
MEMORANDUM

WMPSC-C 1-2020

Subject: Councillor Information Request

Date: Monday, January 27, 2019

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Catherine Habermehl, Director

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: 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.

Follow-up Action: Memorandum WMPSC-C 6-2020 has been submitted to Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for the January 27, 2020 meeting.

Status: Complete

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

Follow-up Action: Niagara Region offers exemptions to the current garbage container limits. Diaper waste and waste generated as a result of a medical condition each require a different type of exemption. The diaper exemption is applicable to households with two or more children under the age of four in diapers. For individuals with a medical condition, which results in the generation of waste including incontinence products, a medical exemption is required to exceed the current garbage container limit.

Below is a summary of the current garbage container exemptions:

Diaper Exemption

- Low-density residential properties (up to 6 units) with two (2) or more children in diapers may place out one (1) clear bag of diapers per unit for weekly collection, in addition to the one bag weekly limit of household garbage.
- Low-density residential properties (up to 6 units) with three (3) or more children in diapers may place out two (2) clear bags of diapers per unit for weekly collection, in addition to the one bag weekly limit of household garbage.

- Daycares operating out of low-density residential properties may place two (2) clear bags of diapers out for collection weekly, in addition to the one bag weekly limit of household garbage.

Medical Exemption

- An individual with a medical condition, which results in the generation of additional garbage (i.e. incontinence products, dialysis bags, non-hazardous medical waste), may apply with a doctor's signature, to receive one or two extra bags each week, based on the doctor's discretion, in addition to the one bag weekly limit of household garbage. This results in the provision of either 52 or 104 free garbage tags annually.

Group Home Exemption

- Group homes, homes for adults with disabilities and homes for assisted living will receive 52 free garbage tags annually. If the home has one or more individuals with a medical condition, a medical exemption is also provided with the group home as the signing authority in place of the physician.

Status: Complete

Minute Item #5.1:

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

Follow-up Action: A presentation is being provided to Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for the January 27, 2020 meeting with proposed amendments to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee Terms of Reference.

Status: Complete

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.

Follow-up Action: Memorandum WMPSC-C 9-2020 has been submitted to Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for the January 27, 2020 meeting.

Status: Complete

Minute Item #7.2:

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

Follow-up Action: Memorandum WMPSC-C 7 2020 has been submitted to Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for the January 27, 2020 meeting.

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: Memorandum WMPSC-C 8-2020 has been submitted to Waste Management Planning Steering Committee for the January 27, 2020 meeting.

Status: Complete

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.

Follow-up Action: MNP LLP was awarded 2018-RFP-94 Project Consultant and Transaction Advisory Services for Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Opportunity Review – Phase 4, and is the project consultant engaged to develop the negotiated request for proposal (NRFP). The options to be included in the NRFP will be submitted to WMPSC for comment prior to release.

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, which is being completed through 2018-RFP-94. Clauses in the contract agreement with Niagara Recycling allow for early termination.

Status: In progress

Public Works Committee

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

Follow-up Action: The container unit numbers that were sold at various events and that Niagara Region delivered to the container distribution locations between May 2018 and November 2019 are as follows:

Container Type	Unit Number
Blue Box	15,080
Grey Box	15,578
Green Bin	10,961
Kitchen Catchers	6,258

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: August 26, 2019

Minute Item #3.2:

Provide information respecting implementing deposits for recycled plastic bottles.
(Councillor Witteveen)

Meeting Date: June 24, 2019

Minute Item #5.1:

Provide information respecting scheduled battery collection from the Niagara Region's comparator municipalities in future reports. (Councillor Diodati)

Minute Item #6.2:

Provide information respecting the breakdown of any forecasted shortfalls and how Niagara compares with municipalities with alternative models such as single stream.
(Councillor Witteveen)

Minute Item #7.1: MOTION

That staff **REQUEST** Nespresso to provide a presentation to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee on their coffee pod recycling program.

Meeting Date: April 29, 2019

Minute Item #6.6:

Provide the costs and revenues for the Material Recycling Facility.
(Councillor Fertich)

Meeting Date: Feb 25, 2019

Minute Item #4.1:

That Waste Management staff consult with Economic Development as to how to maximize the potential of the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) and the partnership with Niagara Recycling before proceeding with the Phase 4 Opportunity Review RFP.
(Councillor Butters).

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: September 10, 2019

Minute Item #7.2

Councillor Insinna requested information respecting the number of days curbside waste collection was not completed given the current collections delays.

Meeting Date: August 6, 2019

Minute Item #7.2

Councillor Insinna requested information respecting the use of incineration as an option for future waste management.

Meeting Date: April 16, 2019

Minute Item #7.1:

Councillor Nicholson requested staff arrange to have Emterra Environmental attend a future Council Meeting to provide an update respecting Waste Collection.

Meeting Date: March 19, 2019

Meeting Item #5.3:

Include in the request for proposal pricing information related to reducing container limits for Industrial, Commercial and Industrial, and Mixed-use properties, as well as to maintain current container limits (Councillor Nicholson).

Meeting Item #7.1:

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a report respecting the cost to supply Niagara Region residents with recycling and compost bins.

Meeting Date: February 19, 2019

Meeting Item #9.2:

That staff request Emterra present at a future Public Works Committee meeting to provide additional information. (Councillor Foster)

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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