

Memorandum

WMPSC-C 6-2025

Subject: Councillor Information Requests

Date: April 28, 2025

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: February 24, 2024

Minute Item #7.1: Councillor Foster requested information on the types of materials that are being illegally dumped.

Follow-up Action: Based on the 2024 material composition data, the top five material categories for illegally dumped materials, in order of ranking, are: mixed residential and commercial waste, large household items, construction/renovation materials, and contained materials in garbage and recycling bags.

Status: Complete

Meeting Date: December 9, 2024

Minute Item #5.1: Councillor Ugolini requested additional options for August 25, 2025 meeting date, due to scheduling conflicts with Committee members.

Follow-up Action: In consultation with the Committee Chair, it was decided to cancel the August 2025 WMPSC meeting due to current schedule conflicts.

Status: Complete

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: March 4, 2025

Minute Item #6.1: Councillor Whalen requested estimated cost of the enhanced recycling service for each local area municipality.

Follow-up Action: On April 1, 2025, staff provided estimated costs to the Town of Grimsby, Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines, and Thorold. Additional details regarding recycling collection services for non-eligible sources will be presented to the Public Works Committee in June 2025 for further review and consideration.

Status: Complete

Meeting Date: January 7, 2025

Minute Item #4.1: Councillor Huson requested staff consider Regional statistics from Circular Materials Ontario respecting the blue box program.

Follow-up Action: Staff contacted the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) to obtain this information. Once the information is received, staff will report back to the Public Works Committee.

Status: Complete

Meeting Date: September 10, 2024

Minute Item #4.1: Councillor Huson requested staff consider funding options that are available for waste management through the Green Municipal Fund.

Follow-up Action: Green Municipal funding will be explored during the Waste Management Strategic Plan process.

Status: In Progress

Meeting Date: January 11, 2022

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 is updating their strategic plan in 2025. Once this plan is available publicly, a copy will be provided to Councillors.

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: December 9, 2024**

Minute Item #6.1: Councillor Rigby requested a detailed list of items collected through Niagara Region Waste Management programs following changes to provincial regulations.

Follow-up Action: Information pertaining to this Councillor request will be included in memo WMPSC-C 4-2025 - Items Collected at Niagara Region Site Under the Extended Producer Responsibility Programs, which will be presented to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee on February 24, 2025.

Status: Complete

Minute Item #6.1: Councillor Foster requested the current balances of the Waste Management Reserve Funds

Follow-up Action: As reported in the 2024 Q3 Financial update, the Waste Management Reserve balances are as follows as at September 30, 2024 (shown in thousands of dollars):

- Waste Management Capital Reserve \$24,557
- Waste Management Stabilization Reserve \$7,701
- Landfill Liability \$3,319

Updated reserve balances, pending councils' approval on the recommended reserve transfers, will be presented as part of the Q4 financial update at Corporate Services Committee in March 2025.

Status: Complete

Meeting Date: August 27, 2024

Minute Item #3.1: Councillor Witteveen requested to revisit proposed tip fee rate for contaminated soil deposits in landfills and consider implications of charging at the proposed general waste tip fee rate.

Follow-up Action: Rate adjusted and has been submitted as part of the User Fee By-Law which will be considered by Council on December 12, 2024.

Status: Complete

Minute Item #3.1: Councillor Foster requested to revisit the proposed minimum tip fee rate and the implications of increasing this rate further to better reflect costs.

Follow-up Action: Rate adjusted and has been submitted as part of the User Fee By-Law which will be considered by Council on December 12, 2024.

Status: Complete

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: September 10, 2024

Minute Item #8.1: Councillor Bateman requested information respecting ways to expedite cleanup of waste materials and receptacles left at the curb following collection and options to manage repeat offenders.

Follow-up Action: Waste Management By-Law Enforcement memo submitted to Council Weekly Correspondence Distribution on October 11, 2024. (CWCD 2024-168)

Status: Complete

Meeting Date: June 11, 2024 Closed Session

Minute Item #1.1: Councillor Bateman requested the circulation of the letter distributed by Chair Bradley respecting Producer Responsibility

Status: Complete

Minute Item #1.1: Councillor Witteveen requested the number of Municipalities that have chosen to provide recycling collection to non-eligible sources.

Status: Complete

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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