

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

2020-003

Monday, September 21, 2020

1:00 P.M.

Public Works and Engineering Boardroom

322 Kent Street West

Lindsay, ON K9V 4T7

Members:

Councillor Ron Ashmore

Councillor Andrew Veale

Councillor Emmett Yeo

C. Appleton

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1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Councillor Ashmore, Councillor Veale, Councillor Yeo, Chris Appleton, Bryan Robinson, Kerri Snoddy and Patricia Wykes were in attendance.

Absent:

Brian S. Junkin

David Kerr

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Yeo

Seconded By Councillor Ashmore

Carried

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Business Arising From the Minutes.

Councillor Ashmore reminded the committee that a motion was made at the council meeting for a decision unit to include funds in the 2021 Operating Budget to mail out the Waste Calendar. Chris Appleton inquired about the status of the feasibility study for the landfill flare and generation system. The Capital Asset group will be taking this to Council.

Moved By Councillor Ashmore

Seconded By Councillor Veale

Carried

5. New Business

5.1 Recycling Changes

Staff summarized the status of current changes to the recycling program. The changes reflect what the new recycling contractor, Canada Fibres/GFL, is able to market. All Styrofoam and coffee cups will no longer be recycled, and aerosol cans can no longer be placed in recycling bins and must be brought into household hazardous waste depots for proper recycling. Clear bags must now

contain 10% or less recycling for pick-up in accordance with the Waste Management Strategy Initiative. Changes were implemented throughout July, August and September. Committee discussed how the changes were being received by the public. The current 3 bag limit, which is a temporary measure, and the pick up of commercial recycling carts at residential locations were also debated briefly. This fall, MECP will be providing information on producer responsibility to municipalities which may change our recycling programs. Staff has requested a transition time to implement the changes.

Moved By Councillor Veale

Seconded By Councillor Yeo

Resolved that the update by Waste Management Staff be received as presented.

Carried

5.2 Waste Strategy Update Progress 2020

Staff provided an overview of the progress on the Waste Strategy Initiative which includes a focus on public education, improved backyard composting, textile recycling, purchase of tags online (in progress), public recycling spaces, bulky plastic recycling, future options for Fenelon and Laxton landfills, and the success of the C&D recycling. Concern was expressed that the pandemic may make it difficult to hit expected targets. Committee briefly discussed options for textile programs and requested that staff provide a timeline showing the initiatives. This visual aid would help the committee see if goals are being met.

Moved By Councillor Yeo

Seconded By Councillor Ashmore

Resolved that the updated on the progress of the Waste Strategy Initiative be received.

Carried

5.3 Textile Program

At the request of staff, Fleming College students completed a report investigating alternatives for recycling textiles. They studied programs from other municipalities and found that partnering with an external organization seems to be the most successful method for textile recycling. Staff propose to work with the Purchasing Department this fall to complete a RFP for a pilot textile program

to run in 2021 with the option of making the program permanent if it is successful. Current problems with textile collection bins distributed throughout the City by non-profit organizations were discussed as well as the previous unsuccessful textile program attempted and discontinued by the City. A partnership is the staff's preference, but details will be determined through the RFP process.

Moved By Councillor Yeo

Seconded By Councillor Veale

Resolved that the Textile Recycling Memo, be received; and

That the Waste Management Advisory Committee is supportive of the City going through an RFP process to partner with an organization for a textile recycling pilot program for 2021.

Carried

6. Round Table

Councillor Ashmore reiterated that he is pleased that the 3 bag limit is still in place.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45. No date is scheduled for the next meeting at this time.

Moved By Councillor Yeo

Seconded By Councillor Veale

Carried