



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE WASTE DIVERSION SUB-COMMITTEE WASTE DIVERSION WORKSHOP – SESSION 3

October 9, 2018

9:00 AM

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Members Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Councillor Valerie Burke Kevin Boon, MEAC Representative Guests Councillor Don Hamilton Dave Douglas, VisionQuest Consulting Regrets Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Karen Rea	Staff Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Juliana Aparicio, Diversion Programs Technician 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 9:05 a.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke

Seconded by Kevin Boon

That the minutes from the September 14, 2018 Environmental Issues Committee-Waste Diversion Sub-Committee be approved.

Carried

2. Re Cap of Workshop # 2

Dave Douglas, VisionQuest Consulting reviewed the key points from Workshop No. 2. Some of which included:

- Clear garbage bag benefit is to removing hazardous waste from the garbage;
- Ensure sufficient funding for annual Mission Green newsletter;
- Need to focus on homes currently not participating in waste management's 3 stream program;
- Need for program to reduce single use plastic plates and utensils;
- Address the processing challenges and issues at the York Region Recycling Facility;
- Eliminate the exchange fee charge for replacing a damaged recycling bin;
- Reducing use of privacy bags in clear bag; reducing the availability of colored bags at retail outlets in Markham;
- Adding the multi-residential buildings currently receiving tax grant in lieu of collection services to city collection program (could save approximately \$100K per year);
- Requiring new developments to have three chute systems and for all buildings to maintain their tri sorter systems.

3. Waste Management Program and Service Review Workshop # 3

Dave Douglas continued the workshop on Markham's waste management program.

Multi Residential

Information was provided outlining the status of all Markham's multi-residential buildings.

The Committee continued its discussion on diversion in multi-residential buildings. The following feedback was provided:

- Buildings should be operated as recycling center's for items such as batteries/furniture/textiles;
 - A designated representative or the Property Manager can be responsible for the drop off of batteries;
 - Should pick up textiles from all multi-residential buildings;
- Need to be tough and consistent in conditions and requirements for following diversion program objectives;
- Improvements should be made at the development stages whenever possible.

Recycling Depots

The following feedback was provided on Recycling Depots:

- Do we know how far residents are willing to travel to a recycling depot; is there a need for more locations in newer sections of Markham;
- Exchange fee for damaged recycling bins should be eliminated;
- Inquired if retailers could sell "Markham" recycling bins;
- Would like to expand to e-waste donation opportunities;
- Depots should have a consistent image across Markham;
- Need to open waste depots in the future urban area (North West) and in the North East.

Textiles

The following feedback was provided on the City's Textiles program:

- Have 7 smart bins and 133 steel bins owned by charitable partners;
- Civic Center (outdoor) & Pan Am Centre only large Community Facilities that do not host a textile box;
- Other municipalities are learning from Markham with respect to its textile program; receiving calls from across Canada
- Need to have a Licensing Hearing to address final vendor appeal;
- Finalizing agreement for Textile bins at Markham GO Stations;
- Should look into revamping sensors on Smart Bins;

The Committee requested that a Licensing Hearing regarding the removal of the bins be held in November. It also requested that a chart be presented at the next meeting with the location of the non-charitable and charitable textile bins in Markham.

It was noted that the charity B'nai Brith Canada has requested to have bins in Markham. The Committee approved the charity.

Polystyrene Densifier

- Depot system ensures styrofoam comes in clean and has a market;
- Consider banning packaging styrofoam at the curb so that it can be recycled;
- Need to enforce the Zero Waste Policy at City facilities;
- Explore banning or having stricter rules (like using paper products) around single use plates and utensils at restaurants.

Leaf and Yard Waste

- Need to educate residents on natural options like mulching their leaves;
- Request to explore vacuuming the leaves from the curb in leafy areas.

Super Mailboxes

- Having recycling bins at super mailboxes helps keep the area neat and tidy;
- Now use a different colour recycling bin to discourage theft of the bins;
- Ward 4 super mailboxes currently do not have recycling bins,

4. Next Meeting Date

The next Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee, Waste Diversion Workshop will be held on November 6, 2018.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.