



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
Waste Diversion Sub-Committee
August 2, 2017
2:00 PM
Canada Room

Members Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Karen Rea Karl Lyew, MEAC Representative Regrets Councillor Logan Kanapathi	Staff Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Michael DiPasquale, Diversion Program Technician Bridget Mitchell, Supervisor Waste Management Trudy Jay, Coordinator, Legislative Services & Communications Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee convened at 2:20 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. ADOPTION OF THE MAY 17, 2017 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE - WASTE DIVERSION MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the May 17, 2017 Environmental Issues Committee - Waste Diversion Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

2. UPDATE ON TEXTILE PROGRAM

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the textile program.

There was brief discussion regarding a curbside textile pick up service as was done in Aurora , and it was noted that this would come with a cost to the City and the collected textiles are often wet and ruined once collected.

The Committee discussed various issues relative to the rogue for profit bins in Markham. Staff indicated that 120 bins have been identified, and that all have been placated with a removal notice and wrapped with yellow caution tape. Staff have contracted a company to pick up the rogue bins once the notice period is up. Operations is providing help when they are able. The bins are being picked up every Monday and stored at 8100 Warden Avenue. It was noted that many of the bins that have been removed by the contractor are being replaced by the bin operators shortly thereafter. The Committee commended staff for their work on removing the rogue bins throughout the City, and confirmed that staff be directed to continue picking up rogue bins while the Stationary Business Licensing By-law is being reviewed as it relates to textile bin licensing.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following with respect to rogue bins:

- Investigate if the current By-law can be amended to include a fee to the owner of the bin when it is picked up, and a storage fee
- Include a deadline for response time once a notice is placed on the bin and to apply for a license to operate under the by-law.
- When bins are being stored at 8100 Warden, consider sealing the intake doors or tipping over boxes to avoid wildlife getting trapped inside
- Investigate if the owners of these rogue bins can be charged for illegal dumping of materials
- Consider replacing the "caution tape" with tape that has "unlicensed" written on it

3. NEW BUSINESS

Styrofoam Recycling

Staff provided an update regarding the City's Styrofoam recycling program and current market conditions for Styrofoam. Markham is one of 2 municipalities still able to recycle Styrofoam in Ontario. The Committee suggested that staff send an email to the Committee members outlining the updated information with respect to the Styrofoam recycling.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:46 p.m.