



**MINUTES**  
***ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE***  
**Waste Diversion Sub-Committee**  
**February 8, 2016**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Building Boardroom**

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<b>Members</b> Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Karen Rea  <b>Regrets</b> Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Logan Kanapathi	<b>Staff</b> Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Peter Loukes, Director Environmental Services Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee convened at 9:50 a.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

**1. TEXTILE UPDATE**

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management advised that the Salvation Army has entered into a verbal agreement with the City of Markham for Salvation Army drop off bins at all Fire Hall locations in Markham. It was noted that the Salvation Army will do all the servicing of these bins. Staff are in the process of finalizing the wording to be placed on the bins and indicated that there will be an educational campaign.

Staff advised that the first Smart Container will be completed for May. It was noted that Markham will be hosting a conference on May 4, 2016 at the Hilton and that the Smart Container will be introduced at that conference. There was discussion regarding potential locations in Markham to place the Smart Bin(s).

The Committee suggested that staff consider the following for the next meeting:

- Map outlining all the locations where the Salvation Army bins will be
- Three (3) or four (4) potential locations to consider placement of the Smart Bin
- Ensure that the Salvation Army bins and Smart Bins are both identifiable by Markham residents
- Have a full launch of the textile program in September 2016

## **2. NEW PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION**

Staff advised that the Minister of Environment & Climate Change introduced proposed legislation entitled "Waste-Free Ontario Act", that if passed by Ontario Legislature would enact the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act and the Waste Diversion Transition Act. Staff indicated that all municipalities are sending in their comments and/or concerns.

## **3. CLEAR BAG AUDIT**

Staff provided a brief update regarding the clear bags and noted it has been working well. Monthly diversion averages 80% since 2013. An audit of what is in the clear garbage bag indicates that tissue and material from bathrooms and plastic bags were in the bags. An education program is being developed to increase diversion of tissue and paper.

The Committee suggested that the Clear Bag program be reviewed and discuss any concerns or ways to further improve the program.

## **4. BIG BELLY UPDATE**

Staff advised that the Big Belly bins which are controlled by the Operations Department have been relocated to Community Centres.

## **5. WATER/CONSERVATION EFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

Staff distributed some pamphlets regarding water conservation efficiency program. It was noted that the materials are available electronic as well. Staff suggested that water conservation be linked in with the Waste Diversion Subcommittee.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee adjourned at 11:25 a.m.