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SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #11-05
Tuesday, November 8th, 2005
Mountain Community Recycling Centre, Education Room
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Present:
Councillor Dave Braden
Councillor Philip Bruckler
Beth Goodger, Director, Waste Management Division
Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Waste Management Division
Dave Kerr, Supervisor of Landfills, Waste Management Division
Dennis Guy, Project Manager, Community Outreach, Waste Management Division
Andrea Ciparis, Administrative Secretary, Waste Management Division
Craig Murdoch, Manager of Disposal, Waste Management Division
David Hart Dyke, Chairperson, Waste Reduction Task Force

Regrets:
Councillor Maria Pearson
Councillor Chad Collins

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

2. Adoption of Minutes from the previous meeting, October 11th, 2005
The minutes were adopted as presented (moved by Councillor Braden, seconded by Councillor Bruckler). CARRIED

3. Landfill Update
Craig Murdoch made the following presentation on Landfills:
Staff worked with the MOE at 87 Acre Park to remove materials or close the landfill after a neighbour complained. City fined $25,000 by the MOE for operating as an unauthorized landfill. City fought the charge and won the ruling. The MOE appealed and the ruling was overturned. Under Section 46 this site is now completed and is a passive park area.

The Ancaster landfill was remediated and recapped and the leachate system repaired. This site is undergoing assessment for offsite impacts. Dave Kerr explained that the preference is to attain the water rights, meaning an agreement is set up between the contaminated water user and a neighbouring site for the neighbour to not use the water. Currently, this site is being redeveloped for use as a park. The City is working with Councillor Ferguson to turn this site into 3 soccer pitches which will help alleviate the shortage of fields in Ancaster. Costs for the soccer fields are funded by private donors, the City and Millennium Fund.

The Beverly landfill site was fenced last year and will have on-going monitoring. City to ask MOE for decreased frequency as the landfill has gone dormant as waste has broken down and is no longer degrading. The landfill is not hampering the environment in any way.

Binbrook is a small landfill that closed in 1980 and poses no risk to the environment. Craig Murdoch reported that the SSR recommended continual monitoring as a water site is nearby.
A gas barrier was installed along the north side and a portion of the east side of the Dundas landfill as gas was moving toward 3 homes. The City wanted to take a proactive approach to insure that gas was not leaving the property and entering onto private property. Vents were installed that run along the road and back onto the 3 homes. A final assessment won’t be completed till the end of this year. Preliminary results indicate that no gas has left the property.

An SSR assessment was completed on the Edgewood landfill with the recommendation to regrade the site to prevent runoff of water. Some minor offsite impacts will require monitoring but the City has been working closely with the Halton Region Conservation Authority on this. Councillor Braden expressed his concern and that of residents with this site and asked if they should be drinking their water or should be told to stop. Craig Murdoch reported that the MOE has been investigating a mushroom farm and tracks that lead to the creek and go no further. Dave Kerr added that Colliers has been asked to outline in a report about the dead worm situation. Craig Murdoch to provide more information as per Councillor Braden’s request but noted that it won’t be available for approximately another year. Dave Kerr reported on a potable well sampling program. He indicated that there are nitrate concerns with several septic beds that are close to the wells. They are looking for nitrate concentration at the landfill, between the landfill and wells and houses. He remarked that the highest concentration of nitrate is found at the wells and houses. David Hart Dyke asked if sodium or potassium has been found onsite. Craig Murdoch will review the data and provide an answer at the next meeting.

Glanford landfill has no offsite impact. The City to continue monitoring to ensure there are no offsite impacts.

Rennie/Brampton landfill was remediated at a cost of $24 million. Rennie Street was recapped and the Brampton site cap was okay. The City is currently looking at the end use for the site. O&M wants to maintain the yard and residents want to see playing fields at the site. A series of public meetings will be held to see what the end result will be. Craig Murdoch reported that this site will have walking trails and a walkway over Hwy 403.

Stoney Creek landfill was recently remediated. For one third of the year, it’s in a swampy area. There is visible offsite contamination in the form of slag. In 2002/2003, remediated seeps, recapped the landfill as it was leaking and excavated waste to prevent runoff. City to continuemonitoring this site. MOE interested in this site as it’s swampy. SSRA consultants to obtain water rights. Councillor Braden inquired on the timeline to obtain water rights. Craig Murdoch responded this won’t occur until next year as additional analysis needs to be conducted which can take 5 years of more. He added that if in 1 year the results are the same as now, the City will go through the process to obtain the water rights. The information has been given to a nearby resident as a water well had to be installed and therefore the City had to enter into a legal contract with the resident. Craig Murdoch indicated that this site is often used by kids as a dirt bike trail but the City has no plans to make it into this as they won’t accept the liability. David Hart Dyke asked why the City won’t create the trail. Craig responded there is too much liability for the City and can’t guarantee the kids will stick to the trail. He advised that staff will keep his suggestion under consideration. Councillor Braden asked it it’s best to leave this area with or without vegetation. Dave Kerr responded it’s best to vegetate clay as vegetation catches some of the moisture. Councillor Bruckler added that we don’t want the roots to penetrate where there’s an engineered liner.

A hydro geological review was done on the Upper Ottawa landfill. Craig Murdoch advised that Upper Ottawa is an expensive landfill for the City. The City is proposing to extend leachate collection so leaking won’t occur in the Red Hill Creek. Work has begun on the site and should be completed by early next year. The cost was addressed in the budget and is funded as a millennium project. The City is working with the Conservation Authority and others on this site.

The SSRA identified a large seep from the West Hamilton landfill into Chedoke Creek. Recapping has started with the sewer line being relined or cutoff to prevent further seepage.
Craig Murdoch provided an overview of the landfill presentation: complete remedial work, continue on-going monitoring and maintenance of sites and annual reporting to the MOE for many of our larger sites.

Craig Murdoch provided a chart of costs broken down by landfill. He reported that half the money is provided by Millennium funding with no additional funds requested. Craig Murdoch to provide Councillor Braden with a copy of the figures as requested. Councillor Braden suggested when presenting to PWIE that the costs are not at the beginning of the presentation. Beth Goodger indicated the chart will be revised for PWIE and added that the funds are within the approved budget.

Councillor Braden remarked that the Waste division seems to have the landfill sites under control. Craig Murdoch responded we will have the sites in a good position but cautioned that we don’t know what we have until we’ve opened them up. He added we will do everything to mitigate what we know today, but we don’t know what’s in the future. Beth Goodger added that we are working with Water/Wastewater to see what effect leachate has.

Councillor Braden asked if we are being as proactive as we can at the Glanbrook site. Craig Murdoch responded yes and advised of new technologies like a geosynthethic liner. He remarked when adopting new technologies to do it at the start when costs are lower than at the end when costs increase.

4. 2006 Budget Development

Beth Goodger provided an update on the Transfer Station fee increases that were advertised in the newspapers. A 2% increase in Transfer Station fees were built into the budget (inflationary rate). The rate advertised in the newspapers was a 12.8% increase which will allow for another $20,000 in revenues to help reduce the deficit. Pat Parker advised that on November 28th, a Special COW will deal with the user fees. Councillor Bruckler has received complaints from residents regarding the $7.50 rate. Councillors Bruckler and Braden requested that this rate remain the same. Beth Goodger advised that Councillor Collins requested to review the Capital budget (the variance report distributed at the September 2005 meeting and the 2005 approved Capital budget). Item deferred to when Councillor Collins is present.

5. SWMMP Implementation

a) Green Cart Roll-Out Monthly Update

Pat Parker distributed a Green Cart update and reported that staff have outstanding a decision to make regarding the containers while the decision on the trucks has occurred. She added that the construction on the Composting facility has been incredible. Pat Parker will distribute new copies of the Green Cart update to Councillors Braden and Bruckler. Beth Goodger indicated the tender for the smaller carts was re-issued. Pat Parker advised that the next step is to prepare tenders for the Communication materials. Dennis Guy reported that SUDS car wash donated their staffing time to us in exchange for a small logo placement of their company in the commercial. Dennis added that funding of $50,000 from the WDO was applied to assist with the costs.

b) Central Composting Facility

Craig Murdoch reported that the facility is about 65% complete.
c) Recycling Program & MRF Retrofit

Staff reported that tonnage at the MRF is at 41,600 but is 10-11,000 short of the budget. This amount is offset by processing and collection savings. With regard to the MRF retrofit, the tender closed and the 2 submissions are being reviewed by the evaluation team.

d) Community Recycling Centres

Craig Murdoch announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Mountain CRC took place in mid-October. He noted that the roadway will be painted with signage still to be completed.

Construction on the Dundas CRC is on-time and should be finished by year end with the official opening slated for April 2006. This location won’t have a reuse portion like the Mountain CRC, but it will have a Hazardous Materials container.

The Kenora CRC tender closes today. Craig Murdoch remarked that a decision won’t be made until staff has spoken to the Steering Committee.

Councillor Braden commented on the Mountain CRC stating residents have a hard time driving on the left hand side. He realizes traffic has to eventually cross but suggested it might be easier if trucks are on the left and cars are on the right. Craig Murdoch responded that we want to get residents to drop items off at the stations. Pat Parker suggested that painting big white arrows on the pavement for the left lane might alleviate the problems residents are encountering.

Councillor Braden raised the issue of residents lifting items over the railing at the stations. Craig Murdoch remarked that the City will provide a drop down bin for disposing of items. He added this is a learning process for the City as well as residents as this is a new facility.

Councillor Braden has received positive comments from residents about Community Living Hamilton. Beth Goodger announced that Community Living Hamilton is holding their grand opening of the facility on November 17th from 2 to 5 p.m.

e) Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan

Pat Parker provided an update and advised of plans to hold a media event in December with Ian Neville from Niagara and Scott Stewart in attendance. Pat will schedule time to review the December meeting agenda with Councillor Braden.

f) Corporate Recycling Program

Pat Parker reported that the program has gone over well and is complete with the exception of parks. The containers will be ready for placement in parks once they open in the spring. Regarding delivery of containers at the museums, the Fire department has to be involved as the fire code is particular about where containers can be placed in old buildings. An Information Update will be provided to Council shortly. Councillor Braden suggested staff send an email to Councillors in advance of distributing the Information Update asking them if they are aware of any facilities that are problematic. Pat responded the division is aware of the problems, but there are issues between Parks and Collections that need to be worked out. She added that issues with the arenas and community centres have been worked.

6. Operations Updates

a) Contract Negotiations for Recycling Collection

Beth Googer reported that no meetings with Halton Recycling Ltd. have occurred since the last Steering Committee meeting. She noted that HRL has confirmed they will collect recycling for 2006. Staff is still waiting for HRL to sign the existing contract.

7. Standing Agenda Items

a) Waste Reduction Task Force
David Hart Dyke asked that the Steering Committee receive the Waste Reduction Task Force draft minutes. Councillor Braden agreed to receive the committee’s final or draft minutes.

David Hart Dyke addressed an issue discussed at their October meeting held in Dundas regarding the Mountain CRC and one stop drop. He commented that the Task Force wasn’t aware of the other recycling centres not having a reuse centre and indicated staff stated it was due to a money issue. Beth Goodger responded that the WRTF has been kept informed since the beginning of the process. Beth expressed disappointment with Task Force member Mike Caruso who told staff at the October meeting that they’re doing it all wrong with the CRC’s. She indicated that Dennis Guy tried to explain how we’re moving forward while she advised members on the scaling back of the other 2 CRC’s on direction from the Steering Committee as we don’t want to compete with our own facilities. David Hart Dyke remarked that the information was not presented to the WRTF as it was to the Steering Committee. He added that not having a reuse centre at the other CRC’s will result in items going to the landfill. Pat Parker advised that staff will look at the option Mary Lou Dickson suggested of providing trailers at the CRC’s. Councillor Braden confirmed that the budget is tight and added that from a political point, we’re lucky these facilities are there. David Hart Dyke to contact Councillor Braden on speaking at a WRTF meeting about budget constraints and why not all the CRC facilities will have reuse.

b) Recently Issued and Upcoming Tenders/RFP’s

Craig Murdoch discussed the REOI (Request for Expression of Interest) for interim extra processing capacity at the CCF which closes this Friday. The information provided on what others envision will help staff to prepare the tender. Craig Murdoch will contact Councillor Braden on how to inform other Councillors as to what we plan to do. Craig will send Councillor Braden a copy of the REOI. Beth Goodger advised that Niagara Region plans to respond to the REOI. Niagara will be issuing an RFP for processing capacity, Waste to decide if we want to submit a proposal.

c) School Recycling Program

Pat Parker advised that Dennis Guy will contact the Public School Board again as they have not responded to the submission we provided them.

8. Outstanding Agenda Items (see Appendix A)

Craig Murdoch provided Councillor Braden with a revised battery drop-off list. All locations listed for drop-off were contacted and approved. Craig noted at the Canadian Tire location staff weren’t accepting batteries as they weren’t advised of the program. Craig will send revised battery drop-off list to all Councillors.

Craig Murdoch discussed a battery recycling program at City Hall and advised that Mike Langille from Facilities suggested placing boxes on the loading bay beside the toner cartridges. Craig noted that we wanted a more convenient location. Craig will have staff collect the batteries from City Hall each Monday to deliver to Hotz Environmental. Councillor Braden stressed the importance of communicating with employees on each floor about the program. Pat Parker noted this will be accomplished by advertising.

Beth Goodger reported the Enforcement Strategy for the Waste Management By-law is going before the PWIE committee on November 21st. Pat Parker advised that there are 17 proposed set fines focusing on diversion and health & safety. A reward and recognition program for residents is being introduced at a small cost to Community Outreach. Councillor Braden suggested holding a competition between schools with giveaways to encourage people to recycle.

9. Other Business

Pat Parker reported that a Halloween contest held by the radio station Y108 featured a listener dressed as Blue Box Man. The listener was contacted by Waste staff and was given a gift for
his efforts.

10. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13\textsuperscript{th}, City Hall, Room 264**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13\textsuperscript{th}, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 264, City Hall.