Peter Hutton called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to include two items: Holiday Meeting Schedule was added under Administrative Items, and discussion regarding the upcoming municipal election was added to Other Business.

(Moved by Grant Ranalli, Seconded by Tom Thompson) CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting on September 15, 2010

The minutes of September 15 were approved as written.

(Moved by Paul Barrett, Seconded by Tom Thompson) CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Staff reported that bike racks will be installed at the front of City Hall. A secure bike rack system will not be provided; however, this type of lock up is available at the Convention Centre parkade.

4. Administrative Items

a) Membership Recruitment

Of the five Task Force positions that will become available this year (in addition to the two existing vacant positions), two of five members have agreed to continue for another year, two of five have declined, and one of five members remains undecided.

b) Holiday Meeting Schedule

It was decided that December’s Task Force meeting would be cancelled and that members would use this time to meet for a Christmas social instead.
5. SWMMP Review

Staff updated the group about the SWMMP Review. Trow has surveyed all WRTF members: the current draft of the Plan reflects information gathered from the survey. The plan represents a more progressive approach to the way stakeholders are engaged using available modern mediums (i.e. via the internet) as well as attending stakeholder group meetings (neighbourhood associations, Kiwanis, etc.) is expected. Guiding principles will establish the foundation during the first phase and be used to evaluate options generated in subsequent phases of the review.

Committee commented that interactive dialogue is ideal; however conventional media such as CHCH TV, and Cable 14 should still be utilized. Including social media outlets will reach different segments of society.

It was mentioned that the Conservation Authorities were not listed as stakeholders and they should be included as they would have an interest. The Task Force will be informed of the meeting schedule as soon as they are set.

6. Projects

a) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee (GLCC)

There was nothing new to report. The next GLCC meeting is scheduled for November 29.

b) SWMMP Steering Committee

This committee has nothing new to report. Due to the Municipal Election, there are no meetings scheduled until January 2011.

c) Clean City Liaison Committee (CCLC)

This committee has nothing new to report.

d) Ad-hoc Recycling Review Sub-Committee

The Recycling Review Report was received at October’s meeting. This item will be deleted from future agendas.

e) Ad-hoc Festival and Special Event Recycling Committee

This committee has nothing new to report but recognizes that this issue needs to be addressed before the deadline for Special Event grant requests to be received by the City.

7. Operations

a) Collection System and MRF review

The document provided, “Draft Long-List of Collection Service Options, WRTF – Oct 20, 2010” was reviewed and discussed. At this stage costing and other detailed considerations are not available.

Staff explained that bulk does not have to be considered at this stage and that reducing SSO (Source Separated Organics) collection to bi-weekly will not be considered. As well, changing recycling to alternating weeks for collection does not seem viable based on the number of complaints currently being received about storage (space) issues for recyclables for some single family residents.

Membership expressed the importance of considering any option that decreases the number of stops thereby reducing the carbon footprint generated by waste collection. This will also minimize the number of kilometres travelled as well as wear and tear on collection vehicles. The group is in favour of keeping weekly SSO collection, but would not favour a Single Stream recycling program as it is contrary to what was recommended by the Blue Box Review Report (2010) which Task
Force supported. Furthermore, options that minimize changes at the curb so residents do not become confused and frustrated: keeping everything as simple as possible is preferable. It was suggested that GHG (Green House Gas) impacts should be a main evaluator when comparing options and perhaps this could be done with the assistance of Clean Air Hamilton. Need to determine the options that will have positive and negative diversion impacts and then to only consider the options that will have a positive impact.

Task Force put forward the following factors for evaluation of the system options:
- GHG, carbon footprint
- Weekly SSO collection is a must
- Increase diversion
- Consideration of storage capacity for residents
- Aligned to the recommendations of the Blue Box Review Report (i.e. no single stream recycling)
- Simplicity of implementation for residents i.e., least amount of change, less complicated, the ‘KISS’ principle

Other considerations they suggested include: increased promotion/attention to the front end of the system by reducing the volume of garbage generated; pet waste as a constraint to biweekly garbage collection; not increasing the ease of disposing LYW.

Based on a process of elimination (and considering the foregoing evaluators), one of the members put forward that system configuration options D, H, and I as well as A (the current system) would be feasible options for further investigation.

b) New Blog at www.mygoldbox.ca
Staff informed the group that a blog is available at the new website www.mygoldbox.ca if anyone is interested in having on-line discussions about Hamilton’s waste management system, etc. This site is administered by the Community Outreach group of the Operations and Waste Management Division.

8. Sector Reports
There was nothing new to report.

9. Public Discussion
No members of the public were present.

10. Other Business
The chair urged membership to get out and vote at the upcoming election as well as listening to what candidates are saying about waste management and the promotion of waste diversion, including the level of their support for the one bag limit.

11. Adjournment
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at Hamilton City Hall.
(Moved by Ron Speranzini, seconded by Grant Ranalli) CARRIED

Copies to: All present
Regrets
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