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

Present: Dan Rodrigues, Chair  Elaine Jermy  Jim Sweetman
Trisha Branigan-Kilner  Greg Kraatz  Tom Thompson
Paula Hamilton  Grant Ranalli  Anton Volcansek
Peter Hutton

Regrets: Paul Barrett  Rose Killey  Mark McQueen
Allan Freeman

Also Present: Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Waste Management Division
Dennis Guy, Project Manager, Community Outreach
Adrienne Press, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division
Opani Mudalige, Public
Cynthia Frederick, Public
Margaret Field, Public
Erinne Acciaroli, Public
Tiffany Swen, Public
Joyce Kan, Public
Vito Lam, Public
Donna Robinson, Public
Ron Speranzini, Public
Nicole McGahey, Public

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

(Moved by Greg Kraatz, seconded by Tom Thompson) CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes from the January 21, 2009 Meeting

The Task Force received a copy of the minutes from the January 21, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

(Moved by Greg Kraatz, seconded by Trisha Branigan-Kilner) CARRIED

3. Administrative Items

a) Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

Nominations were solicited for the Chair position. Dan Rodrigues, Anton Volcansek and Grant Ranalli were nominated however Anton Volcansek and Grant Ranalli declined. There were no further nominations. Dan Rodrigues is the Waste Reduction Task Force Chair by acclamation.

Nominations were solicited for the Vice-Chair position. Anton Volcansek and Peter Hutton were nominated however Peter Hutton declined. There were no further nominations. Anton Volcansek is the Waste Reduction Task Force Vice-Chair by acclamation.

b) Results of WRTF Self-Evaluation Form

The WRTF addressed the highlighted items of concern from the self evaluation form. Most of the areas of concern will be dealt with through the Terms of Reference review. The Task Force requested that staff circulate meeting material and presentations, when possible, by the Friday before the meeting.
Adrienne will complete and circulate an executive summary on the areas to re-examine when reviewing the Terms of Reference.

4. Projects
a) Verification of Sub-Committee Memberships
The sub-committee memberships have been verified as:

Education & Communication Sub-Committee
Anton Volcansek and Grant Ranalli

Multi-Residential, Commercial and Institutional Waste Sub-Committee
Jim Sweetman, Tom Thompson, Dan Rodrigues, Peter Hutton and Trisha Branigan-Kilner

Business and Government Liaison Sub-Committee
Mark McQueen, Rose Killey, Peter Hutton and Trisha Branigan-Kilner

SWMMP Steering Committee Representative
Jim Sweetman has volunteered to take over Peter Hutton’s role as WRTF representative on the Steering Committee however Jim and Peter will both attend the March meeting.

Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee Representative
Dan Rodrigues will continue to represent the WRTF on the GLCC.

b) Sub-Committee Updates

Education & Communication Sub-Committee
The sub-committee is looking for suggestions of candidates to receive letters of recognition.

Multi-Residential, Commercial and Institutional Waste Sub-Committee
Staff gave an update on the multi-residential diversion roll-out. Phase 2 (medium sized buildings) is 97% complete. Roll-out to Phase 3 (larger buildings) has begun and is 40% complete in Dundas.

Business and Government Liaison Sub-Committee
This sub-committee has nothing to report.

c) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee
There has not been a GLCC meeting since the last WRTF meeting.

d) SWMMP Steering Committee
There has not been a Steering Committee meeting since the last WRTF meeting.

5. Operations
a) Plastic Bag Initiative
The following motion was put forward by the WRTF:

That the Waste Reduction Task Force (WRTF) request the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee to consider the ban of non-recyclable plastic bags and the reduction in the use of recyclable plastic bags to be implemented in 2010, in accordance with best practices of other municipalities.

(Moved by Peter Hutton and seconded by Elaine Jermy) CARRIED

b) Energy from Waste and the Hamilton Utilities Corporation (HUC)
Jim Sweetman mentioned an article from the Hamilton Spectator entitled “Utility Eyes Trash, Sewage to Generate Electricity” regarding energy from waste and the Hamilton Utilities Corporation. This item will be discussed further at the March 18 meeting.

c) Progress Towards Adoption of a One Container Limit
A WRTF member asked if 85% of households are putting out one (1) bag of garbage, how then are we not meeting 65% diversion. Staff explained that the 85% compliance only deals with residential diversion and the overall diversion rate includes multi-residential households and non-residential eligible properties. Staff
indicated that every household in Hamilton was mailed a “one plus one” postcard explaining the program changes.

6. Other Business

Some new members of the Task Force commended Dennis Guy on the fine comprehensive tour of the Waste Management facilities. One member noted it interesting that a local reporter wrote an article and was unaware that the CCF exists. It was suggested that staff do further education to let the general public and media know about our facilities.

7. Public Discussion

A public member commented that a total ban on plastic bags would not work and there would be public opposition. The phased-in approach would work better.

A member of the public asked if green cart collection would be rolled out at festivals and special events this year. Staff indicated that this matter was referred back to the Steering Committee through the budget process.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 18, 2009 at the Hamilton Convention Centre, Room 203.

(Moved by Jim Sweetman and seconded by Tom Thompson that the meeting be adjourned). CARRIED

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