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SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #8-06
Thursday, August 3rd, 2006
City Hall, Room 253
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Present:
Councillor Dave Braden
Councillor Phil Bruckler
Beth Goodger, Director of Waste Management, Waste Management Division
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

Regrets:
Councillor Chad Collins
Councillor Maria Pearson
David Hart Dyke, Chairman of the Waste Reduction Task Force

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

2. Adoption of Minutes from the previous meeting, July 6th, 2006
The minutes were adopted as presented (moved by Councillor Bruckler, seconded by Councillor Braden) CARRIED

3. SWMMP Implementation
a) Information Update Green Cart Program
The Green Cart program is winding down. Staff are continuing to replace carts and Outreach students are completing set out and participation rates. Councillor Bruckler stated that the extreme heat has caused problems for residents regarding bag odour and maggots. He felt that a properly sized liner bag would help alleviate these problems. Pat Parker informed the Councillor that staff has had discussions with bag manufacturers regarding a liner bag. Councillor Bruckler would like some tips related to the green cart to be made available to residents online. Staff mentioned that the Outreach students are available to call or visit residents who are experiencing difficulty. Staff reported that as of the end of June we had collected 7,000 tonnes or green cart material which has exceeded our initial projections. Contamination is excellent and is well under 5% and this is felt to be due to the great job collection crews are doing in stickering carts with plastics. Collection crews are also calling in addresses at which carts have been stickered so that when the home owner calls in they get direct feedback on why the cart was not collected. Councillor Braden asked that the website be updated with green cart tips and that all efforts be made to assist residents who are experiencing problems.

b) Central Composting Facility
The CCF is running well. Currently the first batch of compost is being cured. Preliminary testing of incoming material is good. There are a few minor bugs to work out but overall the system is running very well. Councillor Braden asked what would happen with the compost. Craig Murdoch responded that the contractor is required under the contract to find a market for
it. The contractor has already had interested parties inquire about purchasing the compost. Initial offers are looking good. The price ranges from $5 to $30/tonne. Under the contract the City will receive 25% of the profits and as well there will be an opportunity for the City to use a portion of the finished compost.

c) Recycling Program Review & HRL Contract - In-camera

In-camera discussion took place with regard to the Recycling Program and HRL Contract.

d) Community Recycling Centres

Craig Murdoch thanked Councillor Bruckler for meeting with the Conservation Authority with respect to the Kenora Community Recycling Centre. The restrictions were removed and construction has started.

e) Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan

The next WastePlan meeting will take place in October. The RFP for a stabilized landfill study has been issued and closes on August 11th. Beth Goodger reported that Halton is looking at an EFW facility. A media release and newspaper article was handed out to the committee. It is proposed that ICI waste will be processed there. Beth reported that Halton will be looking for partners and that staff would be following up.

f) Corporate Recycling Program

Pat Parker informed Councillor Braden that at the last Steering Committee meeting (July 2006) Al Dore from Operations & Maintenance made a presentation regarding recycling in parks.

4. Operations Updates

None at this time.

5. Standing Agenda Items

a) Waste Reduction Task Force

A motion was put forward at the Waste Reduction Task Force meeting in July regarding their recruitment policy. The motion was received by Councillor Bruckler.

b) Recently Issued and Upcoming Tenders/RFPs

None to report on.

c) School Recycling Program

Beth Goodger informed the committee of the Hamilton Spectator article regarding the issue of the school recycling program. Beth stated that the board is considering 3 options and the City is one of those options. After meeting with the board we have not heard anything back as of yet. Abitibi is another option the board is considering.

7. Outstanding Agenda Items (see Appendix A)

None to report on.

8. Other Business

a) Animal Waste Disposal

Pat Parker reported about an information report on deadstock management. This topic had been on the outstanding action item list and has now been dealt with. Councillor Bruckler made a motion to remove it from the outstanding action item list.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday September 7th, 2006 Room 264, Hamilton City Hall

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, September 7th, 2006 in Room 264, City Hall.