

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**WMPSC 4-2019  
Monday, August 26, 2019  
Committee Room 4  
Niagara Region Headquarters  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold ON**

Committee: Butters, Diodati, Edgar (Committee Vice-Chair), Fertich, Gibson, Rigby, Ugulini (Committee Chair), Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Bradley (Regional Chair)

Staff: M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, C. Habermebl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, E. Hughes, Waste Diversion Coordinator, J. Mazurek, Program Manager, Waste Management, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, S. Tait, Manager, Waste Policy & Planning, A. Tyldesley, Associate Director, Waste Collection & Diversion

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Ugulini called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 Nespresso Recycling Program

Caroline Duguay, Director, Communications, Nespresso Canada, provided information respecting Nespresso Recycling Program. Topics of the presentation included:

- The Opportunity
- 3 Recycling Solutions
- Estimated Volumes

Moved by Councillor Diodati  
Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to meet with Nespresso Canada to consider implementing the Nespresso “Green Bag” pod recycling program in Niagara Region and report back with options in January 2020.

**Carried**

3.2 Modernizing the Blue Box and Special Advisor's Report on the Blue Box Mediation Process

Jennifer Mazurek, Program Manager, Waste Management, provided information respecting Modernizing the Blue Box and Special Advisor's Report on the Blue Box Mediation Process. Topics of the presentation included:

- Modernizing Blue Box Stakeholder Webinar
- Recommendations from the Final Report on the Mediation Process Including:
  - Standardizing what is in the Blue Box
  - Determining Eligible Sources for Blue Box Materials
  - Promoting Increased Diversion from Landfill
  - Timeframes and Next Steps

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting implementing deposits for recycled plastic bottles. Councillor Witteveen.

3.3 Multi-Residential Eco-Ambassador Program Update

Emily Hughes, Waste Diversion Coordinator, provided information respecting Multi-Residential Eco-Ambassador Program Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Program Creation
- Becoming an Eco-Ambassador
- Program Statistics
- Programs Costs and Next Steps

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Correspondence Item WMPSC-C 28-2019 (Agenda Item 6.1) was considered separately.

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

WMPSC-C 29-2019  
Q2 Recycling Centre End Market Updates

WMPSC-C 30-2019  
2018 Waste Audit Results

WMPSC-C 31-2019  
Multi-Residential Eco-Ambassador Program Update

WMPSC-C 32-2019  
Modernizing Blue Box Program

**Carried**

6.1 WMPSC-C 28-2019  
Councillor Information Request

Moved by Councillor Butters  
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Correspondence Item WMPSC-C 28-2019, being a memorandum from L. Torbicki, Acting Director, Waste Management Services, dated August 26, 2019, respecting Councillor Information Request, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Region of Waterloo's Waste Management Diversion

Sherri Tait, Program Manager, Waste Management Services, informed Committee that the Region of Waterloo is now diverting 65% of waste from landfills.

7.2 Waste Collection Services Surrounding Pleasant Beach, Port Colborne

Councillor Butters requested information regarding possible waste collection services for residents in the Pleasant Beach area in Port Colborne. Catharine Habermebl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, advised that she would be meeting with City of Port Colborne staff to discuss this issue and noted that the RFP for the new collection contract includes pricing for private laneway collection.

7.3 Curbside Waste Collection Contract

Councillor Witteveen enquired about the interest in the new curbside waste collection contract. Catharine Habermebl, Acting Commissioner, Public Works, advised that there has been strong interest.

7.4 Waste Management Advisory Committee

Councillor Rigby requested information respecting the Waste Management Advisory Committee. Sherri Tait, Program Manager, Waste Management Services, advised that a call for new members yielded minimal interest; therefore, staff are considering other options.

Committee members requested information on options to include citizen members on the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Committee Room 4.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Councillor Ugolini  
Committee Chair

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Mark Evely  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk