City of Hamilton

MINUTES: Waste Reduction Task Force
Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Hamilton Convention Centre, Room 203

Present: Mary Lou Dickson  David Hart Dyke  Grant Ranalli
Jim Sweetman  Peter Hutton  Betty Hay Lambeck
Angela Pastorius  Rose Killey  Mark McQueen
Tom Thompson  Anton Volcansek  Dan Rodrigues

Regrets: Allan Freeman  Paul Barrett

Also Present: Blair Smith, Manager of Waste Collection, Waste Management Division
Dennis Guy, Project Manager Community Outreach, Waste Management Division
Adrienne Press, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division
Laurie Nielsen, Public
Donna Robinson, Public

1. Approval of the Agenda

A correction was made to the date of the next meeting. The date should read May 21st not May 22nd.

The agenda was approved as amended.
(Moved by Tom Thompson, seconded by Grant Ranalli)

2. Approval of the Minutes from the March 19, 2008 Meeting

The Task Force received a copy of the minutes from the March 19th, 2008 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.
(Moved by Mary Lou Dickson, seconded by Tom Thompson)

3. Administrative Items

The WRTF is planning a park clean up at the Stoney Creek Community Park (King Street and Highway 20) on April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. After the clean-up will be followed by a social event.

4. Projects

a) Sub-Committee Updates

Business and Government Liaison Sub-Committee

A letter was sent to Lipton’s regarding the non-compostable nylon tea bags. Tim Horton’s responded to the request to inform the public about the appropriate recycling/composting of their packaging for the Hamilton area. They will update their website with this information.

Education & Communication Sub-Committee

The March 2008 issue of the Catholic School News was circulated. The issue features an article on composting at St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary School. The school fills nearly two (2) large green bins per week which amounts to approximately eighty-eight (88) bins per school year.

Multi-Residential, Commercial and Institutional Waste Sub-Committee

To date approximately three-hundred (300) buildings have received green carts. Roll-out to larger buildings will begin in June.

Presentation on Liberty Energy
Mark McQueen gave a presentation on the process, perceptions, advantages/disadvantages and technical problems associated with Liberty Energy.

b) Gianbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee
The GLCC met on March 31st. Major topics of discussion included:

- The City is accepting soil to be used as daily cover at the landfill. The soil must meet certain criteria in terms of chemistry as per the C of A.
- Birds continue to be a nuisance at the landfill.
- Pond sampling is being tested before discharge.

c) SWMMP Steering Committee
An update was given from the Steering Committee delegate. Most of the updates from the April 9th meeting will be given in the operations section of the agenda.

5. Operations
a) MRF Updates
Blair Smith gave an update on the renovations of the MRF. Some of the major renovations include an update of the container line with an optical sort to be commissioned early to mid June. In the north portion of the MRF a 100 foot area of the building was removed and a ramp was constructed. The total budget was $8.1 million. When the renovations are completed the building will be up to code.

b) New Recycling Contract
National Waste Services Inc. began the new contract for city wide recycling on March 30th. Initially there were hiccups but currently collection is going better and the number of complaints has decreased.

6. Solid Waste Management Master Plan
a) Status of SWMMP
Jim Sweetman presented a graph of the city wide diversion rate from January 2006 to March 2008 and continued presenting the status of the SWMMP recommendations up to Recommendation #8. Jim will circulate an updated presentation.

b) Balanced Scorecard
This item has been deferred to the May 21st meeting.

7. Other Business
A staff member commented that Edmonton only has five (5) outreach employees in the Waste Department and they have a better diversion rate. The WRTF agreed to support and assist staff in their community outreach efforts.

Staff distributed the 2007 Annual Report for the Task Force’s review.

The WRTF and staff were asked to review the Letter of Recognition and provide comments to Anton.

8. Public Discussion
A member of the public commented that larger blue boxes would not be beneficial to residents who do not have the room to store these containers.

A member of the public received compostable liner samples in the community paper. Any resident who did not receive the sample may pick it up at the Municipal Service Centres.

9. Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2008 at 7 p.m., Hamilton Convention Centre, Room 202.

Moved by Dave Hart Dyke and seconded by Tom Thompson that the meeting be adjourned.
Copies to: All present
Regrets
SWMMP Waste Reduction Task Force Binder Distribution List
Scott Stewart, General Manager, Public Works Department
Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee c/o Craig Murdoch, Waste Management Division
City Clerks Division, c/o Carolyn Biggs, Lisa Barroso