



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
Waste Diversion Sub-Committee
September 9, 2013
9:00 AM
Ontario Room

Members Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Logan Kanapathi Regrets Karl Lyew, MEAC representative	Staff Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Peter Loukes, Director Environmental Services Leigh Fitzgerald, Environmental Programs Administrator Kimberley Dunsmoor, Community Outreach Assistant Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee convened at 9:10 a.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2013 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE - WASTE DIVERSION SUBCOMMITTEE

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the minutes from the July 16, 2013 Environmental Issues, Waste Diversion Subcommittee be adopted.

CARRIED

2. CORRESPONDENCE FROM KELLY CLUNE REGARDING 80% WASTE DIVERSION

The Committee had a copy of the correspondence received from Kelly Clune regarding the City of Markham's 80% Waste Diversion and Deputy Mayor Jack Heath advised that he responded to the e-mail.

3. STAFF PRESENTATION

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

The Committee discussed the following:

- Ensure an assessment of the program is completed in 2014
- Send a letter to the garbage bag manufacturers regarding opaque bags and if they can be eliminated from the grocery store shelves
- How to deal with Styrofoam
- Importance of an enhanced education program
- Number of privacy bags permitted in the clear garbage bags
- The importance of York Region purchasing a bag breaker and that all the municipalities within York Region are in support of a bag breaker
- Consider distributing a waste diversion questionnaire at the Markham Home Show
- Consider having more of the "thank you" blackboards
- Staff to investigate whether two standard dates can be established for e-waste products (eg. one in January and one in September)
- Aging green bins - do we charge residents for replacement?

4. ASSISTED COLLECTION PROGRAM

Kimberley Dunsmoor, Community Outreach Assistant provided the Committee with a brief overview of Markham's assisted waste & recycling collection service that is a no-cost program and indicated that it is available to anyone who has a temporary or permanent physical disability and do not have anyone living with them for assistance.

Staff advised that they would like to forward a Thank You letter to Miller Waste for their remarkable assistance with this program.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath thanked staff and the Committee members for all their work in achieving an impressive waste management program.

Staff advised the Committee that they will be providing waste collection service at a Markham assisted living residence that will be installing "below-ground waste containers" which is an eco-friendly waste solution.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee adjourned at 10:42 a.m.