



Waste Diversion Committee

June 9, 2020

Zoom Meeting

9:30 AM

<p>Members Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Chair Councillor Reid McAlpine Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton Valerie Burke</p> <p>Guests Karl Lyew, MEAC Representative</p> <p>Regrets Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Khalid Usman</p>	<p>Staff Phoebe Fu, Director of Environmental Services Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Kimberley Dunsmoor, Supervisor of Waste Diversion Programs Juliana Aparicio, Diversion Programs Technician Michael DiPasquale, Supervisor, Waste Operations Sara Tam, Manager, Business Planning & Innovation Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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1. Call to Order

The Waste Diversion Committee convened at 9:33 AM with Regional Councillor Jack Heath in the Chair.

2. “Best of the Best # 2” Markham’s Diversion Strategy 2020-2023

Committee reviewed the “Best of the Best #2” Markham’s Diversion Strategy 2020-2023, and provided the following feedback:

- Should include a section on what the City has already done (slide 7);
- Suggested changing to “review damaged blue and green bin box replacement fee this fall” (side 7 –bullet 3, Blue Box Recycling);

- Add that the City is still exploring Automated Vacuum Collection systems or that it is exploring alternative technology (slide 8 – multi –residential improvements);
- Speak to how the Salvation Army has continued to pick-ups textiles from Markham’s textile bins during the pandemic when delivering the presentation at the General Committee;
- Ask Sleep Country Canada and/or other large mattress companies how they recycle their mattresses (or if they do);
- Suggested that condos that are not currently using the City’s waste services, but that are successfully recycling should not be forced to use the City’s services and that they should be consulted on any changes;
- Add the word “review” to the beginning of the sentence in the box regarding incorporating the eight grandfathered multi-residential buildings currently receiving private waste collection into public service and eliminate tax rebate (slide 8);
- Remove the word “potential” from the slide on single use plastic reduction (slide 9);
- Edit box 4 on the recycling depot slide to be more generic, for example – review of depot operations, including the expansion of the Milliken Depot and future depot locations (Slide 10);
- Reorganize the slide on enhancing promotion and education (slide 12);
- Suggested educating and promoting property standards through the Neighbourhood Plans that are being created under Building Markham’s Future Together (slide 12);
- Suggested adding communicating to the public through Councillor newsletters and community meetings to the slide regarding enhanced promotion and education (slide 12);
- Explore if the greenMarkham e-newsletter can be written in multiple languages;
- Noted that special promotion is needed for new areas with lots of new residents;
- Remove the acronyms CFCs and COAs and replace with the full name (slide 13);
- Suggested that it will be challenging to enforce prohibiting scavengers from taking old appliances from curbsides;
- Simplify statement regarding cigarette butts and add a time reference, such as “pilot cigarette butt container in public spaces. Timing of pilot project to be determined”, so that it is open to possibly including partnering with York Region Transit (slide 13);
- Be prepared to address the City-wide placement of recycling bins at super mailboxes.

Committee requested that a second meeting be booked in the next ten days to complete the review of the presentation and to seek the Committee’s endorsement of the strategy.

It was also requested that the “Best of the Best #2” Markham’s Diversity Strategy 2020-2023 be moved from the June 15th to the July 6th General Committee.

Adjournment

The Waste Diversion Committee adjourned at 11:06 AM.