
Memorandum

WMPSC-C 2-2026

Subject: Councillor Information Requests

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Catherine Habermehl, 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: December 8, 2025

Minute Item #4.2: Committee Chair Ugolini requested to discuss future options with the Regional Chair's Office for continued advocacy with the Province respecting recycling collection of non-eligible sources.

Follow Up Action: Staff met with the Chair's office on March 30, 2026. Further discussions will occur once a permanent Regional Chair is confirmed.

Status: In Progress

Minute Item #4.2: Committee Chair Ugolini requested staff to consider connecting with CHAR Technologies respecting potential opportunities for future renewable energy solution.

Follow Up Action: Staff met with CHAR Technologies on February 5, 2026, and subsequently provided material samples for testing.

Status: Complete

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: February 10, 2026

Minute Item #4.1 Councillor Easton requested that the final strategy includes consideration for emerging contaminants, regulatory direction and work with internal and external partners as part of the "Opportunities" section.

Follow Up Action: The final Waste Strategy was updated to incorporate appropriate wording. The Strategy was approved by Regional Council on February 26, 2026.

Status: Complete.

Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

Minute Item #4.1: Councillor Bateman requested that communication issued to owners and operators of affected non-eligible sources indicate that this is a result of changes to provincial legislation.

Follow Up Action: Staff confirm that communications issued to the public and to owners and operators of affected non-eligible sources indicate that the discontinuation of recycling services is a direct result of changes to provincial legislation governing the Blue Box program and its transition to extended producer responsibility.

Status: Complete

Meeting Date: August 12, 2025

Minute Item #5.1: Councillor Easton requested staff consider reviewing the recommendations from Senator Rob Black's report respecting soil health as it related to excess soil in the Waste Management Strategic Plan

Follow-up Action: At the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting on September 4, 2025, memorandum BRC-C 4-2025 included a detailed response.

Status: Complete

Minute Item #5.1: Councillor Bateman requested information on energy from waste (EFW) options.

Follow-up Action: Memorandum PWC-C 4-2026 was provided at Public Works Committee, February 10, 2026.

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: The Waste Management Strategy was approved by Regional Council on February 26, 2026. External funding opportunities will be explored for each action identified in the Strategy.

Status: Complete

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.

Councillor 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

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: September 9, and October 7, 2025

Minute Item #4.1: Councillor Insinna enquired about the process for residents to receive replacements of blue and grey recycling boxes now that Niagara Region is no longer responsible for recycling collection.

Status: Complete

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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