payments were reviewed and the labour portion of the payments is being processed to send to us. The remaining payments for haulage and disposal still need to be received.

Councillor Powers gave an update on recent meetings that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has had with provincial representatives and their work to address the funding issues.

Staff provided a further update on the paint and cylinder recycling portions of the MHSW program and the difficulty in managing the payments by the province.

Discussions will also be had with the Ontario Waste Management Association on comments on the program performance and outstanding issues.

5. Operations Update

5.1 Community Outreach

Compost giveaways will be taking place starting this weekend. Also a compost bunker has been set up at the Upper Ottawa Street yard until May 25th for people to shovel their own compost. Consideration will be given to the establishment of a more permanent bunker in the future.

The April 'Team Up to Clean Up' activities have been successful so far this year and several more are planned.

Preparations for the illegal dumping hot spots clean up are underway and the work will commence soon, weather dependent.

5.2 Disposal Activities

The Spring rush at the CRC's was not as significant this year due to the mild winter and a more gradual onset of spring.

The motion concerning the CCF processing partnership with Halton has gone forward and the meetings with Halton representatives will be taking place shortly.

The MRF contract with Canada Fibers Ltd. is in its final draft stage with the goal for finalizing by the end of the month.

5.3 Collection Activities

The contract with GFL Ltd. has been signed and they are moving forward with vehicle acquisition for 2013.

Staff highlighted a recent success in waste reduction and diversion at a City Housing property. It was requested that good news stories like this need to be brought forward in Information Updates and media releases.

6. Outstanding Action Items

No business was discussed under this item.

7. Other Business

Councillor Powers commented on the improved quality of this years waste collection calendar map.

Councillor Pearson offered some positive comments on the drop-off of clean wood at CRC's and in the collection operators in her neighbourhood.

A motion was made to receive all of the information presented at the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Pearson

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Pearson

CARRIED

8. Next Meeting: TBD at the call of the Chair

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