



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
Waste Diversion Sub-Committee
May 17, 2017
2:00 PM
Canada Room

Members Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Valerie Burke Karl Lyew, MEAC Representative Regrets Councillor Karen Rea Councillor Logan Kanapathi	Staff Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Michael DiPasquale, Diversion Program Technician Christopher Alexander, Acting Manager, By-Law Enforcement & Regulatory Services Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee convened at 2:11 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 31, 2017 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE - WASTE DIVERSION MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Karl Lyew

That the March 31, 2017 Environmental Issues Committee - Waste Diversion Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

2. UPDATE ON TEXTILE BAN AND DIVERSION

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

The Committee suggested that the location of the textile bin at Armadale Community Centre should be relocated to a more prominent location.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following relative to the textile program:

- Must be a registered charity to be part of the Markham textile program
- Keep it limited to the three registered charities currently using
- Have the Environmental Issues Committee review the draft agreement with the Charities before finalization.

Staff advised that Diabetes Canada is proposing a Molok textile pilot, and are looking for six (6) sites to install the containers that would be wrapped and branded to match the Markham containers. The Committee does not support the proposed pilot project at this time.

3. REMOVAL OF FOR PROFIT TEXTILE CONTAINERS

Christopher Alexander, Acting Manager, By-Law Enforcement & Regulatory Services addressed the Committee and provided an update regarding rogue bins. It was noted that rogue bins placed on Regional or Municipal properties can be removed immediately. Staff suggested contacting the property owner that have rogue bins on their private properties, and request that the rogue bin be removed. The Committee suggested that By-law Enforcement staff begin the removal of the rogue bins on Regional and Municipal properties first, and then proceed with having the ones removed from private properties.

There was discussion regarding whether addressing the issue of rogue bins on private properties through site plan applications is attainable. The Committee suggested that staff obtain a legal perspective.

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Karl Lyew

That Waste Management staff in partnership with By-law Enforcement staff immediately:

- i. Remove all non charity textile donation bins from City and Regional properties; and
- ii. Remove all non charity textile donation bins located on or adjacent to vacant private properties; and,

- iii. That private property owners hosting a non charity textile donation bin be requested to replace the non charity textile donation bin with a City of Markham textile bin to be serviced by one of the City's charitable partners; and,
- iv. That an education program highlighting the benefits of using a Markham managed textile donation bin be initiated; and,
- v. That staff investigate potential legal ability to forbid any future rogue bins on private and public properties; and further,
- vi. That staff report back to Environmental Issues Committee on the progress of the removal of rogue bins.

Carried

4. NEW BUSINESS

City of Markham Civic Centre and 8100 Warden Avenue

The Committee stated concerns with garbage separation at the Civic Centre and 8100 Warden Avenue, and suggested that staff provide a refresh on the three stream waste system. It was noted that the waste management department does not have authority to manage the waste materials at the Civic Centre and 8100 Warden Avenue, and that it is the Sustainability/Asset Management department that is responsible for these locations. The Committee suggested that Graham Seaman attend a future meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:41 p.m.