



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Members Present: D. Damerla
 G.S. Dhillon
 P. Fortini
 N. Iannicca

J. Innis
 M. Mahoney
 I. Sinclair
 R. Starr

Members Absent: K. Ras

Staff Present	K. Lockyer, Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor A. Warren, Interim Commissioner of Public Works N. Lee, Director of Waste Management	C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services S. Jurrius, Committee Clerk S. Valteau, Legislative Specialist R. Khan, Legislative Technical Coordinator
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Stephanie Jurrius, Committee Clerk, called the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee meeting to order on January 21, 2021 at 2:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive.

Councillor Ras was absent due to a personal matter.

Regional Chair Iannicca arrived at 2:09 p.m.

Councillor Dhillon arrived at 2:27 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-1-2021:

That Councillor Starr be elected Chair of the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee, for the remainder of the Council term or until a successor is appointed by Regional Council;

And further, that Councillor Innis be elected Vice-Chair of the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee, for the remainder of the Council term or until a successor is appointed by Regional Council.

Councillor Starr assumed the Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-2-2021:

That the agenda for the January 21, 2021 Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

5. DELEGATIONS

5.1 Nancy Milton, Resident, City of Mississauga

Regarding the Townhouse Waste Collection and the Neighbourhood Recycling Blue Boxes (Related to 5.2 and 6.1)

Received

Nancy Milton, Resident, City of Mississauga, expressed concern that waste collection carts are not available at their townhouse complex and are not expected to be provided for at least two years.

Councillor Mahoney stated that the Region of Peel heard significant concerns from residents when the Townhouse Waste Collection Program (the Program) was introduced due to lack of space and storage for the carts at townhouse complexes. At that time, staff was directed to stop the implementation of the cart system in townhouse complexes and to report back to the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee with alternative townhouse waste diversion strategies.

5.2 Monique Mo, Resident, City of Mississauga

Regarding the Townhouse Waste Collection and the Neighbourhood Recycling Blue Boxes (Related to 5.1 and 6.1)

Received

Monique Mo, Resident, City of Mississauga, stated that she has been requesting that their complex be included in the Townhouse Waste Collection Program since 2015. She sought clarification as to why the decision to participate in the program rests solely with townhouse management and boards of directors, not the homeowners.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Townhouse Waste Collection Options

(Related to 5.1 and 5.2)

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-3-2021:

That the following townhouse waste collection options be approved and presented to townhouse Board of Directors and/or Property Managers:

- *Option 1a - Cart-based garbage and recycling collection with choice of 120, 240 and 360 litre carts and cart-based organics collection with a 100 litre cart;*
- *Option 1b - Cart-based garbage and recycling collection with choice of 120, 240 and 360 litre carts and cart-based organics collection with a smaller 46-80 litre cart;*
- *Option 2a – Cart-based garbage collection with choice of 120, 240 and 360 litre carts, bag-based recycling collection and cart-based organics collection with a 100 litre cart;*
- *Option 2b – Cart-based garbage collection with choice of 120, 240 and 360 litre carts bag-based recycling collection and cart-based organics collection with a smaller 46-80 litre cart;*

And further, that the consultation plan with townhouse Board of Directors and/or Property Managers commence in the fall of 2021, including an education component on the transition of the Blue Bin Program to full producer responsibility in 2024;

And further, that staff align the implementation of the townhouse waste collection options selected by the individual townhouse complexes with the new curbside collection contracts anticipated to commence on October 1, 2024;

And further, that townhouse complexes requesting to be converted to cart-based collection with the large organics cart (Option 1a) prior to the new collection contract in 2024 be allowed to do so provided that the proposed approach, as outlined in the report of the Interim Commissioner of Public Works, listed on the January 21, 2021 Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee agenda, titled “Townhouse Waste Collection Options”, is met;

And further, that townhouse complexes requesting to be converted to cart-based collection with a smaller organics cart (Option 1b) prior to the new collection contract in 2024 be allowed to do so, subject to satisfactory negotiations related to pricing with the waste collection contractors and provided that the proposed approach as outlined in the subject report, is met.

Norman Lee, Director of Waste Management, stated that utilizing a variety of townhouse collection methods could increase collection costs; residents may not be able to choose the collection method for recycling under the new producer responsibility program in 2024; and, not every resident will agree on the preferred option at any townhouse complex.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is proposed that the consultation with the townhouse Boards of Directors and/or Property Managers commence in 2022 with a goal that all complexes will have made their choices by the end of 2022. Staff also recommended that townhouse complexes that have already been converted to carts remain on cart-based collection at least until the new collection contract in 2024.

Staff recommend the following options to address residents' concerns while meeting the Region of Peel's objectives:

- **Option 1a** - Cart-based garbage and recycling collection with choice of 120, 240 and 360 litre carts and a cart-based organics collection with a 100 litre cart.
 - Option 1a could be rolled out quickly because the pricing for collection have been approved; the three bins are available; and, the contracts are in place to supply the bins.
- **Option 1b** - Cart-based garbage and recycling collection with choice of 120, 240 and 360 litre carts and smaller cart-based organics collection with a smaller 46-80 litre cart.
 - Staff will have to negotiate with the contractors the pricing to collect smaller green carts and the method of collection. Staff would also have to secure contracts for the supply of the smaller green carts. If the pricing is satisfactory, the Region can move forward with this option. However, staff recommends that the contract not commence before 2024 if the pricing will have significant implications to Peel.

For Option 1a and Option 1b, the individual townhouse units could choose from three sizes of waste and recycling carts and the townhouse management and Board of Directors would choose an organics cart size for the entire complex to facilitate collection.

- **Option 2a** – Cart-based garbage collection with choice of 120, 240 and 360 litre carts bag-based recycling collection and cart-based organics collection with a 100 litre cart.
- **Option 2b** - Cart-based garbage collection with choice of 120, 240 and 360 litre carts bag-based recycling collection and cart-based organics collection with a smaller 46-80 litre cart.
 - The townhouse complex could choose to have recycling collected in bags. If they do so, the entire complex will be required to use bags for recycling to facilitate collection. Similarly, the entire complex would have to choose either the large organics cart or the smaller organics cart to facilitate collection. It also entails further negotiation with the contractors with respect to pricing; and, changes to the method of collection could have additional cost implications to the Region.

Members of Committee discussed and raised questions regarding: the options for the townhouse waste collections; the complaints received by Council members from the townhouse residents in their wards; the Region of Peel's diversion targets; ongoing discussions with residents and townhouse complex

management; the timing of the consultation plans to inform townhouse Board of Directors and/or Property Managers of the waste collection services options available; clarification of the Region's current waste collection contract; the timing of the new waste collection contract in 2024; the inclusion of an education component regarding the transition of the Blue Bag Program to full producer responsibility in 2024; a request to look into the City of Toronto's practice for garbage, recycling and organics cart-based collections; and, staffing resources and community education outreach due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Councillor Innis proposed that the consultations with townhouse complex Board of Directors and/or Property Managers commence in the fall of 2021 provided that staffing resources are sufficient and that COVID-19 restrictions are met.

Councillor Damerla suggested that the option for an earlier implementation be available, subject to satisfactory negotiations related to pricing with waste collection contractors, and provided that the proposed approach outlined in the report listed as Item 6.1 is met.

6.2 Peel's Comments on the Provincial Proposal to Amend the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-4-2021:

That the comments outlined in the report of the Interim Commissioner of Public Works, listed on the January 21, 2021 Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee agenda, titled "Peel's Comments on the Provincial Proposal to Amend the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement", be endorsed;

And further, that the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, write a letter to Peel-area MPPs outlining the Region of Peel's position on the proposed amendments to the food and organic waste policy, with a copy of the subject report.

Norman Lee advised that the proposed amendments to the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement clarify and expand the categories of food and organic waste, as well as the management of compostable products and packaging. The submission to the province included the recommendation to designate compostable products and packaging under extended producer responsibility regulations; the introduction of pilot programs between producers, municipalities and the manufacturers of compostable products and packaging to better understand the compost-ability of these items at Ontario facilities; the development of a provincial certification standard for compostable products based on real world experience at existing commercial scale compost facilities; encouraging producer funded innovations in new processing capacity; and the development of detailed provincial guidance materials for food and organic waste.

Councillor Innis requested that a letter be sent to Peel-area MPPs outlining their roles as the Region's representatives and the Region's position on food and organic waste and providing them with a copy of the subject report.

6.3 Peel's Comments on the Federal Discussion Paper: Proposed Integrated Management Approach to Plastic Products to Prevent Waste and Pollution

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-5-2021:

That the comments outlined in the report of the Interim Commissioner of Public Works, listed on the January 21, 2021 Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee agenda, titled "Peel's Comments on the Federal Discussion Paper: Proposed Integrated Management Approach to Plastic Products to Prevent Waste and Pollution", be endorsed.

Norman Lee stated that the comments submitted to the federal government included the recommendation that the government use an evidence-based management framework to identify harmful plastic products; and, that the Region does not support the federal government's proposal to consider compostable or biodegradable plastics as alternatives to single-use plastic products until proven composting technologies are available and producer responsibility programs are in place.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9. IN CAMERA

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 1, 2021
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Council Chamber, 5th floor
Regional Administrative Headquarters
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
Brampton, ON

Please forward regrets to Stephanie Jurrius, Committee Clerk, at stephanie.jurrius@peelregion.ca.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.