



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
April 1, 2015
1:00 p.m.
Ontario Room

Members of Committee

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke

Staff

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager of Waste & Environmental Management
Peter Loukes, Director Environmental Services
Bridget Mitchell, Supervisor Waste Management Operations
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

The Environmental Issues Committee convened at 1:12 p.m. with Councillor Valerie Burke as Chair.

1. MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND (MESF)

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager of Waste & Environmental Management advised the Committee that the MESF is now under waste and environmental services. She indicated that current balance in the MESF fund is \$85,000.00. There was discussion regarding whether there was a top up amount included in the 2015 budget for MESF. Staff will report back at the next meeting.

2. WASTE DIVERSION

Best of the Best

Staff delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update relative to the "Best of the Best" waste diversion program.

There was discussion regarding the decline in household garbage. It was suggested that the increase in population and that other municipalities typically experiencing an increase in household garbage should be included with the presentation.

Textile Diversion

Staff delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding their proposal to launch a pilot project for the municipality to recycle textiles.

There was considerable discussion regarding textile diversion.

3R's Certification - Civic Centre

Staff advised that they are going to start the application process for 3R Certification.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Events held at City of Markham Buildings

There was discussion regarding events that are held at the Civic Centre and other City of Markham buildings that do not follow the zero waste policy that includes no styrofoam.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.