



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
WASTE DIVERSION SUB-COMMITTEE
WASTE DIVERSION WORKSHOP – SESSION 2
September 14, 2018
1:00 PM
York Room

Members Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Councillor Valerie Burke Regional Councillor Joe Li Karl Lyew, MEAC Representative Regrets Councillor Karen Rea	Staff Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Phoebe Fu, Director of Environmental Services Bridget Mitchell, Supervisor, Waste Management Operations Holena Newton, Water Conservation Program Specialist Michael DiPasquale, Special Projects, Waste Diversion Coordinator Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee, Waste Diversion Workshop convened at 1:15 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. NOVA SCOTIA WASTE DIVERSION CONFERENCE CALL

Robert Kenney, Recycling Development Officer with the Province of Nova Scotia joined the workshop by teleconference. It was noted that Nova Scotia is a leader in waste diversion.

He shared the following recycling projects Nova Scotia is focusing on:

- adding wall board to compost, noting it stops bacteria from forming;
- recycling of textiles;
- increasing the recycling of metals;
- turning organics into fish feed.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 30, 2018 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE – WASTE DIVERSION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

It was requested that more detail be added to the minutes on why clear bags for garbage should be required by the Region.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Karl Lyew

That the Minutes of the August 30, 2018 Environmental Issues Committee-Waste Diversion Sub-Committee be approved as amended.

Carried

2. WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND SERVICE REVIEW WORKSHOP

Committee provided the following feedback:

Garbage - Clear Bag

- Cost should not be the guiding principal of diversion programs;
- Clear bags help get hazardous waste and recyclables out of the waste system;
- Audit what is being put in to the clear bags to see where we can improve;
- Control the types of bag retailers can sell;
- Promote Markham approved clear bags at local retailers;
- Educate the public on the types of bags they can use;
- Increase funding for the mission green newsletter;
- Focus on homes that do not put out green and recycling bins;
- Focus on what is going into York Region's incinerator; Try to get other York Region municipalities to implement a clear bag program.
- Promote proper sorting of garbage across York Region;
- Reduce single use plastic;
- Come up with a strategy that encourages the public to sort their washroom waste, noting recycling and green bins for washrooms may need to be created;
- Work together to increase recycling beyond the kitchen – bathroom waste;
- Increase public awareness on proper disposal methods for tissue paper;
- Try to get retailers to carry smaller clear bags, paper bags or no bags at all;
- Reduce the number of privacy bags permitted in the clear bags;

Multi-Residential

- Focus on bringing the 7 or 8 multi-residential building not being serviced by the City under City's waste management program;
- Strategies to increase the diversion and participation from multi-residential buildings, noting the obstacle of residents having easy access to waste disposal in these types of buildings;

- Discussed ways of increasing the accountability of waste diversion in multi-residential buildings, ideas included:
 - Using technology (camera and access cards) to see which residents are using the recycling room in multi-residential buildings that require residents to go to the recycling room to recycle. Then target the residents who are not recycling;
 - Promoting three chute system over tri-sorters to increase diversion;
 - Enforcing stricter regulations regarding maintaining tri-sorters in buildings, as they are often not fixed when the malfunction (would require a by-law);
 - Amend Refuse By-law (32-95) to include:
 1. Requirements that all MR sites be serviced by the City;
 2. Permissions for City to implement diversion programs in MR sites;
 3. Onus on Owners, Managers & Boards to educate residents on diversion programs annually, provide proof;
 - Enforceable actions for non-compliances;
 - Goal is to have the same diversion rate as curbside dwellings.

Deputy Mayor Heath asked staff to present a chart with a breakdown of the multi-residential building types and their current waste management programs.

4. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Environmental Issues Committee- Waste Diversion Sub-Committee-Waste Management Workshop will be held on October 9, 2018.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee- Waste Diversion Sub-Committee-Waste Management Workshop, No. 2 adjourned at 4:00 pm