



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Members
Present: G.S. Dhillon
P. Fortini
A. Groves
N. Iannicca
J. Innis
J. Kovac

M. Mahoney
M. Palleschi
K. Ras
I. Sinclair
R. Starr

Staff Present N. Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services
K. Lockyer, Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services
P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor
A. Farr, Interim Commissioner of Public Works
N. Lum, Acting Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
C. Granger, Acting Commissioner of Health Services
S. Jurrius, Committee Clerk
H. Gill, Legislative Specialist
R. Khan, Legislative Technical Coordinator
S. MacGregor, Legislative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Region of Peel Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee met on June 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., in the Regional Council Chamber, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Regional Chair Iannicca arrived at 1:18 p.m.

Regional Chair Iannicca departed at 2:15 p.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-5-2020:

That the agenda for the June 18, 2020 Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee meeting be amended to deal with In Camera Matters – Items 8.1 and 9.1, immediately following the Approval of Agenda;

And further, that the agenda for the June 18, 2020 Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

Items 8.1 and 9.1 were dealt with.

8. IN CAMERA MATTERS

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-6-2020:

That the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee proceed "In Camera" to consider items relating to the following:

- *Update on Waste Management Programs (Oral) (A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board)*
- *Letter from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board)*

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-7-2020:

That Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee move out of "In Camera".

Closed session commenced at 1:15 p.m.

Committee moved out of closed session at 2:17 p.m.

Committee recessed at 2:18 p.m.

Committee reconvened at 2:26 p.m.

8.1 Update on Waste Management Programs

(Oral)

(A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board)

Received

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-8-2020:

That direction given "In Camera" to the Interim Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Waste Management as set out in the Oral In Camera Update titled "Update on Waste Management Programs (Oral) (A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board)" be approved, and voted upon in accordance with Section 239(6) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Letter from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

(A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board)

Referred to Public Works

4. DELEGATIONS

Nil

5. REPORTS

5.1 Transition of the Blue Box Program to Full Producer Responsibility – June 2020 Update: Preferred Transition Year

Presentation by Norman Lee, Director of Waste Management

Received

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-9-2020:

That October 1, 2024 be the Region of Peel's provisionally preferred date to transition the blue box program from municipal control to producer control to coincide with the end of the Region's blue box collection and processing contracts, as described in the report of the Interim Commissioner of Public Works, titled, "Transition of the Blue Box Program to Full Producer Responsibility – June 2020 Update: Preferred Transition Year";

And further, that the Region express an interest in providing blue box collection services post transition on behalf of and under contract to producers, subject to negotiation of mutually agreeable terms;

And further, that subject to reaching an agreement with producers on business terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Works and on legal terms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor for the provision of blue box collection services from January 1, 2023 until at least September 30, 2024, the Region of Peel's preferred transition be changed to January 1, 2023;

And further, that the Director of Waste Management be designated as the key contact for any follow-ups on this subject matter;

And further, that a copy of this resolution and the subject report be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-10-2020:

That the Region of Peel strongly supports that the Producer Responsibility Regulation for Blue Box designate schools, parks and public spaces as eligible sources of collection in line with Special Advisor David Lindsay's recommendations to the Provincial government;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Town of Caledon, the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board, and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

And further, that the local municipalities be requested to support the designation of parks and public spaces as eligible sources of collection.

Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management, provided an overview of the blue box transition process and provincial consultation; and, the rationale for determining the preferred transition date for the Region of Peel. The transition will occur over a three-year period between January 2023 and December 2025, with approximately a third of municipalities transitioning each year. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requested that the preferred transition date within that three-year window be provided by the municipalities through a resolution of Council.

Staff developed a model to assess the financial implications of transitioning on the following dates. The model was used to assess two scenarios: where the Region is retained by producers to provide blue box collection services; and where the Region must amend or terminate any of its current collection contracts. The three potential dates were evaluated using the Regional Council-approved criteria – financial implications; control over operations and customer service; and, integration with other waste operators. Regional staff narrowed the list down to three dates: January 1, 2023; October 1, 2024; and, October 1, 2025.

Norman Lee stated that staff recommend October 1, 2024 as Peel's preferred transition date because it provides the best balance between the Council-endorsed evaluation criteria; it is the least disruptive time to transition; it coincides with the end of current collection contracts and avoids the financial and operational implications of early contract terminations; and, it provides 21 months for the Region to learn from already transitioned municipalities.

In response to a question from Councillor Innis, Norman Lee stated that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is considering that producers not be required to collect from schools, parks or public places in the new blue box regulation. He advised that AMO is asking municipalities to send the Ministry a resolution of Council designating schools, parks and public spaces as eligible sources in the regulation.

Councillor Innis placed a motion to support the designating of schools, parks and public spaces as eligible sources.

In response to a question from Councillor Sinclair, Norman Lee stated that the protocols for responding to residents' concerns when the new blue box regulation is implemented has not been determined. He indicated that the Region could work with producers on protocols.

In response to a question from Councillor Ras, Norman Lee stated that the Ministry will post the draft regulation on the new blue box program later this

summer for public comment through the environmental registry and that the final regulation is expected in early 2021.

Councillor Ras requested that the Director of Waste Management check if the province has suspended the posting requirements for the environmental registry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

5.2 Update on Waste Management Programs

(Oral)

Presentation by Norman Lee, Director of Waste Management

Received

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-11-2020:

That staff be directed to report back to a future Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee meeting with further information related to a mixed waste pilot for multi-residential garbage, including information on how a pilot fits into the Region of Peel's long-term waste management strategy, including timing, scope, costs, risks, outcomes, and options for procurement.

Norman Lee, Director, Waste Management, highlighted the waste management programs that were affected during the declared COVID-19 pandemic emergency due to staff redeployment: Curbside and Multi-Residential Building Enforcement; Community Recycling Centre Optimization Study; townhome conversion; and, business improvement areas green bin pilot. The work on the long-term financial plan was delayed however staff continue to work on the modelling of various options. He advised that the impacts to the programs will be assessed after the emergency is terminated and staff will report to a future Committee meeting with an update.

Norman Lee provided an overview of the two major projects that are part of the Region's current long-term waste management strategy: the Peel-owned Anaerobic Digestion Facility and the Mixed Waste Processing Facility. He stated that the procurement process for the development of the Peel-owned Anaerobic Digestion Facility to process green bin material is currently underway and is expected to close this year with a contract award expected in early 2021. The Anaerobic Digestion Facility is expected to be operational by 2024. The mixed waste processing for residential and curbside garbage is scheduled for development after 2025. Regional staff proposed exploring pilot options that could help resolve some of the risks with mixed waste processing.

Norman Lee clarified that the two projects can proceed in parallel because the Anaerobic Digestion Facility will process green bin organics from curbside homes and the Mixed Waste Processing Facility will process garbage from multi-residential buildings. He sought direction from the Committee on the green bin pilot.

Councillor Innis requested that staff report back to a future Committee meeting with an in-depth update on the Lakeview Development Vacuum Waste System.

Councillor Innis stated that the Region of Peel should look at a multi-pronged solution in dealing with waste in the future. She noted that the major projects can be carried out in parallel as discussed by the Director of Waste Management and requested that staff report back with information related to a mixed waste processing pilot for multi-residential garbage that could be beneficial to Peel.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Nil

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.