
MEMORANDUM

WMPSC-C 19-2021

Subject: Councillor Information Request

Date: Monday, April 19, 2021

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Catherine Habermehl, Director of Waste Management

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: February 22, 2021

Minute Item #8:

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

Follow-up Action: Communication plans for illegal dumping reporting contact information has been included in WMPSC-C 18-2021 as part of the April 19, 2021 WMPSC meeting package.

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. This work is being reinitiated and staff will report back with an update when available.

Status: In progress

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 project consultant is in the process of developing the terms of reference for the Negotiated Request for Proposal, with a targeted release in Q2 2021.

Status: In progress

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.

Follow-up Action: Responses to the requests under Minute Item #4.1 have been included in WMPSC-C 18-2021 as part of the April 19, 2021 WMPSC meeting package.

Status: Complete

Minute Item #7

Provide information to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee respecting the Waste Management Strategy RFP (PWC-C 2-2021). Councillor Zalepa.

Follow-up Action: Further to memorandums PWC-C 23-2020 and CL-C 73-2020 which provide information on the Waste Management Long Term Strategic Plan, the

finalization of the RFP has been delayed due to staff resources and workload. It is anticipated that the RFP will be released in Q2 2021.

Status: Complete

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 will be provided to Councillors through the Weekly Correspondence.

Status: In progress

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 spring 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 redeployment 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: October 28, 2019

Minute Item #3.1:

Provide information respecting the tonnage of plastic garbage bags being collected by Niagara Region each year, and ways to mitigate usage. Councillor Gibson.

Provide information respecting the definitions of diapers and incontinence products and what differentiates the two waste categories. Councillor Diodati.

Minute Item #5.1:

Provide information respecting amending the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Terms of Reference to include citizen members. Councillor Witteveen.

Minute Item #7.1:

Councillor Ugulini requested information respecting enforcement of illegal dumping mitigation measures in consideration of the move to every-other-week waste collection.

Minute Item #7.2:

Councillor Ugulini requested information respecting the implementation of mandatory closed top waste collection containers across the Region.

Meeting Date: Feb 25, 2019

Minute Item #8.1: MOTION

That staff **PROVIDE** options that could be included in the negotiated request for proposal (RFP) and terms of reference for the Material Recycling Facility Phase 4 Opportunity Review to allow for the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee to provide comments prior to the RFP being released to market.

Public Works Committee

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.

Meeting Date: May 12, 2020

Minute Item #5.1

Provide information respecting whether or not the contract with Walker Environmental Group is an exclusive contract. Councillor Nicholson.

Minute Item #6.2:

Ensure information is provided to residents registered for weekly diaper collection respecting alternative diaper solutions (i.e. cloth diapers) with a roster of providers. Councillor Sendzik.

Meeting Date: March 10, 2020

Minute Item #3.2: MOTION

That a plan to deal with illegal dumping that could arise as a result of bi-weekly pick-up **BE DEVELOPED** and **IMPLEMENTED**.

That a plan to deal with public health problems that could arise as a result of moving to bi-weekly pick-up **BE DEVELOPED** and **IMPLEMENTED**.

Meeting Date: Feb 11, 2020

Minute Item #7.1

Councillor Disero requested staff provide a report respecting weekly diaper collection for families regardless of the number of children. R. Tripp, Commissioner, Public Works/Acting Chief Administrative Officer, advised staff would provide a report at the Public Works Committee meeting being held on April 7, 2020.

Meeting Date: November 5, 2019

Minute Item #3.1

Provide information respecting the number of waste containers distributed to residents from May 2018 to November 2019. Councillor Insinna.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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