MINUTES
SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #8-05
Tuesday, October 11th, 2005
Hamilton City Hall, Room 264
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Present:
Councillor Dave Braden
Councillor Maria Pearson
Councillor Philip Bruckler
Councillor Chad Collins
Beth Goodger, Director, Waste Management
Blair Smith, Manager of Waste Collections, Waste Management Division
Emil Prpic, Supervisor of Waste Processing, Waste Management Division
Dennis Guy, Project Manager, Community Outreach, Waste Management Division
Colleen Brakewell, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division
David Hart Dyke, Chairperson, Waste Reduction Task Force

1. Adoption of Agenda
The agenda was adopted as presented (moved by Councillor Pearson, seconded by Councillor Braden). CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes from previous meetings, September 13th, 2005
The minutes were adopted as presented (moved by Councillor Pearson, seconded by Councillor Braden). CARRIED

3. 2006 Budget Development
Both the capital and current 2006 draft budgets have been submitted to Corporate Services. Waste Management has managed to come in under the 2.44% increase that they had originally forecasted. The current version of the operating budget includes a 2% increase in tipping fees which is inflationary. Compared to other municipalities we are at the lower end of the tipping fee range which varies from $90 to the high $90's. The City of Hamilton currently charges $90/tonne for tipping fees. In the early 1990’s the tipping fees at the City of Hamilton was $180/tonne and we took in approximately 100,000 tonnes of Industrial/Commercial/Institutional (ICI) waste. Currently we handle in the order of 25,000 tonnes of ICI waste. Councillor Braden would like some feedback on the impact of ICI revenues and tonnages if we charge more money for tipping fees.

A gas collection and power generation energy recovery system for the Glanbrook Landfill have been identified as proposed new projects for the 2006 capital budget. Staff is working with Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. to submit a proposal for to the Province in response to the renewable power request for proposals that is currently open. An update will be provided to the committee at the next meeting.

Councillor Bruckler asked staff for a list of Capital programs.

4. SWMMP Implementation
   a) Green Cart Roll-Out Monthly Update
The medium sized cart (Project A) and distribution of the carts (Project D) has been awarded to IPL Inc. The mini bin kitchen bin (Project C) has been awarded to Rehrig. The RFP for the
purchase of the small cart (Project B) has had to be reissued. Councillor Braden asked is it is possible to order bins in conjunction with other municipalities. Staff informed the committee that municipalities are all implementing at different times which would make ordering together difficult.

An article written by Raffaella Morello for Resource Recycling on the Green Cart Program was distributed to members of the committee.

Dennis Guy presented the Green Cart Communication strategy to the committee. The strategy includes four components:

- Pre-distribution - “It’s Coming”
- Distribution Package - education oriented
- Green Cart - Troubleshooting (commercials)
- Seasonal communication - handling the Green Cart throughout the different seasons

The distribution package that will be included with the Green Cart will include a story book with illustrations. The draft television commercials which address trouble shooting of Green Cart usage were viewed to provide an opportunity for input before they are produced. The cost to produce a commercial is approximately $40,000 with the cost of running the commercial dependent on the number of times it is aired. Councillor Collins asked that the Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee view the commercials at an upcoming meeting to get their input as well.

Staff offered to help raise awareness of the Green Cart in the community by attending ward meetings. A meeting was attended in Ancaster on October 3rd and staff will also be attending a meeting in Dundas on October 19th. Councillor Bruckler would like the outreach department to attend his meeting on the last Tuesday in November.

b) Central Composting Facility

The website for the Central Composting Facility is up and running @ www.hamiltoncompost.ca.

Construction is on schedule with an expected completion date of Jan/Feb 2006. The next partnership meeting will take place on November 4th and the committee was invited to attend. A request for expressions of interest is being developed for the excess capacity at the CCF. Councillor Pearson inquired about a publicity day and a facility launch.

c) MRF Retrofit and Recycling

Staff reported that tonnage at the MRF has increased from last year. The cooperative glass report will be completed this month and will be reported on at the next meeting. Consultants are working on the design for the retrofit of the MRF.

d) Community Recycling Centres

The grand opening of the Mountain Community Recycling Centre is Friday, October 15th. It was decided to hold the next Steering Committee meeting on November 8th at the mountain CRC.

The construction of the Dundas CRC is moving along with most road and sewer work completed. The tender for construction of the Kenora CRC will be out by Friday of this week.

At the Mountain CRC there will be giveaways on Saturdays in October and November to bring attention to the opening. Starting October 15th for Saturdays during October the first 65 people using the facility will receive a free bag of compost. In November the first 65 people will receive a free 5 pack of Leaf and Yard waste bags.

With regards to the VIA station location in east end Hamilton there is a meeting November 3rd and staff will provide an update at the next meeting.
e) WastePlan

Staff informed the committee that Niagara has appointed a new Director of Waste Management. Barry Friesen is joining Niagara as the Director. Mr. Friesen is currently the chair of the Composting Council of Canada. WastePlan held open houses in Hamilton and Niagara. The open house was well attended in Hamilton with approximately 60 people attending. Niagara had about 20 people in attendance. Info is available on the website on the alternative systems being considered. Councillor Braden and Gary Burrough's did a segment on WastePlan that aired on CH. One delegation will present at Niagara and so far no delegations have submitted to present in Hamilton. There will be a special meeting to discuss the WastePlan brochure and whether it should be distributed or not.

f) Corporate Recycling Program

The corporate recycling program is nearing completion. The recycling barrels for parks have been stored for the winter. Staff has been meeting with facilities to discuss recycling in leased buildings. Discussion took place with regards to community fairs and recycling, Corporate Services will put wording into the grant application that will make recycling mandatory. The Task Force will write a letter to support this.

5. Operations Updates

a) Contract Negotiations for MRF Operations and Recycling Collection

Staff reported that they are in negotiations with HRL. A letter was sent to HRL asking for affirmation that they will provide service in 2006. They have until October 21st, 2005 to respond. The committee will be updated at the next meeting with the outcome. As a result of the newspaper articles staff will be working with HRL to provide training to their staff. This will allow for consistent information.

b) September Bulk Collection

Scheduled bulk collection is over. Bulk collection will be on a call-in basis next year. September Bulk collection brought in approximately 3000 tonnes.

c) Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Leaf and Yard waste collection is in progress and goes until December.

6. Landfill Updates

The west Hamilton landfill is being recapped by AIM. Rankin Construction was awarded the recapping of the Ancaster landfill. Councillor Ferguson is helping with getting contractors to work on the soccer fields at the Ancaster landfill site.

7. Standing Agenda Items

a) Waste Reduction Task Force

The Task Force will be meeting twice in the month of October. On October 19th they will meet in Dundas so they can attend Councillor Samson's community council meeting. They will meet again on October 26th at the Mountain CRC to discuss WastePlan. David Hart Dyke informed the committee that on the City website it is very difficult to find information on the task force.

b) WDO Updates

The first instalment of the WDO grant this year was $527,999.17. The total grant is for $2.1 Million dollars.

c) School Recycling Program

The public board is still reviewing the Proposal. Councillor Pearson is on a School Board Liaison committee and she is going to make sure this is on the agenda. Dennis Guy will send
the information to Councillor Pearson.

8. **Outstanding Agenda Items (see Appendix A)**

9. **Other Business**

The Bylaw report is being completed and the fines have been condensed to 1 page. The report also contains information on the Awards and Recognition program for citizens.

Waste Management have also received a couple of awards:

- SWANA - Silver Award for the Hazardous Waste Program
- OCETT - Award for Rennie/Brampton Remediation

The OWMA which is the private sector waste association is holding a talk on Waste Export to discuss the disposal crisis. This will be held on October 18\textsuperscript{th}.

10. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 8\textsuperscript{th}, Mountain CRC**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8\textsuperscript{th}, at 9:30am in the Education Room at the Mountain Community Recycling Centre.