# The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes Agenda Waste Management Advisory Committee Meeting

2020-001
Monday, January 20, 2020
1:00 P.M.
Weldon Room
City Hall
26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5R8

#### Members:

Councillor Ron Ashmore
Councillor Andrew Veale
Councillor Emmett Yeo
C. Appleton
Brian S. Junkin

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## The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes Minutes

### **Waste Management Advisory Committee Meeting**

2019-08
Monday, October 21, 2019
1:00 P.M.
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City Hall
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Members:
Councillor Ron Ashmore
Councillor Andrew Veale
Chris Appleton
Brian S. Junkin

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#### 1. Call to Order

Brian S Junkin called the meeting to order at 1:04pm. Councillor Ashmore, Councillor Veale and Chris Appleton were also in attendance.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Veale Seconded By Chris Appleton

Resolved that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

#### 3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None.

#### 4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved By Chris Appleton
Seconded By Councillor Veale

Resolved that the minutes be adopted with changes as amended.

Carried

#### 5. New Business

#### 5.1. Integrated Waste Management Strategy Update Second Draft

Staff explained the changes made to the Integrated Waste Management Strategy Update Second Draft. The committee recommended including additional wording to explain the general auditing statistics. The committee inquired to see if more auditing would be done in 2020 with the aim to get a clearer picture of our diversion statistics as a Municipality. Staff reported that they have a plan to conduct more auditing in 2020, and plan on utilizing summer students and the existing community partnership with Fleming College and the Waste Management program.

Moved By Councillor Andrew Veale

Seconded By Chris Appleton

Resolved that the overview of the Integrated Waste Management Strategy Update Second Draft be received as presented.

Carried

#### 5.2. Update on Construction and Demolition Recycling Pilot

Staff presented a memorandum to the committee with diversion statistics from several Construction and Demolition programs available at the Lindsay and Fenelon Landfills. Highlights include 40.29 tonnes of clean wood waste being diverted from the Lindsay Ops Landfill and 21 tonnes of drywall diverted from Lindsay Ops and Fenelon Landfills. Staff reviewed the possibility of offering a carpet recycling program, however operational challenges were reported with additional need for more manpower and storage space to ensure the carpets meet the collection standards (must be rolled and dry). The committee recommended considering looking at the tipping fees and reductions for separation of loads stating that incentives or penalties draw a good response from the public.

#### Moved By Councillor Andrew Veale

#### **Seconded By** Chris Appleton

Resolved that the Committee receive the update on the Construction and Demolition Recycling Pilot program as presented.

Carried

#### 5.3 Update on Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam Voluntary Ban

Staff reported to the committee regarding the concern that senior management had on the feasibility of enforcing a full ban on styrofoam and single use plastic. Staff reported that the consensus from senior management would be that they would prefer to ease into the voluntary commitment rather than spearhead a full ban on those products at this time.

#### 6. Other New Business

#### 6.1 Round Table

The Committee discussed a variety of methods of future municipal waste options including the possibility of incineration and anaerobic composting which are being used in surrounding municipalities.

**Moved By** Councillor Ashmore **Seconded By** Councillor Veale

Resolved that the Committee thanks Heather Dzurko for her years of service as she leaves the City of Kawartha Lakes to pursue other career endeavors.

Carried

#### 7. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Veale
Seconded By Councillor Ashmore

Resolved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 1:52pm.

Carried

Committee Work Plan Tool					
Committee Name:	Waste Management Advisory Committee				
Work plan for Year:	2020				
Approved by Council:					

Goal	Measurement Stages	Timeline	Measurement for Success
Advise and provide support and guidance to staff to the ongoing development, revisions and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Strategy	Support staff throughout each stage of implementation of the 2020 Strategy Update initiatives	2020	Initiatives and Key Performance Indicators outlined in the Strategy Update achieved in 2020
Assist with public consultation and make recommendations based on the public consultation with regard to the Integrated Waste Management Strategy for the City of Kawartha Lakes.	Make recommendations when reviewing implementation of Strategy Initiatives with the public's best interest in mind	2020	Initiatives and Key Performance Indicators outlined in Strategy Update achieved in 2020 in the best interest of the public.
Ensure that the development and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Strategy achieves Council's strategic priorities.	Make recommendations when reviewing implementation of Strategy Initiatives with Council's strategic priorities in mind.	2020	Initiatives and Key Performance Indicators outlined in Strategy Update achieved in 2020 that align with Council's strategic priorities.

Goal	Completed in 2019			
Advise and provide support and guidance to staff to the ongoing development, revisions and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Strategy	The Committee was consulted through all stages of the Strategy Update throughout 2019 and provided valuable feedback and ideas  • Feb-reviewed successes of current Strategy and an outline of ideas for Strategy update was presented  • March-brainstorming session for Strategy ideas  • April-began planning for public consultation on the update through a survey and public meeting  • May- approved recommendations by staff on Strategy initiatives for mattress recycling and construction and demolition pilot programs  • June- conducted a start, stop, continue exercise for implementing Strategy initiatives  • Aug- reviewed results of survey and public meeting  • Sept-reviewed first draft of Strategy Update  • Oct- reviewed and approved second draft of Strategy Update			
Assist with public consultation and make recommendations based on the public consultation with regard to the Integrated Waste Management Strategy for the City of Kawartha Lakes.	Throughout the year the committee assisted staff with the public consultation process of the Strategy Update by reviewing survey questions, public meeting activities, and the data received as a result of the public consultation process. The public consultation was a key factor in determining the best options an initiatives to focus on in the Strategy Update.			
Ensure that the development and implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Strategy achieves Council's strategic priorities.	Throughout the update process the committee provided insight and feedback in line with Council's strategic priorities.			

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Kerri Snoddy, Regulatory Compliance Officer, Solid Waste Services

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Waste Management Committees

From: Kerri Snoddy, Regulatory Compliance Officer

Date: January 6, 2020

**Subject:** Options for Tire Collection

The tire recycling program was the first program to transition to producer responsibility as of January 1, 2019. Prior to this, the program was managed through the stewardship organization called Ontario Tire Stewardship. As the stewardship program was being phased out in 2018 the City's landfills were having difficulty receiving tire pickups. This is because there were no incentives for haulers to travel to the Kawartha Lakes when the majority of tires are located in the GTA. The tires that we receive at the landfill sites are also not ideal for haulers as many still have rims on them and are often in poor condition.

With the new program beginning in January of 2019 managed by producers, municipalities were given the choice as to whether they wanted to continue collecting tires and attempt to have them picked up by producer designated haulers for recycling or to stop collecting tires. If municipalities stop collecting tires they would then tell the customers to bring them to designated drop off locations i.e. garages etc. for recycling. Prior to January 1, 2019 the City would receive approximately \$10,000 per year in funding for tire collection. However, under the new program the City would receive no revenue. In late 2018 the City put out an RFQ to try to enter into an agreement with a hauler to pick up the tires in the future. No haulers were interested.

Under the new program, any commercial business that sells tires is required to sign up as a collection site to receive up to 10 tires per person per day for recycling. To be eligible the customer dropping off tires for recycling does not have to purchase the tires at that location. Even with the additional collection sites available to the public, staff decided to continue collecting tires for the time being through the new program since residents were used to having this service available at the City's landfill sites. Municipalities were also ensured by the province that by signing up with a producer responsibility organization (PRO) it would ensure that tires dropped off at a landfill would be picked up as this was mandatory. The City signed up with two PROs in early 2019 in hopes that the frequency of tire removal at the landfills would improve.

Through the beginning of 2019 the program was running smoothly and the City received some pickups from a small tire hauler in the area. However, this tire hauler had a small capacity as they used cube vans for pick up and would often "cherry pick" the valuable tires leaving all of the other tires on rims or in poor condition at the landfills. When staff reached out to other haulers to come and remove all of these other tires the haulers refused since all of the valuable tires had already been taken. Then in late summer of 2019 the hauler that was in place also reached capacity and would not collect any more tires from the City's landfill sites. In addition, they told the City they would need to start charging a cost for every tire on rim they collected. As a result, the City consistently searched for other tire haulers. Staff have reached out to the PROs, as well as the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) who oversees and enforces compliance in the program. To summarize, the City had no luck throughout the last quarter of 2019 in removing tires from the landfills and they have been stockpiling. Only recently the City received confirmation of a pick up from a hauler in early January of 2020 after RPRA and the PRO organization got involved. However, this arrangement is not permanent and staff predict that it will continue to be a struggle receiving tire pickups going forward.

In addition to the issue of receiving tire pickups the City also dealt with issues of commercial businesses attempting to drop off tires at the landfill sites for recycling throughout 2019. With the new program any commercial business that accumulates tires through the nature of their business are required to sign up as a collection site. However, many commercial businesses are unaware of this and have been attempting to drop off tires at the landfill sites in very large quantities (up to 100 at a time). This has caused issues for our landfill attendants as now they are put in the positon to educate the businesses and refuse the tires at the frustration of the businesses. Storage at the landfill sites reach capacity very quickly when large loads of tires are dropped off. As a result staff have had to send out communications restricting tire drop off to no more than 10 tires dropped off per person per day.

Due to the ongoing issues with the tire program staff are recommending to stop collecting tires for recycling at the landfill sites, and instead have them diverted directly to the producer collection sites. The City can assist this transition through communication to the public to direct customers to a list on RPRA's website that compiles all collection sites available (any location that sells tires) within the City of Kawartha Lakes. Residents can take tires to any of these locations for free drop off for tire recycling. Since there are many other options for resident's available staff believe the issues with the program outweigh the benefit of the City continuing to accept tires for recycling. With other programs transitioning to producer responsibility including waste electronics, household hazardous waste, and the blue box program in upcoming years the City will need to continue to review whether it is beneficial to maintain these programs, or to place focus on other programs which there are no other options readily available to the public for recycling. Staff plan on bringing this recommendation forward to council at the March 10<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting as per the following draft recommendation:

**That** Kawartha Lakes stop accepting tires for recycling at the City's landfill sites and direct customers to producer operated collection sites for recycling.

Draft Resolution for the Committee:

**Tha**t the Waste Management Advisory Committee supports the staff recommendation to stop accepting tires for recycling at the City's landfill sites and direct customers to producer operated collection sites for recycling