



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL**  
**WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

**WMSAC - 4/2015**

The Region of Peel Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee met on November 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., in the Regional Council Chambers, 5th Floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

**Members Present:** F. Dale; J. Innis; M. Palleschi; R. Starr; A. Thompson; J. Tovey

**Members Absent:** B. Crombie, due to other municipal business; A. Groves

**Also Present:** D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works; S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; N. Lee, Director, Waste Management; T. Prokop, Program Support Analyst, Waste Management; S. Jurrius, Committee Clerk; S. Valleau, Legislative Assistant

*Chaired by Councillor M. Palleschi.*

**1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-6-2015:

That the agenda for the November 19, 2015 Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee meeting include a delegation from Rod Muir, Waste Diversion Chair, Sierra Club of Canada Foundation, regarding the ease and benefits of waste diversion, to be dealt with under Delegations - Item 3.1;

And further, that the agenda for the November 19, 2015 Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee be approved, as amended.

See also Delegations – Item 3.1

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\* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

**Additional Item – Item 3.1:**

**3. DELEGATIONS**

- 3.1 Rod Muir, Waste Diversion Chair, Sierra Club of Canada Foundation,**  
Regarding the Ease and Benefits of Waste Diversion

Received

See also Approval of Agenda

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

Rod Muir, Waste Diversion Chair, Sierra Club of Canada Foundation, provided information regarding the ease and benefits of waste diversion such as reducing water pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, conserving landfill space, and its inexpensive cost. He suggested that the Region of Peel consider increasing its education and enforcement of waste diversion to residents.

**4. REPORTS**

- 4.1. Approach to Developing a Work Plan to Achieve Peel's New 75 Percent  
3Rs Target and Manage the Remaining 25 Percent (Oral)**  
Presentation by Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management

Received

Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management, provided an overview of recent Regional Council directions to develop work plans and approaches to public consultations to achieve the new 3Rs target of the Region of Peel. He advised that Regional staff would conduct a preliminary review of program and policy options and mixed waste processing and subsequently establish key principles and criteria to achieve the 75 percent 3Rs target. Norman Lee suggested that the residents be included in the planning process during key decision points to get to the 75 percent 3Rs target. Regional staff will report back to the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee and Regional Council for approval on recommended solutions. He advised that a similar approach would be applied to manage the remaining 25 percent.

Norman Lee suggested that the consultation plan for the area municipal councils and the public include information on the current work plan for the 60 percent 3Rs target and the approach to develop a work plan for the next 15 percent, as well as, the waste management programs and services of the Region of Peel. He advised that the next steps would involve developing fulsome work plans for the consultations based on feedback from the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee.

Norman Lee further informed the Committee that, as a result of the cancellation of the Peel Energy Recovery Centre (PERC) initiative, Regional staff is in the process of closing the project. In terms of resourcing, half of the team involved in PERC has been reassigned to oversee the Anaerobic Digestion Facility Project. The other half of the PERC project team will be reallocated to manage the work plans and consultations to achieve the new 75 percent 3Rs target. Work on developing the new blue box Material Recovery Facility is on hold, and therefore does not need any staff resources, until the province introduces its new legislation to replace the *Waste Diversion Act*, which will outline municipalities' and producers' roles in managing the blue box program.

In response to a question from Councillor Innis, Norman Lee stated that the proposed changes to the *Waste Diversion Act* could impact the Region's new diversion target. For instance, the Province could implement tighter guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility that would allow the producers to manage collection of blue box materials and therefore impact the blue box program of the Region.

Councillor Innis requested that the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee be provided with information on other municipalities' best practices on the diversion of organics and recycling within the multi-residential areas that could be incorporated in the Regional Official Plan or to area municipal zoning by-laws.

Norman Lee stated that multi-residential organics would be included as part of the source separation analysis during the proposed preliminary review of programs and policies to achieve the 75 percent 3Rs target.

Councillor Innis requested that Regional staff look into utilizing the residual funds from the PERC project, if necessary, to provide additional resources to advance the process of achieving Peel's new 75 percent 3Rs target.

Dan Labrecque, Commissioner, Public Works, suggested that, in the interim, the Committee pass a recommendation authorizing staff to utilize the unused funds from PERC to initiate the preliminary work to achieve the desired new 3Rs target. He advised that, depending on budget, staff have authority to hire short-term contract staff or consultants, if necessary. Dan Labrecque stated that staff would report back to the Committee when a business plan for the new 3Rs target has been developed.

At the request of Councillor Innis, the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee (WMSAC) directed staff to invite the proponents of the PERC project to present to future WMSAC meetings with information on the experiences and benefits associated with the energy-from-waste technology.

Councillor Starr noted that educating residents on waste diversion is fundamental to the success of public participation and he suggested that staff consider creating a video to highlight the importance of waste diversion for use at community meetings.

Councillor Tovey requested that Regional staff report back with information as to how waste is sorted in a biofuel facility (such as the Edmonton facility) at a future meeting of the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee.

In response to a request from Councillor Tovey, Norman Lee stated that staff will prepare a resolution that requests the provincial government to impose deposits on plastic bottles and juice containers to be considered by Regional Council in February 2016.

Councillor Innis suggested that Regional staff work with the school boards to ensure the criteria set for eco schools aligns with the Region of Peel's best practices on waste diversion.

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-7-2015:

Whereas, Regional Council cancelled the current procurement process for the Peel Energy Recovery Centre initiative on October 22, 2015 under Resolution 2015-781;

And whereas, a residual amount of approximately \$75 million from the cancelled Peel Energy Recovery Centre procurement process, excluding the debt financed portion, is within an existing approved Capital Budget Project 116605;

And whereas, Regional staff proposed that the subject residual amount be re-purposed to carry on the activities as outlined in the oral presentation of the Director of Waste Management titled "Approach to Developing a Work Plan to Achieve Peel's New 75 Percent 3Rs Target and Manage the Remaining 25 Percent" to the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee on November 19, 2015;

Therefore be it resolved, that the residual amount of approximately \$75 million from the cancelled Peel Energy Recovery Centre procurement process, excluding the debt financed portion, be directed to initially fund the preliminary review of program and policy options and mixed waste processing options to advance the process to achieve the new 75 percent 3Rs target of the Region of Peel and to investigate how to manage the remaining 25 percent;

And further, that staff report back to the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee with a business plan to achieve the new 75 percent 3Rs target.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 5.1 Jayne Pilot, Owner, Pilot Performance Resources Management Inc., Email dated October 21, 2015, Providing Comments on the Waste Management Report from the Special Regional Council meeting held on October 8, 2015**

Received

In response to questions raised by Jayne Pilot in her correspondence dated October 21, 2015, Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management, advised that the all-in cost to design, build and operate Peel's programs are as follows: energy-from-waste program, \$279 per tonne; recycling,

\$201 per tonne; yard waste - \$266 per tonne; and, organics over \$300 per tonne. He stated that organics has a higher cost because of the process involved to collect the green bins from residential areas is expensive. Norman Lee noted that the goal of the Region of Peel is to introduce programs to help the environment and to deliver the programs effectively and efficiently.

In response to a question from Councillor Palleschi, Norman Lee stated that there is no increased risk in collecting diapers in green bins versus garbage. The Province has specific guidelines on the management of bio-medical waste in Ontario that the Region of Peel and other municipalities must comply.

**6. IN CAMERA MATTERS – Nil**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS – Nil**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.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 2:14 p.m.