MINUTES
SWMMP Steering Committee Meeting #02-07
Wednesday, February 28th, 2007
City Hall, Room 264
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Present:
Councillor Maria Pearson
Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Councillor Russ Powers
Beth Goodger, Director of Waste Management, Waste Management Division
Craig Murdoch, Manager of Waste Disposal, Waste Management Division
Blair Smith, Manager of Waste Collection, Waste Management Division
Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Waste Management Division
Al Dore, Manager of Parks and Cemeteries, Public Works
Colleen Brakewell, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division

Regrets:
Councillor Chad Collins

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

2. Adoption of Minutes from the Previous Meeting of January 10th, 2007
The minutes were adopted as presented (moved by Councillor Powers, seconded by Councillor Ferguson). CARRIED

3. 2007 Budget

Recycling in Parks
Al Dore, Manager of Parks and Cemeteries spoke to the committee regarding expanding the pilot recycling program in Parks. The committee was previously updated in September 2006 and had supported bringing forward an enhancement as part of the 2007 budget to expand the program from staffed parks to permitted parks. However, due to budget pressures in 2007, the expansion was deemed unaffordable. Staff are proposing that the recycling program continue in the staffed parks for 2007 as more information is required before expanding the program out. Staff will report back on the costs and requirements to expand the program as part of the 2008 budget process. A report is being prepared for consideration as part of the 2007 budget process that outlines the costs for continuing the existing pilot program. A motion was made to support the proposal in principal and to have staff come back in 2008 with the expansion of recycling to an additional one-hundred and forty-three (143) parks as an enhancement. Councillor Powers made the motion and Councillor Ferguson seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Waste Management Division Budget
Beth Goodger made a presentation to the committee on the 2007 budget submission and potential budget reductions. The fully implemented integrated waste management system is shown in the 2007 budget submission. The presentation emphasized that the SWMMP implementation extended the life of our current landfill and avoided the search for a new landfill site which is also very costly. In 2001, the City looked at various systems and compared them. Costing was initially based on preliminary estimates and over time the costs have been
updated. Over the past two (2) to three (3) years the cost estimates have not changed very much.

Discussion took place with regard to the recycling commodity revenues and the $250,000 increase in revenues proposed by staff. Councillor Ferguson expressed concern that staff were being too conservative with the revenue estimates for commodities and that further increases could be included in the 2007 budget. Staff explained that the City is subject to market pricing and this presents some risk in the budget if revenues are not achieved. Revenues were lower than budget for 2006. Shortfalls may be able to be funded from the Recycling Program Reserve. It was agreed that a total $500,000 increase in commodity revenues should be put forward. Councillor Ferguson asked staff to investigate the amount in the recycling reserve. Staff will report back on this.

Beth Goodger requested guidance from the committee regarding other potential budget reductions proposed by staff. The committee supported the elimination of the White Goods program in 2007, the increase in the Tipping fee from $105 to $110 per tonne and the increase in the Minimum Vehicle fees at the Community Recycling Centres from $7.75 to $10 per vehicle. The committee also supported the deferral of a Pay-as-You-Throw program.

The Waste Reduction Task Force drafted a letter with regard to the 2007 Budget deliberations that focuses on the SWMMP and extending the life of our landfill. The letter will be sent to Council.

With regard to the Waste Management Capital Budget, further adjustments may be forthcoming pending the outcome of the recycling program review. The Glanbrook Landfill Gas to Energy projects have been moved forward to 2007 to address the current problems of landfill odours.

Beth Goodger asked for feedback on how to get our message across to all members of Council and if an Information Report was needed. Councillor Powers suggested we ask Council if they would be open to a presentation from Waste Management staff on the budget pressures we are up against.

Councillor Pearson asked about bulk pickup. She inquired about increasing the number of items allowable for pickup. Currently it is four (4) items per pickup. Blair Smith suggested that we may wish to consider redefining a “bulk” item.

Councillor Powers enquired about replacements for blue boxes and green carts. Staff explained that blue boxes are available to residents at no charge and green carts if broken are still being replaced under warranty.

4. **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Moved by Councillor Powers and seconded by Councillor Ferguson.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 14th, 2007 at City Hall in Room 264.