

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

**WMPSC 1-2021  
Monday, February 22, 2021  
Video Conference  
Regional Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Diodati, Edgar, Fertich, Gibson, Ugulini (Committee Chair), Witteveen (Committee Vice-Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Rigby

Staff Present via Video Conference: D. Ane, Program Manager, Financial Support, K. Ashbridge, Supervisor, Waste Management, M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, C. Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, B. Hutchings, Program Financial Analyst, L. McGovern, Program Manager, Waste Management Services, S. McPetrie, Waste Management Services Advisor, A. Mosca, Waste Management Engagement and Education Coordinator, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, E. Prpic, Associate Director, Disposal Operations & Engineering, S. Tait, Program Manager, Waste Management Services, L. Torbicki, Manager, Waste and Policy Planning, B. Whitelaw, Program Manager, Policy and Planning, J. Wilson, Supervisor, Waste Management, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Evely, Legislative Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

**3.1 Call for Nominations for Committee Chair**

Mark Evely, Legislative Coordinator, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for a two-year term (2021-2022).

Moved by Councillor Edgar  
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Councillor Ugulini **BE NOMINATED** as Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for a two-year term (2021-2022).

3.2 Motion to Close Nominations for Committee Chair

Mark Evelyn, Legislative Coordinator, called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee. There being no further nominations it was:

Moved by Councillor Butters  
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That nominations for the position of Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for a two-year term (2021-2022), **BE CLOSED**.

**Carried**

3.3 Voting for the Position of Committee Chair

There being only one nominee for the position of Committee Chair, Mark Evelyn, Legislative Coordinator, announced that Councillor Ugulini would be the Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for a two-year term (2021-2022).

3.4 Call for Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair

Mark Evelyn, Legislative Coordinator, called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for a two-year term (2021-2022).

Moved by Councillor Ugulini  
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Councillor Witteveen **BE NOMINATED** as Vice-Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for a two-year term (2021-2022).

3.5 Motion to Close Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair

Mark Evelyn, Legislative Coordinator, called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee.

There being no further nominations it was:

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for a two-year term (2021-2022), **BE CLOSED.**

**Carried**

3.6 Voting for the Position of Committee Vice-Chair

There being only one nominee for the position of Committee Vice-Chair, Mark Evelyn, Legislative Coordinator, announced that Councillor Witteveen would be Vice-Chair of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for a two-year term (2021-2022).

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Ugolini assumed the Chair.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Overview of 2021 Divisional Initiatives

Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services, provided information respecting Overview of 2021 Divisional Initiatives. Topics of the presentation included:

- Highlights of Completed Work in 2020
- Provincial Legislation
  - Blue Box Program
  - Food & Organic Waste
  - Additional Transition Timelines
  - *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act* (Bill 197)
  - On-site and Excess Soil Management Regulation, O. Reg. 406/19
- Strategic Projects - 2021
- Outreach Campaigns
- Capital Projects

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**6.1 WMPSC-C 14-2021**

Appointment of Citizen Members to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

Moved by Councillor Diodati

Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Report WMPSC-C 14-2021, dated February 22, 2021, respecting Appointment of Citizen Members to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) **BE DISCONTINUED**, effective immediately;
2. For the remainder of this term of Regional Council, the past WMAC Chair and delegate **CONTINUE** as members of the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee (WMPSC);
3. For future terms of Regional Council, a formal application process for selecting two (2) citizen members to sit on the WMPSC, **BE USED**;
4. That the existing WMPSC's Terms of Reference **BE AMENDED** to include the following composition:
  - Maximum of 12 individuals, including: the Regional Chair, up to nine (9) Regional Councillors and two (2) citizen members; and
5. That a complete update to the existing WMPSC's Terms of Reference **BE COMPLETED** by Niagara Region's Clerk's Department, in consultation with Waste Management staff.

**Carried**

**6.2 WMPSC-C 16-2021**

2021 Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Meeting Dates

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Edgar

That Correspondence Item WMPSC-C 16-2021, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated February 22, 2021, respecting 2021 Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Meeting Dates, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meetings  
**BE HELD** on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates in 2021:

April 19, June 28, August 30, October 18, December 13.

**Carried**

## **7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Fertich

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

WMPSC-C 1-2021

Councillor Information Request

WMPSC-C 2-2021

Alternative Waste Management Technologies Update

WMPSC-C 3-2021

Update on Blue Box Funding for 2021

WMPSC-C 4-2021

Discontinuation of the Broken Container Exchange Program

WMPSC-C 5-2021

Humberstone Landfill Site Public Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes - April 3, 2019

WMPSC-C 6-2021

Humberstone Landfill Site Public Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes - November 25, 2020

WMPSC-C 7-2021

Mandatory Closed-Top Garbage Containers

WMPSC-C 8-2021

Information on Plastic Garbage Bags

WMPSC-C 9-2021

Waste Management Tipping Fees

WMPSC-C 10-2021

2020 Illegal Dumping Summary and 2021 Mitigation Measure

WMPSC-C 11-2021

Anti-Litter Initiatives - Blue Box Lid

WMPSC-C 13-2021

Recycling Centre and Market Update

**Carried**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 Waste Management Service Delivery**

Committee members thanked Waste Management staff for their efforts associated with the implementation of the new waste collection contract.

**8.2 Illegal Dumping**

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

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Councillor Ugulini  
Committee Chair

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Mark Evely  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk