

**MEMORANDUM**

**WMPSC-C 30-2021**

**Subject: Councillor Information Request**

**Date: Monday, August 30, 2021**

**To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee**

**From: Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services**

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This memorandum is intended to provide Committee members with an update on the outstanding Councillor Requests from previous meetings.

**Waste Management Planning Steering Committee**

**Meeting Date: June 28, 2021**

**Minute Item #3.1:**

Provide information respecting the cost per household of the 9.98% budget planning strategy. Councillor Witteveen.

**Follow-up Action:** This information is being prepared by Corporate Services team, and was included in the August 20, 2021 Councillors Weekly Correspondence.

**Status:** Complete

**Meeting Date: August 26, 2019**

**Minute Item #3.1:**

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.

**Follow-up Action:** Information was submitted to Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for the January 27, 2020 meeting, which was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. Due to the pandemic, the redeployment of staff and implementation of the new collection contracts, this work was paused. A memorandum with an update is submitted as part of the August 30, 2021 Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting package.

**Status:** Complete

**Meeting Date: May 30, 2016**

**Minute Item #6.6:**

Provide information outlining options for the Material Recovery Facility pending legislative changes. (WMPSC-C 25-2016) Councillor Petrowski.

**Follow-up Action:** An evaluation of opportunities with regard to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) is in progress as part of Phase 4 of the MRF Opportunity Review.

Direction for the next major steps in the evaluation were contained in Confidential Report PW 17-2020. The Negotiated Request for Proposal is being finalized with a targeted release in October 2021. The most recent project update is contained in PW 28-2021 which was submitted to the June 15, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting.

**Status:** In progress

**Public Works Committee**

**Meeting Date: July 13, 2021**

**Minute Item #5.3:**

Councillor Foster requested staff follow up with the Town of Lincoln respecting the pilot project that was undertaken for recycling box covers.

**Follow-up Action:** Regional staff have reached out to the Town of Lincoln to discuss a possible pilot.

**Status:** In progress

**Minute Item #7.2:**

Councillor Steele advised of issues related to seasonal cottage owners placing waste out for collection on the wrong collection week due to unfamiliarity with the changes to every other week waste collection. Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, noted that the cottage associations have previously assisted with communicating these types of changes and advised that staff would consider ways to ensure cottage owners were aware of the collection changes.

**Follow-up Action:** Staff will work with local area municipalities and with cottage associations to communicate the every-other-week garbage collection schedule with their members. Staff are currently in the process of developing communication that can be shared through these associations to inform property owners of waste collection changes and direct them to the Niagara Region Waste App and online tool to find the collection schedule for their property. It should be noted that educational materials were previously delivered to these property owners as part of the launch of the new collection services in 2020.

**Status:** Complete

**Meeting Date: January 12, 2021**

**Minute Item #8.5:**

Councillor Insinna requested information respecting the investigation of illegal dumping incidents, including staff time and outcomes. Bruce Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works, advised that staff would provide a report at a future Public Works Committee meeting.

**Follow-up Action:** WMPSC-C 10-2021 which was provided to WMPSC at the February 22, 2021 meeting and WMPSC-C 18-2021 as part of the April 19, 2021 WMPSC meeting package. Both of these information memorandums were provided to Councillors through the Weekly Correspondence on June 11, 2021.

**Status:** Complete

**Meeting Date: March 10, 2020**

**Minute Item #3.2: MOTION**

That the engagement of an outside independent waste management consultant BE APPROVED To:

- Review the current practices related to garbage collection and recycling/recycling materials recovery facility; and
- To make recommendations on how the system can be made more cost effective and efficient for the taxpayer.

**Follow-up Action:** Work was initiated in 2020, however due to the implementation of the new collection contracts, the pandemic and related redeployment of staff, this project was paused. This work is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2021.

**Status:** In progress

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to take the results of the review and work with the newly awarded companies and the operators of the material recovery facility to implement the suggestions over the term of the contract subject to Regional Council approval.

**Follow-up Action:** The review is in progress and the resulting recommendations will be submitted to Public Works Committee for approval.

**Status:** In progress

Provide information respecting the cost of an independent waste management consultant. Councillor Chiocchio.

**Follow-up Action:** Due to the implementation of the new collection contracts, the pandemic and related deployment of staff, this project was paused. This work is being reinitiated and staff will report back with this information when available.

**Status:** In progress

### **Budget Review Committee of the Whole**

No outstanding waste management related items at this time.

### **Committee of the Whole**

No outstanding waste management related items at this time.

### **Council**

No outstanding waste management related items at this time.

## **COMPLETED ITEMS**

### **Waste Management Planning Steering Committee**

**Meeting Date: February 22, 2021**

#### **Minute Item #8:**

Councillor Ugulini requested staff undertake further communication plans to reinforce contact information to report incidents of illegal dumping.

### **Public Works Committee**

**Meeting Date: January 12, 2021**

#### **Minute Item #4.1:**

Consider conducting a survey for resident satisfaction on the new campaign. Councillor Nicholson.

Consider focused campaigns for illegal dumping hot spots. Councillor Foster.

Provide information respecting sites frequently used for illegal dumping throughout the region. Councillor Foster.

Connect with staff at the City of Niagara Falls and the City of St. Catharines respecting Regional support for illegal dumping incidents in their respective municipality. Councillors Diodati and Sendzik.

**Minute Item #7:**

Provide information to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee respecting the Waste Management Strategy RFP (PWC-C 2021). Councillor Zalepa.

**Meeting Date: October 13, 2020**

**Minute Item #3.1:**

Provide information respecting the Niagara Region Waste App's ability to track real-time collection vehicle movement in the future. Councillor Diodati.

**Meeting Date: September 8, 2020**

**Minute Item #3.1:**

Provide information respecting the staff costs(s) associated with the Waste info-Line. Councillor Gale.

**Minute Item #5.3:**

Provide information respecting the cost of Niagara Recycling's scale operations. Councillor Gale.

Provide information respecting the annual value of the Niagara Recycling contract. Councillor Gale.

Provide a copy of the most recent financial audit/report on Niagara Recycling. Councillor Gale.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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