



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
Waste Diversion Sub-Committee
January 31, 2018
1:00 PM
Canada Room

Members

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Regrets

Regional Councillor Joe Li
Karl Lyew, MEAC Representative

Staff

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management
Michael DiPasquale, Diversion Program Technician
Bridget Mitchell, Supervisor Waste Management
Phoebe Fu, Director of Environmental Services
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee convened at 1:10 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. TEXTILE PROGRAM UPDATE

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the textile program. She also presented some product examples such as insulation made from denim, fabric made from recycled polyester, and tiles.

The Committee discussed the following relative to the textile recycling program:

- Diabetes Canada continues to service many residential high rises in Markham, and are expanding to commercial properties
- Trial Molok container with Diabetes Canada
- Unlicensed textile bins – approximately 130 throughout the City of Markham
- All unlicensed textile bins that were on municipal properties have been removed

The Committee consented to proceed with the trial Molok container.

There was discussion regarding how to continue to proceed with the unlicensed textile bins. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled in the end of February to further discuss this matter, and that Christopher Alexander and a representative from the Legislative Services be included. Staff advised that they anticipate putting together a Mission Green Newsletter in the Spring explaining the City of Markham textile program versus the illegal textile bins.

2. PLASTIC BAG BAN - MONTREAL

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management delivered a brief PowerPoint presentation providing an update some Canadian municipalities, including Montreal who have a ban on single use plastic shopping bags. It was noted that a substantial reduction in plastic bags would be achieved from enforcing a ban of plastic shopping bags.

3. DATE FOR MESF REVIEW

It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled toward the end of February to review the MESF application process.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Review of Waste Management Initiatives

It was suggested that a review of the waste management initiatives take place in the form of a workshop (2 sessions) including: green bin, recycling bin, clear bag program, yard waste, textile recycling, etc.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That two workshops be scheduled to review the waste management initiatives, zero waste program and discussion of cigarette butts.

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

