

MINUTES

SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #07-12
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West
Room 193
Tuesday June 12, 2012
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Maria Pearson
Councillor Russ Powers
Councillor Judi Partridge
Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services
Pat Parker, Director of Support Services
Anne Winning, Acting Manager of Policy & Programs
Adam Watson, Program Analyst
Peter Hutton, Waste Reduction Task Force

Regrets:

Beth Goodger, Senior Director, Operations & Waste Management Division

1. Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes of meeting on May 9th, 2012

Moved by Councillor Partridge, seconded by Councillor Powers:

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 the Information Update and the Notice of Motion that were prepared in follow-up from the April 16th Public Works Committee presentation on the SWMMP.

Councillor Powers commented on the asset management for waste management facilities and noted that there is the potential that senior government levels may not be funding any facilities that don't have asset management plans in place. Councillor Partridge inquired whether a motion is needed on asset management. Staff indicated that it is currently addressed as part of several of the SWMMP recommendations and is also part of the corporate asset management plan, so no further motion is needed.

Discussion took place on how this information would be brought forward at the June 18th meeting.

4. Multi-Residential and Corporate Facility Waste Diversion

Staff provided information on the proposed work plan, timelines and implementation of the multi-residential and corporate waste diversion programs.

Discussion took place on the funding arrangements for the programs, the types of work to be undertaken by the students and the need to approach the multi-residential industry associations and property management companies on this program.

Councillor Powers requested that staff engage the ward councillors prior to requesting that by-law staff intervene at non-compliant properties.

Inquiries were made into rollouts to the commercial sector eligible properties. Staff indicated that the commercial rollout will be taking place and clarified what type of properties will be eligible for the program.

Discussion took place on waste diversion programs at festivals. Staff indicated that arrangements for this are made through the SEAT committee.

5. 2013 Waste Collection System Implementation Plans

Staff provided an update on the implementation plans for the new collection contracts. A staff group has been formed to work on the collection, disposal, diversion program components and work on different collection container sizes and garbage tag systems are also being addressed as part of this working group.

Discussion took place on the different green carts sizes that would be feasible for both residential and commercial properties.

Staff also indicated that they will be bringing forward a report on amendments to the waste management by-law this fall.

Councillor Powers expressed there is a need to strictly monitor the garbage tags given out to accurately monitor the operation of this program by residents. Staff indicated that they will be monitoring the program through waste audits and set out information.

6. Illegal Dumping – Escarpment clean-up

Staff provided an update on the escarpment cleanup, including the major issues experienced and types of waste collected.

Councillor Partridge stated that if there are repeat offending sites we should consider setting up cameras to monitor these areas. Staff is providing information to Municipal Law Enforcement staff for consideration in their illegal dumping pilot activities.

Councillor Pearson stated that the public should be informed of the cost of the cleanup and that it is their tax dollars needing to be spent to complete the work. Follow up letters will be sent to residents in the vicinity of the clean ups.

Councillor Powers stated that outreach activities should be done on the changes from the new collection contracts as there is improved service for leaf & yard and bulk that may help reduce illegal dumping activity. Communication and outreach strategies are being planned for collection system changes.

Councillor Pearson inquired about how this information will be reported to Council. Staff suggested information updates from time to time or more formal reporting as required.

7. Federal/Provincial Legislation and Regulations Update

Staff provided an update on the MHSW program. New changes to the program have been announced and as of September 30th funding for Phase 2 and 3 materials will be cancelled, but service will be set up through a still to be created non-profit organization. Changes to Phase 1 materials are also going to be implemented.

Staff provided information on comments provided by AMO on the Environmental Registry which highlight the problems with the proposed program. Staff will continue to update on the program.

Councillor Powers gave details on the recent meeting with provincial officials and their plans for a more dedicated discussion with the Minister of Environment at an upcoming meeting that will focus on waste management and the MHSW program.

Discussion took place on the current state of eco taxes being levied on Phase 1 materials, such as paint. Peter Hutton expressed that this is a good potential lobbying effort that can be undertaken by

the City once the SWMMP is passed. Councillor Partridge noted that the AMO lobbying efforts have so far been the most effective at getting these issues addressed. Discussion took place on potential ways for provincial stewardship programs to be improved.

8. Operations Update

8.1 Community Outreach

Staff stated that the landfill tour will be held on September 29th. The Councillors requested that advance notice be provided so they can include the information in their monthly newsletters.

8.2 Disposal Activities

Staff provided information on MRF revenues and indicated that the budget projections have been accurate for 2012.

8.3 Collection Activities

No updates under this item.

9. Outstanding Action Items

No business was discussed under this item.

10. Other Business

No business was discussed under this item.

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

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Partridge

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Partridge

CARRIED

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

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