



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE WASTE DIVERSION SUB-COMMITTEE WASTE DIVERSION WORKSHOP – SESSION 4

November 6, 2018

1:00 PM

Canada Room

Members Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Councillor Valerie Burke Kevin Boon, MEAC Representative Karl Lyew, MEAC Representative Guests Dave Douglas, VisionQuest Consulting Regrets Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Karen Rea	Staff Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Kimberley Dunsmoor, Community Outreach Assistant Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee, Waste Diversion Workshop convened at 1:10 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Karl Lyew

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the Minutes from the October 9, 2018 Environmental Issues Committee-Waste Diversion Sub-Committee Waste Management Workshop be approved as presented.

Carried

2. Re Cap of Workshop #3

Dave Douglas, Vision Quest Consultant provided the following recap of Workshop No. 3:

- Improving multi-residential waste facilities at the development phase whenever possible;
- Increase diversion at multi-residential facilities with recycling centres;
- Make property managers responsible for multi-residential recycling centres/rooms;
- Expanding the waste depot program by opening new waste depots in North West and in North East Markham;
- Investigating the possibility of selling Markham recycling bins at Markham retailers;
- Hold a textile licensing hearing at the earliest date possible;
- Banning packaging styrofoam from curbside collection;
- Investigate a leaf vacuuming program in Markham;
- Educating the public on the benefits of mulching your leaves;
- Creating an app where residents can report illegally placed textile boxes;
- Encouraging the province to re-introduce a deposit return program to promote recycling, noting most other provinces have this type of program in place;
- Having more synergies between City programs;

Committee requested that an overview of another Province's deposit program be presented at a future workshop.

3. Waste Management Program and Service Review Workshop No. 4

Mr. Douglas continued the review of the City's Waste Management Program.

Collection Schedule

The following feedback on the City's collection schedule was provided:

- Post the collection schedule only online this year to reduce paper use and so that it can be easily updated, with hard copies available at Markham facilities;
- Future potential to use online search tool to gather analytics on what types of information residents are searching
- Design the collection schedule so that it can be printed at home in colour or in black and white;
- Requested that FAQs and a blurb be sent to Councilors' to put in their newsletters regarding the new format of the collection schedule.

Supermail Boxes

The following feedback on the supermail boxes was provided:

- Approach Canada Post to upgrade the style of the old supermail boxes to the new style;
- Educate the public on being responsible pet owners and not putting their dog poop bags in recycling bins;
- Ask By-Laws to increase the cost of the pet licenses to cover some of the cost of having to clean the super mailboxes due to dog poop being put in them;
- Have a place where people in the community can report residents that take supermail boxes or that put dog poop in the boxes.

White Goods/Metal Pick-up Services

The following feedback was provided on the City's white goods/metal pick-up services:

- Supported increasing the cost of picking up appliances to \$15.50;
- Asked staff to report back with the number of appliances (fridges, stoves, dryers, dishwashers etc.) picked up per year or in 2018;
- Create a chart educating residents where different type of items go.

Zero Waste

- Refresh/re-educate staff on the City's Zero Waste Policy;
- Improve the sorting of waste at City facilities;
- Require staff to follow City's Zero Waste Policy for City events;
- Point out when Departments are not following the policy;
- Re-introduce waste audits at City facilities;
- Ensure the purchasing department is aware of the City's Zero Waste Policy;
- Train new employees on the Zero Waste Policy as part of their onboarding program;
- Add the Zero Waste Policy to the list of policies staff need to review each year as part of their performance review;
- Ask the cleaners not to take waste that is not separated properly;
- Request the cafeteria to refresh its green bins, and use less single serving utensils and plates;
- Make the cafeteria charge people for their disposable utensils;
- Form a working group to discuss how to improve the implementation of the City's Zero Waste Policy at City facilities;

4. New Business

There was no new business.

5. Adjournment

The Environmental Issues Committee- Waste Diversion Sub-Committee adjourned at 4:05 pm.