



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

October 19, 2023

Members Present: B. Butt
P. Fortini
N. Iannicca

M. Mahoney
M. Medeiros
M. Russo

Members Absent: A. Groves

Staff Present G. Kent, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Valeri, Chief Financial Officer and
Commissioner of Corporate Services
J. Zingaro, Acting Regional Solicitor and
Commissioner of Legislative Services
K. Dedman, Commissioner of Public
Works
A. Adams, Regional Clerk
N. Lee, Director, Waste Management

C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and
Manager of Legislative Services
H. Gill, Legislative Technical Advisor
J. Jones, Committee Clerk
D. Rai, Legislative Technical
Coordinator
M. Monzavi, Legislative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Councillor Medeiros, Committee Chair, called the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee meeting to order on October 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-12-2023:

That the agenda for the October 19, 2023 Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Rahul Mehta, Founder, Sustainable Mississauga and Co-Founder, Stop Sprawl Peel

Regarding Transition of the Blue Box Program and Residential Compost Sales at Community Recycling Centres

Received

Rahul Mehta, Founder, Sustainable Mississauga and Co-Founder, Stop Sprawl Peel, provided comments regarding impacts and lack of public engagement regarding the transition of the blue box program to full producer responsibility; suggestions to address waste management services after the dissolution of Peel; support for public education on waste streams and diversion; importance of community recycling centres (CRCs); and concerns regarding the discontinuation of the sale of residential compost at CRCs.

Norman Lee, Director of Waste Management, stated that the transition of the blue box program to full producer responsibility is under the jurisdiction of the Province of Ontario with limited discretion given to the Region and other municipalities in how the program transitions. During the transition of the program, up to December 2025, producers are to continue collecting the same materials. The producers will be fully responsible for the entire program and will have the ability to make changes to the materials collected beginning January 1, 2026. Norman Lee advised that Council endorsed the plan to provide collection services to producers for a year or so after Peel's transition date to ensure a smooth transition of the program and to provide producers with enough time to procure trucks, which currently have a delivery time of 18 to 24 months. A gap in service is anticipated should the collection of blue box materials be stopped after the dissolution of Peel as outlined in the staff report listed as Item 5.1 on the October 19, 2023 Committee agenda.

Norman Lee clarified that CRCs will continue to operate and only the sale of residential compost will be discontinued, subject to Council's approval. Results from analysis of the sale of resident compost shows that it has significantly decreased since the program was launched.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Transition of the Blue Box Program to Full Producer Responsibility – October 2023 Update: Collection During Transition Period

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-13-2023:

That the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to approve, and the Commissioner of Public Works or Director of Waste Management be authorized to execute amendments to the waste collection contracts with Halton Recycling Ltd. dba Emterra Environmental and Waste Connections of Canada Inc. (Documents 2014-004T) and Miller Waste Systems Inc. (Document 2015-007T), to reflect the changes as generally described in the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, titled, "Transition of the Blue Box Program to Full Producer Responsibility – October 2023 Update: Collection During Transition Period", including pricing adjustments, on a lump sum or unit price basis, and any further amendments that may be required in relation to transition, pursuant to the Blue Box regulation, in accordance with the Procurement By-law 45-2023 and on business terms acceptable to the Commissioner of Public Works and on legal terms acceptable to the Regional Solicitor and Commissioner of Legislative Services.

Norman Lee, Director of Waste Management, stated that Peel is reviewing terms to provide Circular Materials' recyclable collection services from October 1, 2024, through to September or December 2025. The agreements and amendments

required through the current negotiations may not be covered by the existing delegated authority to staff and approval of the recommendations outlined in the report will ensure timely execution of any agreements.

5.2 Discontinuation of Residential Compost Sales at Community Recycling Centres

RECOMMENDATION WMSAC-14-2023:

That the sale of compost at Peel's Community Recycling Centres be permanently discontinued, effective January 2024.

Norman Lee, Director of Waste Management, highlighted that discontinuing the sale of compost at Peel's Community Recycling Centres (CRC) would increase efficiencies, and address resource and space allocations, congestion and delays for other CRC users. He noted the lack of customer demand and that compost can be purchased from retailers in the community.

Members of the Committee discussed and asked questions regarding operational efficiencies, sale of finished compost to the agricultural community and charity events in bulk and, materials produced from green bin recycling.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Additional Item – Item 7.1

7.1 Update on Source Separated Organics and Mixed Waste Processing Pilot Projects

(Oral)

Received

In response to questions from Councillor Butt regarding the status of pilot projects, the Director of Waste Management stated that staff review the waste diversion technologies submitted by various proponents to ensure they align with the Council-approved long term waste management strategies. All proponents are informed that purchasing decisions are made through a competitive procurement processes.

The Director advised that staff will be reporting to a future meeting of the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee and Regional Council with information on the evaluation and cost implications related to mixed waste processing.

Councillor Butt stated that staff's work on processing of source separated organics and the mixed waste processing pilot should continue.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

9. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 18, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 5th Floor
Regional Administrative Headquarters
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
Brampton, Ontario

Please forward regrets to Stephanie Jurrius, Committee Clerk, at
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10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.