MINUTES
SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #4-06
Thursday, April 6th, 2006
City Hall, Room 264
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Present:
Councillor Dave Braden
Councillor Maria Pearson
Councillor Philip Bruckler
Beth Googler, Director, Waste Management
Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Waste Management Division
Blair Smith, Manager of Waste Collection, Waste Management Division
Craig Murdoch, Manager of Disposal, Waste Management Division
Colleen Brakewell, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division
David Hart Dyke, Chairman of the Waste Reduction Task Force

Regrets: Councillor Chad Collins

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

2. Adoption of Minutes from previous meetings, March 2, 2006
The minutes were adopted as presented (moved by Councillor Pearson, seconded by Councillor Bruckler) CARRIED

3. 2006 Budget
The 2006 budget has been approved and staff have committed to reporting back on the four (4) day collection issue by October 2006. Staff will be looking for direction on whether User Pay should be included in the 2007 Budget deliberations. Regular updates will be made available on budget exception reports. Councillor Braden advised staff be mindful of issues because of it being an election year.

4. SWMMP Implementation
a) Green Cart Roll-out Monthly Update and Current Program Status
Pat Parker handed out a draft Green Cart information update to the group. The update is in a text format now. Council will receive a weekly update each Friday informing them of where carts have been delivered and where they will be delivering them in the next week. Procedures have been developed in regard to carts. During distribution of the carts we do not want to take carts back. Customer Service officers will be sent out to try and talk people into trying the carts. If residents are still insistent on having the carts removed they will be asked to wait for six months and call again. Councillor Bruckler asked about residents who refuse to accept a cart. Staff responded that they would try and get people to use them but that they by-law would come in to play at some point. Pat Parker said she would look into how Halifax handled non-compliance. Councillor Braden asked that he be given the names of staff at CH to personally thank for their coverage of the Green Cart launch. Councillor Braden also would like to know the most frequent kind of comments/questions received on the street. Councillor Pearson would like to see Green Cart displays at all MSC and the Tax Department of City Hall in time for the 1st instalment of property taxes. Craig Murdoch reported that Councillor Pearson went on a site visit of the new Centralized Compost Facility and had some great ideas for the education room.
b) Pay – As – You-Throw (PAYT) Presentation

Colleen Brakewell presented on PAYT. Councillor Braden stated that we need to be sensitive to the idea of PAYT for 2007. The fear is that it will be made an election issue. Councillor Pearson stated that she would like to see how the Green Cart Program is accepted before implementing a PAYT program. Pat Parker informed the group that PAYT looks at how to address waste management costs. Councillor Bruckler wants to give residents some time to see that they can get down to one or two bags of garbage. Pat Parker stated that we will be coming back in early 2007 to discuss container limits and we could possibly implement in fall 2007/January 2008. SWMMP has been passed by council and this is recommendation #7. Councillor Bruckler wants to see a minimum of administration for the program as well as ease of implementation. Councillor Braden would like to see a subtle approach or nothing until the New Year (2007). Staff will continue to work on the background and details and will finalize an information report for PWIE. Dave Hart Dyke asked if staff would ask the Waste Reduction Task Force for their input and staff reported that they would.

Steering Committee received the presentation on Pay-As-You-Throw.

c) Recycling Program Contract Negotiations In-camera

Motion was made to go in camera on the Recycling Program Contract negotiations. Motion made by Councillor Braden and seconded by Councillor Bruckler.

Discussion took place and a motion was made to resume the meeting. Motion made by Councillor Bruckler and seconded by Councillor Pearson.

d) Community Recycling Centres

The Dundas CRC is opening on Saturday, April 3rd. The grand opening will be held on Friday May 5th, 2006.

e) Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan

Staff is working with the consultants on terms of reference for a stabilized landfill study. The group is planning to visit a stabilized landfill in Halifax. The Joint Working Group is meeting next week (April 13th).

f) Corporate Recycling Program

An information update will be delivered to Steering and Council on the Corporate Recycling Program.

5. Operations Updates

a) Service Access Agreement

Blair Smith has consulted with our legal department and they want to move forward on the Service Access Agreement as it is important from a liability standpoint. Councillor Braden would like to see a list of properties by ward so Council is aware. Staff could work with the ward councillor to get an agreement signed. A Council update will be forthcoming.

6. Standing Agenda Items

a) Waste Reduction Task Force

Dave Hart Dyke wanted to discuss the motion regarding the recruitment process for the Waste Reduction Task Force that was brought forward at the last meeting. Councillor Braden asked that this be discussed at the next meeting as time was an issue. Staff agreed to pull the motion from the PWIE report until the discussion takes place.

b) Recently Issued and Upcoming Tenders/RFPs

None to report on
c) School Recycling Program
The timing is right to try and discuss with the Public Board for the new school year. Staff has always approached the operational staff at the board but feel that this is a curriculum issue and that we could deal with it in this venue. Dave Braden will be glad to attend a meeting.

7. Outstanding Agenda Items (see Appendix A) - deferred

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting: Thursday May 4th, 2006 Room 253, Hamilton City Hall
The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 4th, 2006 in Room 253 Hamilton City Hall.