



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**WMC-2011-5**

The Waste Management Committee met on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 1:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

**Members Present:** P. Foley; C. Fonseca\*; E. Kolb; E. Moore; R. Paterak; P. Saito; J. Sanderson; J. Sprovieri ; R. Starr; A. Thompson; J. Tovey

**Members Absent:** Nil

**Other Regional Councillors Present:** Nil

**Also Present:** D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works; N. Lee, Director, Waste Management; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor and Director, Legal and Risk Management; C. Reid, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; S. VanOfwegen, Director, Business Planning and Financial Support Services, Corporate Services; L. Conrad, Manager, Waste Operations; E. Pascual, Manager, Program Planning; B. Shepherd, Manager, Collections and Processing; T. Prokop, Program Support Analyst, Waste Management; S. Jurrius, Committee Clerk

*Chaired by Councillor J. Sanderson*

1. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Nil**
  
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION WM-10-2011:

That the agenda for the November 3, 2011 Waste Management Committee meeting, be amended to refer the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, dated October 25, 2011, titled "Long Term Waste Disposal Study – Results of Evaluation to Determine Preferred Option", to the November 10, 2011 Regional Council meeting;

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\* See text for arrivals

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And further, that the agenda for the November 3, 2011 Waste Management Committee meeting, be amended to include an oral update on the Great Pumpkin Party in the City of Brampton, to be dealt with under Other Business – Item 7a;

And further, that the agenda for the November 3, 2011 Waste Management Committee meeting, be amended to include an oral update on the collection contracts with Turtle Island;

And further, that the agenda for the November 3, 2011 Waste Management Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

See also Items Related to Reports – Item 4a and Other Business – Items 7a and 7b

**3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - Nil**

**4. REPORTS**

- a) **Long Term Waste Disposal Study – Results of Evaluation to Determine Preferred Option**

Referred to the November 10, 2011 Regional Council meeting

See also Approval of Agenda

- b) **Implications of Implementing a Bi-Weekly Garbage Collection Pilot**

RECOMMENDATION WM-11-2011:

That reference to the City of Mississauga, Ward 9 in Appendix I to the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, dated October 24, 2011, titled "Implications of Implementing a Bi-Weekly Garbage Collection Pilot" be deleted;

And further, that that a bi-weekly garbage collection pilot be implemented in the Region of Peel as set out in the subject report.

Councillor Saito stated that she does not support the bi-weekly garbage collection in the Region of Peel and requested that the City of Mississauga, Ward 9 be removed from the pilot project.

Councillor Paterak stated that he is in favour of smaller carts that could accommodate two bags for the cart-based programs to be introduced in Ward 1 in the Town of Caledon.

- c) **Update on Community Recycling Centres**  
Presentation by Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management

Received

RECOMMENDATION WM-12-2011:

That the applicable tip fees at Community Recycling Centres be increased from \$80 per tonne to \$100 per tonne except for existing contracts, in accordance with Provincial requirements;

And further, that the minimum tip fee for loads up to and including 50 kilograms be increased from \$2 to \$5 effective January 1, 2012;

And further, that the Region of Peel Fees By-law be amended to reflect the increase in tip fees at Community Recycling Centers effective January 1, 2012;

And further, that the necessary by-law be presented for enactment;

And further, that staff be authorized to implement a pilot program at one or more Community Recycling Centres in 2012 in which residential customers will pay a \$5, \$10 or \$15 flat fee based on the size and type of vehicle and trailer combination;

And further, that staff report back at the end of the flat fee pilot program;

And further, that staff be directed to include the subject fees in the 2012 budget submission;

And further, that dedicated loads of scrap metal be disposed free of charge;

And further, that staff be authorized to notify the public of the proposed increase of the tip fee at Community Recycling Centres.

*A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.*

Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management provided an overview of the Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) customer satisfaction surveys, traffic patterns, site improvements and proposed tip fee adjustments.

In response to a question from Councillor Foley, Norman Lee responded that most municipalities charge a minimum \$5 tipping fee and advised that the *Weights and Measures*

*Act*, requires municipalities to establish a minimum tip fee at 10 times its scale increment. The Region of Peel scale increment is five kilograms which equates to \$5.

Norman Lee stated that the majority of customers utilizing the CRCs pay over \$5 tip fee and would not be impacted with the proposed increase.

Councillor Paterak stated that he will encourage his residents to set aside five gallon containers in their garages to collect scrap metals and subsequently take those to the CRCs for proper disposal.

In response to a question from Councillor Paterak, Norman Lee stated that any load with a combination of recyclables will be accepted free-of-charge at all CRCs in the Region. The proposed flat rate fees by vehicle type will address the issue for mixed loads dropped off at CRCs.

Councillor Paterak supported the staff recommendation and requested a notice be distributed to raise public awareness and encourage participation of bringing recyclables to CRCs.

Regional Chair Kolb did not support the increase of applicable tip fees at CRCs from \$80 per tonne to \$100 per tonne. He stated that such increase will be a burden to the homeowners. Regional Chair Kolb stated that issues surrounding illegal dumping and scavenging needs to be resolved before increasing the fees at the CRCs.

In response to a question from Councillor Starr, Norman Lee responded that the flat fees is for residential quantities most of which are single-axle trailers. He stated that staff will reserve the right to direct vehicles to be weighed if the trailer contains more than a typical residential amount of waste or if the vehicle is overloaded.

Councillor Starr suggested that the flat fee structure be simplified as follows: \$5 for cars or minivans; \$5 for trailers; \$10 for pick-up truck or larger vehicle and requested that staff report back on the effectiveness of the flat fees.

Norman Lee stated that the intent was to add \$5 if a resident brings a vehicle and a trailer.

Councillor Paterak acknowledged the comments of Regional Chair Kolb and Councillor Thompson. Although increasing the fees may raise concerns, Councillor Paterak felt that the Region should recover the cost of providing waste programs/services.

*Councillor Fonseca arrived at 1:40 p.m.*

Councillor Foley suggested that the Region consider waiving the flat fees once a month to increase public participation.

Councillor Tovey stated that a \$20 per tonne increase will not change the behaviour of people who dumps illegally and indicated that stiffer fines or policing to enforce proper disposal could be done. He supported the staff recommendation and suggested that the Region consider a community clean up tag program where garbage tags can be provided to Councillors and their constituents and that the collected waste from the roadside clean up be brought to CRCs for proper disposal.

Councillor Moore stated that the Region has competition from big box stores that sells, at a nominal fee, sizable bagster bags that could be filled up with large quantities of renovation materials and waste. Councillor Moore informed the Committee that is very convenient and once filled, residents can call Waste Management of Canada Corporation and arrange for curbside pick-up for a fee. She inquired if staff noticed a reduction in these type of materials coming in to CRCs and how it compares to the Region's price for curbside pick-up. Norman Lee stated that staff have not seen a differences in the amount of tonnages brought to CRCs as a result of these bagster bags sold at big box stores. He undertook to do a comparative cost analysis of the bagster bag program versus the Region's waste program and report back to the Committee.

d) **Peel Integrated Waste Management Facility Material Recovery Facility Retrofit Project**

Received

Councillor Tovey stated that he would like to do a site tour of the Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

In response to a question of clarification from Councillor Saito, Norman Lee confirmed that the upgrades to the Material Recovery Facility equipment will allow the Region of Peel to accept new recyclable items such as 3-7 rigid plastics including clam shell plastics (i.e. food containers) in the future. He further stated that the Region of Peel is working with the waste industry to improve clam shell plastic products in the market.

Norman Lee stated that the upgrades to the MRF equipment are still in its design stage. Councillor Saito requested that staff review the feasibility of processing of shredded paper as part of the upgrades to the MRF equipment.

In response to a question from Councillor Sanderson, Norman Lee stated that the upgrades should reduce the amount of residue and result in a higher throughput.

e) **Special Event Recycling and Organics Collection Policy**

RECOMMENDATION WM-13-2011:

That the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, dated October 20, 2011, titled "Special Event Recycling and Organics Collection Policy" be referred back to staff for further review.

Councillor Saito expressed concern with the recommended fees outlined in the subject report and stated that it is punitive and might deter groups from approaching the Region of Peel for special events.

Norman Lee stated that the Region of Peel does not provide garbage collection for special events, however, recycling services are provided for free. He informed the Committee that the materials collected from special events are often contaminated and suggested that introducing fees and a policy will help alleviate the contamination of waste materials at large gatherings.

Councillor Saito suggested that staff look at providing it as an educational service rather than charging fees.

Dan Labrecque, Commissioner, Public Works, stated that the program is currently practiced in the Region of Peel without the fees. Imposing fees and charges at special events is the next step to reinforcing the behaviour at large gatherings with the goal of helping the community to properly dispose recyclables and waste.

Councillor Saito requested that staff provide additional information, including cost to the Region and tipping fee, on previous special events where the Region of Peel participated. She stated that the staff report lacked information that would help the Committee with its decision making and moved that the report be deferred to a future Waste Management Committee meeting.

In response to a question from Councillor Starr, Norman Lee undertook to ensure that there is consistency, and to simplify the terminology used in the special events policy and application form.

Councillor Paterak suggested that staff find ways that would tie organizations to grants, conditional to the approval of their licenses by the Region and handling waste at large events. He requested that Regional and area municipal staff work collaboratively to give incentives to organizations, provide education and reinforce recycling at large events.

The Commissioner of Public Works stated that staff will report back to a future meeting of the Waste Management Committee how to manage the program in the long term.

Councillor Moore noted that not all organizations using the area municipal facilities receive grants and suggested that area municipalities tie it into the permit to use its indoor or outdoor facilities for large events.

Councillor Fonseca stated that being a part of the EcoTeam would increase public awareness on recycling and noted the benefits of utilizing youth volunteers at special events.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS – Nil**

**6. IN CAMERA MATTERS – Nil**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Additional Items – Items 7a and 7b:**

- a) **The Third Annual Great Pumpkin Party – City of Brampton (Oral)**  
Presentation by Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management

Received

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A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.

Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management stated that the Third Annual Great Pumpkin Party held in the City of Brampton was very successful as almost 2,000 kilograms of pumpkin was collected and diverted from the waste stream.

Councillor Sanderson noted that the event was well received and raised awareness to residents about composting and recycling. He extended his appreciation to the Region of Peel and Waste Management staff for their support in making the event a huge success.

**b) Collection Contracts with Turtle Island – Update (Oral)**

Received

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Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management stated that the Region of Peel recently received a request for consent from Turtle Island to sell its company to another corporation. He informed the Committee that the Region of Peel requires all of its collection contracts to give consent on any sale of a company. Norman Lee advised that staff has delegated authority to consent to these types of requests. Regional staff will perform due diligence and report back to Regional Council on the outcome.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date of the Waste Management Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., Regional Administrative Headquarters, Council Chamber, 5th floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Please forward regrets to Stephanie Jurrius, Committee Clerk, (905) 791-7800, extension 4502 or at [stephanie.jurrius@peelregion.ca](mailto:stephanie.jurrius@peelregion.ca).

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.