City of Hamilton

MINUTES: Waste Reduction Task Force
Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Downtown Staybridge Suites, 118 Market Street

Present:    Elaine Jermy           Jim Sweetman           Tom Thompson
          Greg Kraatz              Ron Speranzini         Grant Ranalli
          Paula Hamilton          Rose Killey            Peter Hutton
          Paul Barrett

Regrets:    Allan Freeman          Mark McQueen          Dan Rodrigues
            Trisha Branigan-Kilner

Also Present: Pat Parker, Acting Director of Support Services
              Adrienne Press, Acting Supervisor of Operations Support
              Michelle Morris, Public
              Donna Robinson, Public
              Laurie Nielsen, Public
              John Roy, Public

Jim Sweetman called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved as written.
  (Moved by Peter Hutton, seconded by Paul Barrett) CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes from the December 9, 2010
The minutes of December 9 were reviewed.

The minutes were approved as written.
  (Moved by Greg Kraatz, seconded by Tom Thompson) CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes
Staff advised that the Public Works reports for “Citizen Appointments to the Waste Reduction Task Force” and “From Waste to Worth” were approved by Public Works Committee and are going to Council on January 27.

4. Administrative Items
a) Introduction of New WRTF Member

The chair welcomed Michelle Morris, the new Education sector representative to the Waste Reduction Task Force.

b) Chair and Vice-chair elections
Nominations were solicited for the Chair and Vice-chair position. Jim Sweetman, Paula Hamilton and Peter Hutton were nominated however Grant Ranalli declined. There were no further nominations. Peter Hutton was voted Chair by a vote of 5 of 7. Jim Sweetman was voted Vice-chair by a vote of 6 of 7.
Peter Hutton resumed the role of chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5. Projects
a) Sub-Committee Updates
The sub-committee memberships will be on the agenda for review at the February WRTF meeting.

Education & Communication Sub-Committee
Michelle Morris is interested in taking Anton’s place on the Education and Communication sub-committee.
A member’s school has been selling City of Hamilton Public Works reusable water bottles as a school fundraiser. The contact at the City is Julia Wagner.

Multi-Residential, Commercial and Institutional Waste Sub-Committee
This will be addressed under item 6 c.

Business and Government Liaison Sub-Committee
This committee has nothing new to report.

b) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee
This committee has nothing new to report.

c) SWMMP Steering Committee
Jim Sweetman circulated notes from the January 12 Steering Committee meeting. Pat Parker noted that she was interviewed on 820 Talk radio on January 16 regarding the website message about buying only what you need.

d) Clean City Liaison Committee (CCLC)
The CCLC will be meeting on January 21.

e) Ad-hoc Recycling Review Sub-Committee
Two members of the sub-committee met with staff receive information to help direct the sub-committee’s research. Staff will send the sub-committee further information the recycling program.

6. Operations
a) 2010 Budget Update
Budget deliberations are about to begin. January 25 and 26 are scheduled for Public Works Department. Refer to the City website for further information.

b) One Container Postcard
Staff presented the One Container Limit postcard that will be mailed to households the first week of February. This will be followed by the Waste Collection calendar (Dennis Guy will be speaking about the calendar at the February WRTF meeting).

c) Multi-Residential Green Cart Update
Staff presented the multi-residential green cart participation and capture rate summary. The main points of the presentation include the estimated capture by zone and building size, the participation by zone and building size, the analysis and next steps.

There was a question about the different coloured “Oops stickers”. Staff will bring in samples of the Oops stickers to the next meeting.
It was suggested that the WRTF issue letters of recognition to multi-residential buildings that are doing well on the green cart and recycling program.

7. Public Discussion
A member of the public asked where garbage was taken from multi-residential buildings that receive private collection. Staff indicated that private haulers would dispose of their garbage at private landfills not the City owned landfill.

8. Other Business
Members discussed the new recycling fees on electronics. This is legislated under the Waste Diversion Act Waste Electronics and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) program. The Task Force discussed the fact that retailers should promote the reduction of non-recyclable packaging.

A member has observed that some newspaper boxes throughout the City do not recycle newspapers when emptying the boxes and that the City should stipulate that these contractors abide by our by-laws.

It was brought to staff’s attention that “Glass jars and bottles” is missing from the City websites list of acceptable material. Staff will investigate and report back.

9. Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 17, 2010 at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

(Moved by Ron Speranzini and seconded by Jim Sweetman that the meeting be adjourned). CARRIED

Copies to: All present
Regrets
SWMMP Waste Reduction Task Force Binder Distribution List
Gerry Davis, General Manager, Public Works Department
Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee c/o Craig Murdoch, Waste Management Division
City Clerks Division, c/o Carolyn Biggs, Lisa Barroso