Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee

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MINUTES

SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #05-11
Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West
Room 718
Wednesday, May 11, 2011
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Judi Partridge
Councillor Maria Pearson
Councillor Russ Powers
Beth Goodger, Senior Director, Operations and Waste Management Division
Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services
Pat Parker, Director of Support Services
Anne Winning, Supervisor
Raffaella Morello, Project Manager,
Adam Watson, Policy/Program Analyst
Jim Sweetman, Waste Reduction Task Force

Regrets:

Bryan Shynal, Director of Operations
Jennifer DiDomenico, Manager of Policy and Programs

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Partridge, seconded by Councillor Powers:

That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting on April 13, 2011

Moved by Councillor Partridge, seconded by Councillor Powers:

That the minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Business arising from the minutes

Councillor Powers requested that Item 10.1 Waste Collection in Condominiums be added to the Outstanding Business List.

4. Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review Update – June 20th Workshop & Waste Collection System Review – June 20th Workshop

Staff provided an update on the June 20th General Issues Committee workshop for Councillors. Staff outlined the approach that will be taken to bring the information forward to all Councillors and the Mayor prior to the workshop, through one-on-one meetings. A presentation was provided to outline the contents of the one-on-one sessions. Staff indicated that the June 9th Steering Committee meeting will allow time for discussion on the sessions prior to the June 20th workshop.

Illegal dumping is being discussed as part of the one-on-one sessions. Staff provided some information and will come up with a strategy to make sure this is properly addressed at the workshop.

Councillor Partridge inquired into whether dumping calls are tracked by location. Staff said that some information is available, but it is not explicitly tracked by ward.

Councillor Powers stated that he is approaching all Councillors to have them provide 1 or 2 locations of problem areas in their ward with the goal to target stronger investigation and ongoing monitoring in these areas. He is also inviting Councillors to identify areas in other wards that they know of. Staff requested that these areas be given to staff in advance of the workshop so they can include some research and costing to do enforcement and cleanup in each of the problem sites. Discussion took place on when this information would need to be provided to staff. Councillor Powers will work to have the Councillor list of dumping sites to staff within the next week to be included in the report.

Staff provided an update on an illegal dumping railway corridor pilot in Ward 4 and the findings to date.

Staff presented the draft presentation for Councillors on the main topics that will be covered in the workshop and the specific issues that will be discussed under each topic.

Staff provided clarification on the difference between the SWMMP Review and the Collection System Review and how the decisions made on the one are not affecting the other.

Jim Sweetman requested that there be some context provided on the illegal dumping stats that are being provided by staff and how it relates to the other problems that are called into the City to see if it is possible to find the distribution of incidents around the city. Staff provided some information on some of the strategies being developed to tackle dumping issues. Councillor Partridge noted that many of the complaints in Ward 15 result from blowing garbage and often it is coming from construction sites.

Councillor Powers suggested for staff to focus the first hour of the workshop on the SWMMP and the remaining time on illegal dumping. It was also requested that Councillor Johnson and Carolyn Biggs be made aware of the structure of the meeting to make sure it stays on the intended focus. Discussion took place on how to structure the meeting and to keep the meeting on schedule and on focus, by clearly defining the goal of the workshop.

The options being considered in the Collection System Review were presented and Councillors provided input on how best to describe the pros and cons on each option to each Councillor.

Councillor Powers suggested some changes to the presentation layout. Staff will make the requested changes.

Jim Sweetman suggested some changes to the presentation and offered some considerations to be included on the SWMMP Review.

Councillor Partridge requested that staff bring a presentation to her new community council. Staff will follow up on the scheduling of this presentation.

5. Access Agreement Presentation

Raffaella Morello gave a presentation on the newly revised private road access agreement that will go forward to Public Works Committee for approval. It was explained that revisions to the current document have been made due to the changes in the collection system over the past few years.

Councillor Powers asked for clarification on who would be considered the property owner in the case of a condominium. Staff indicated in this case that the agreement would be signed by a designate of the board.

Councillor Partridge inquired on how this will address the problem with private service issues at some condominiums. Clarification was provided that this issue will be addressed separately and this is listed on the GIC Outstanding Business List.

Councillor Pearson inquired into who will maintain the access agreements. Staff indicated that Waste Collections' staff will be maintaining the agreements and Legal Services will have a copy of each agreement. Staff provided information on how the program will be managed by Waste Collections' staff. Councillor Powers asked whether the agreement will require the building owner to advise the existing owners and tenants. Staff will ensure this is addressed in the report.

Staff indicated that the staff report will be coming forward in third quarter of 2011 and the new agreements will be sent out in early 2012.

6. Other Business

It was decided that the tour of the Peel single-stream MRF would be deferred until a later date, pending the outcome of the SWMMP Review and the Collection System Review.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Pearson

CARRIED

7. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 9th, 3:00-4:30 PM, Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main St W, Room 718

Distribution List:

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