City of Hamilton

MINUTES: Waste Reduction Task Force
Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Hamilton Convention Centre, Room 203

Present: Dan Rodrigues  Elaine Jermy  Jim Sweetman
Trisha Branigan-Kilner  Greg Kraatz  Tom Thompson
Paula Hamilton  Mark McQueen  Rose Killey
Peter Hutton

Regrets: Paul Barrett  Grant Ranalli  Anton Volcansek
Allan Freeman

Also Present: Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Waste Management Division
Anne Winning, Supervisor of Policy and Planning, Waste Management Division
Adrienne Press, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division
Laurie Nielsen, Public
Ron Speranzini, Public
Margaret Field, Public
Niels Wandler, Public

1. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved as written.
(Moved by Greg Kraatz, seconded by Trisha Branigan-Kilner) CARRIED

The Chair introduced Ron Speranzini and indicated that he would like a representative of the Keep Hamilton Beautiful Committee to attend WRTF meetings and suggested that this might be addressed through the updated Terms of Reference.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the February 18, 2009 Meeting
The Task Force received a copy of the minutes from the February 18, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.
(Moved by Peter Hutton, seconded by Jim Sweetman) CARRIED

3. Administrative Items

a) Terms of Reference Review
The Task Force discussed the current Terms of Reference and suggested changes to a number of sections with regard to:

• The terms of office for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Past Chairperson
• Terms of office for members
• Representation on Keep Hamilton Beautiful Board of Directors

The updated Terms of Reference will be circulated to the WRTF and discussed at the April meeting.

4. Projects

a) Sub-Committee Updates
Education & Communication Sub-Committee
This sub-committee has nothing to report.
Multi-Residential, Commercial and Institutional Waste Sub-Committee

Staff provided an update on the Multi-Residential Diversion Roll-out. Phase 3 (large buildings) implementation has begun in West Hamilton, Dundas and Flamborough.

Business and Government Liaison Sub-Committee

The sub-committee discussed the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Canada-Wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility and Canada-Wide Action Strategy for Sustainable Packaging that was distributed with the agenda. The sub-committee will review the documents and discuss at the next meeting. Staff indicated that a report will be going to the Public Works Committee on May 4th.

b) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee

There has not been a GLCC meeting since the last WRTF meeting.

c) SWMMP Steering Committee

Peter Hutton commented on the email he circulated on the Steering Committee meeting on March 11. Peter indicated that the Plastic Bag Initiative report will be going to Public Works Committee on April 6.

5. Operations

a) Solid Waste Management By-Law Update

Anne Winning gave a presentation on the updates to the Solid Waste Management By-Law 05-190. A staff report will be going to the Public Works Committee on March 23. The main changes to the By-Law include:

- Definitions
- Changes to wording regarding inspections and contraventions of the By-Law
- Authority to the General Manager to permit more garbage containers based on special considerations
- Program and service delivery changes
- Clearer definitions for commercial vehicles

b) Waste Integration Study with Hamilton Utilities (HUC)

Pat Parker provided background on the WastePlan study that ended in 2008. One of the recommendations in the October 2008 Public Works Report was that the City participate in a Waste Integration Study with Hamilton Utilities Corporation. If future studies proceed to the Environmental Assessment process staff anticipate that there will be an opportunity for the WRTF to participate in public consultation processes.

6. Other Business

The issue of a by-law prohibiting siting private waste facilities that the Planning and Economic Development Department is bringing forward was raised. There may be public consultation in the upcoming months. Jim Sweetman, Peter Hutton, Dan Rodrigues and Greg Kraatz would like to form an ad hoc committee to discuss this topic.

At the Second Annual Wingfest, the organizers would like to go green this year similar to the Burlington Ribfest. Staff noted that Ribfest was done by volunteers and had private collection and disposal.

It was suggested that the WRTF be more committed to soliciting information from community groups, environmental groups and the public. It was further suggested changing the agenda to add an item allowing the public to speak earlier in the agenda. The WRTF will discuss via email and bring to the next meeting.

7. Public Discussion

A member of the public commented that in Germany manufacturers take responsibility for their products and it has worked out well.

The Keep Hamilton Beautiful committee will be holding a community clean up April 19 to 25. The City will be releasing further information.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 15, 2009 at the Hamilton Convention Centre, Room 203.

(Moved by Greg Kraatz and seconded by Jim Sweetman that the meeting be adjourned). CARRIED

Copies to: All present
Regrets
SWMMP Waste Reduction Task Force Binder Distribution List
Gerry Davis, Acting 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