
MEMORANDUM

WMPSC-C 16-2023

Subject: Councillor Information Request

Date: June 26, 2023

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Catherine Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services

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: April 24, 2023

Minute Item #7.1: Councillor Foster requested information regarding an update on current landfill capacity, timelines and the possible need for additional landfills.

Follow-up Action: Niagara Region has two active landfills that accept solid waste that is generated in the region. The Humberstone Landfill is located in Welland and the Niagara Road 12 Landfill is located in West Lincoln. As of January 1, 2023, both these landfill sites have remaining capacity as follows:

Humberstone Landfill

- Annual tonnes received = 55,000
- Remaining capacity (in tonnes) - 1,659,518
- Landfill life remaining (in years) – 30 = **2053**

Niagara Road 12 Landfill

- Annual tonnes received = 17,000
- Remaining capacity (in tonnes) – 684,975
- Landfill life remaining (in years) – 40 = **2063**

The above-noted estimates are based on current incoming tonnage.

Status: Complete

Minute Item #7.2: Councillor Rigby requested information regarding whether staff considered utilizing energy from waste.

Follow-up Action: Sherri Tait advised that a review of alternative technologies for management of waste is part of the work being completed under the Waste Management Strategic Plan.

Status: Complete

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: April 4, 2023

Minute Item #3.1: Councillor Easton requested considering presentations to local area Councils

Follow-up Action: Staff are considering options to succinctly provide information to area Councils in a timely and efficient manner.

Status: Pending

Meeting Date: December 13, 2021

Minute Item #5.2: Councillor Heit requested information respecting the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario Committee strategic plan regarding waste management information sharing between municipalities.

Follow-up Action: The Regional Public Works Commissioner of Ontario Committee strategic plan will be presented to Niagara Region's Public Works Committee once finalized.

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, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic and related redeployment of staff, this project was paused.

Under the Blue Box Regulation, Niagara Region will transition out of the collection and processing of residential Blue Box materials on January 1, 2024. Staff could engage in negotiations with Producer Responsibility Organizations to potentially deliver residential Blue Box collection services on their behalf. Therefore, staff recommend that a review of the collection system occur in 2023 following these negotiations, and as part of the consulting engagement for the Waste Management Long-Term Strategic Plan RFP. Work on the Long-Term Strategic Plan has now commenced.

Status: Complete

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: Staff engaged with Miller to discuss possible changes to yard waste collection; however, it was determined that there were no cost savings at this time. As noted above, a review will occur in 2023. Recommendations will be submitted to Public Works Committee for approval. Work on the Long-Term Strategic Plan has now commenced.

Status: Complete

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 27, 2023

Minute Item #4.2: Councillor Diodati requested information respecting the possibility of selling booklets of garbage tags.

Meeting Date: August 22, 2022

Minute Item #3.1: Councillor Gibson requested information respecting the annual number of garbage tags purchased.

Minute Item #3.2: Councillor Edgar requested information respecting types of acceptable contaminants present in contaminated soil dumped at Region landfills

Meeting Date: June 20, 2022

Minute Item #7.1: Councillor Witteveen requested information respecting the blue box program transition.

Minute Item #7.2: Councillor Ugulini requested that Waste Management staff attend the City of Thorold Town and Gown meeting being held on Monday August 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: March 07, 2023

Minute Item #7.1: Councillor Huson requested information respecting the number of multi-residential units in Niagara Region and the percentage that are currently collecting compost and recycling.

Meeting Date: August 09, 2022

Minute Item #6.1: Councillor Zalepa requested information respecting the percentage of recyclable plastics being recycled in Niagara Region.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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