



Solid Waste Advisory Panel MINUTES – 1st Meeting 2016

Present:

Councillor René Lapierre	Chair, Solid Waste Advisory Panel (arrived at 11:10 a.m.)
David Bouffard	Vice-Chair, Solid Waste Advisory Panel
Councillor Al Sizer	Councillor for Ward 8, CGS
Chantal Mathieu	Director of Environmental Services, CGS
Renée Brownlee	Manager of Solid Waste & Administrative Services
Aziz Rehman	Manager of Waste Processing & Disposal Services
Margaret McLaughlin	Public Member
Gord Slade	Public Member
Andrew Dubé	Public Member (arrived at 11:30 a.m.)
Terry Sweeney	Recording Secretary, CGS

Held: Tuesday, March 29th, 2016, at 11:10 a.m.
Boardroom C-12, Tom Davies Square

Adjournment: 12:32 p.m.

The Director welcomed everyone and the meeting came to order at 11:10 a.m. All members introduced themselves to the group.

1. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:**

The first order of business was to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Panel. Councillor Sizer declined to run as he is Deputy Mayor and is not eligible to sit as Chair on any committee. Gord Slade declined to run. An election was held and Councillor Lapierre was elected as the Chair. Public Member, David Bouffard was elected as Vice-Chair. Chair Lapierre took over the meeting.

2. **Overview: 2015-2020 Solid Waste Strategy:**

The Director reviewed the Strategy with the Panel and advised that the plan has already been implemented. She explained the history since amalgamation which has lead up to the preferred system currently in place today. An overview of the six strategies was provided. One member questioned how seasonal residents would deal with their garbage on the weeks without garbage collection (every other week collection). The Director advised that an implementation plan to deal with the various barriers/issues is currently in the works and would be presented to Council for direction. Members of the panel are encouraged to forward their concerns to the Director.

Action:

These are examples of barriers/issues currently under review:

- Provision of containers at no charge, at a subsidized rate, truckload sales in certain years or a combination of the above;
- Provision of containers at additional outlets;
- Staff to educate, administer new programs, etc.;
- Seasonal residents;
- Staff to handle non-compliance;
- Review definition of private motor vehicle for the weekly 50 kg landfill exemption;
- Assistance to families with young children in diapers;
- Security at all waste transfer depots;
- Communication and outreach plans;
- Assistance to families with special medical requirements;
- How to collect roadside litter containers every week;
- Pet waste;
- Opening landfill site on Sundays or extending hours of operation.

Waste Collection Policies - Other Municipalities (attached).

3. **Door to Door 3R Educational Program:**

Renée, Manager of Solid Waste & Administrative Services, reviewed the details of the Door to Door Pilot completed in 2015.

Action:

As the door to door campaign did not prove successful (in the absence of a supporting by-law), the Panel supported the concept to replace it with home visits requested directly by the residents. This will be especially beneficial once the new waste collection policies are in place.

4. **Demonstration - Waste Wizard:**

Renée did a hands-on demonstration of Waste Wizard - an inter-active on-line web based tool for searching the best method of disposing of waste items. The system should go live in May. The Panel gave a few suggestions for the program - include photos and add a note higher up on the screen regarding the use of the "back button".

Action:

Staff to review with the software developer.

5. **Other Business:**

Members can bring forward suggestions to Staff. Staff can review and/or present options.

6. **Next Meeting:**

The second meeting for the Solid Waste Advisory Panel will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room C-12 at Tom Davies Square.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

	Population	Garbage Bag Limit	Frequency	Start Date of EOW	Blue Box Frequency	Green Bin Organics Frequency
City of Thunder Bay	108,359	3	weekly	n/a	weekly	no program
City of Sault St. Marie	75,141	2	weekly	n/a	weekly	no program
Town of Blind River	3,549	2	weekly	n/a	weekly	no program
City of Greater Sudbury	160,274	3	weekly	n/a	weekly	weekly
City of North Bay	64,043	3	weekly	n/a	EOW	no program
Town of Petawawa	15,988	4	EOW	2002	weekly	weekly/EOW
City of Pembroke	24,017	4	EOW	2002	weekly	weekly/EOW
Town of Arnprior	8,114	2	weekly	n/a	weekly	weekly
City of Ottawa	883,391	6	EOW	2012	weekly	weekly
City of Cornwall	46,340	no limit	weekly	n/a	weekly	no program
City of Kingston	123,363	1	weekly	n/a	weekly	weekly
City of Peterborough	74,600	2	weekly	n/a	weekly	no program
City of Barrie	136,063	2	EOW	2015	weekly	weekly
City of Owen Sound	21,688	4	EOW	2009	EOW	EOW
Region of Waterloo	568,500	4	EOW	2017	weekly	weekly
Region of Durham	608,124	4	EOW	2006 and 2009	weekly	weekly
City of Hamilton	519,950	1	weekly	n/a	weekly	weekly
Niagara Region	431,346	1	weekly	n/a	weekly	weekly

EOW- Every other week