



Solid Waste Advisory Panel MINUTES – 2nd Meeting 2014

Present:

Councillor Claude Berthiaume
Chantal Mathieu
Gord Slade
Terry Sweeney

Vice-Chair, Solid Waste Advisory Panel
Director of Environmental Services, CGS
Public Member
Recording Secretary, CGS

Absent: Councillor Jacques Barbeau, Councillor Terry Kett, Paul Baskcomb, Renee Brownlee, Mark Peplinskie, Skye Little and Lloyd Stinson.

Held: Wednesday, March 26th, 2014, at 10:10 a.m.
Boardroom C-12, Tom Davies Square

Adjournment: 10:46 a.m.

Vice-Chair Berthiaume chaired the meeting in Chair Barbeau's absence. The meeting came to order at 10:10 a.m.

1. **5 Year Solid Waste Strategy – Planned Action:**

Staff reviewed the various goals and planned actions including the proposed draft timelines.

#1 – Focus on Education: The Education Room with the SMART Board is slowly getting furnished and interactive tools are being developed. A 3R curriculum for Grades 3 to 5 is underway. Councillor Barbeau had suggested a Door to Door Educational Campaign and staff will draft a report in 2015 for possible implementation in 2016 (pending approval from Council).

#2 – Implement the Construction & Demolition Material Recycling Program: The MOE is currently reviewing the site approval amendment for this program and staff will report back at a later date when further details are available.

#3 – Increase Policies that Induce Waste Diversion: **a)** Staff was asked to re-table the reduction of the bag limit from 3 to 2. Members indicated to seek direction from Council on this matter. Staff indicated the limit reduction could be delayed until 2017 or later. **b)** Staff was asked to consider a reduction of the garbage collection frequency from every week to every second week. Staff is suggesting that if this is supported, the option could be included in the next collection contracts. Then Staff would be able to report back with the financial savings (if any) with all the pros and cons. Members indicated to seek direction from Council. **c)** Members discussed reducing the current

residential exemption from 50 kg to 25 kg or 0 kg. Members were not in favour of reducing the limit at this time, suggesting that the current limit would allow homeowners without collection to continue disposing of their weekly waste at no charge.

#4 – Expand the Organic Program: **a)** For the time being, staff is suggesting that we request pricing for this service in the next collection contract and then report back at a later date with further details. The program is currently on a cost recovery basis and no building has yet signed up for the program. This may change as the cost of garbage disposal increases. **b)** Staff will seek support to expand the limited IC&I program in 2015 for 2016 implementation. This would include homes for senior citizens. They would be set up similar to the schools – set up the program and get a champion on board to educate the residents. **c)** In 2015, staff can prepare a report for Council approval on expansion of the special events organic program for possible implementation in 2018. Staff discussed the issues of high contamination rates with this program.

#5 – Solid Waste Processing & Disposal Capacity Studies: **a)** Although we're years away from reaching capacity for organic processing, staff will review other processing opportunities, including different locations. **b)** The Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario are currently in the process of developing a landfill disposal capacity value model that will assist staff in determining the true cost of landfilling. Once the model is completed, staff will input local values. **d)** Although annual landfill life projections are completed based on models, a more detailed review will be completed once the Construction & Demolition Material Recycling Site is operational for a year. This will be important in reviewing tipping fee rates so as to allocate funds for future disposal capacity (landfills, waste to energy, etc.).

The Director indicated that it will be important to have direction for items listed under category 3 and 4 since the collection contracts will be re-tendered in 2016 or so.

2. **Other Business:**

Gord commented that the Panel has accomplished a lot in its three year term. Chantal indicated that the terms of reference for the Consat GIS/household customer service project were being finalized and that staff would bring back further details as the project develops.

3. **Next Meeting:**

Unless required, this is expected to be the last meeting for 2014.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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