



**MINUTES**  
***ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE***  
**Waste Diversion Sub-Committee**  
**October 13, 2016**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Canada Room**

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<b>Members</b> Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Karen Rea  <b>Regrets</b>  Councillor Logan Kanapathi	<b>Staff</b> Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee convened at 2:27 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

**1. PATH FORWARD TEXTILES**

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding textiles.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following relative to the proposed 5 Step Plan relative to textiles:

- Have discussion with legal department regarding illegal donation bins (fugitive bins)
- Need to establish an arrangement to legitimate the ones that are truly donation bins
- Outline how the program will expand from 2016 to 2017
- Provide a list outlining all depot locations and community centres that have smart bins or donation bins including the service hours

- Amend the wording "no municipality has banned textiles in garbage" to "Markham will be the first municipality to ban textiles in garbage collection"

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke  
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Environmental Issues Committee supports the proposal to ban textiles from the garbage collection beginning in April 2017; and

That the Environmental Issues Committee supports the proposed "5 Step Plan."

Carried

## **2. TEXTILE LAUNCH**

Staff advised that the textile launch is scheduled to take place on October 18, 2016 at the City of Markham Civic Centre. The Committee suggested that members of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) be invited to the launch.

## **3. DIVERSION RATES**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

## **4. CIGARETTE BUTT RECYCLING**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

It was suggested that monthly meetings be scheduled for the Waste Diversion Subcommittee and that the following be considered at those meetings: review the entire program, clear bags, recycling bins.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:35 p.m.