City of Hamilton

MINUTES: Waste Reduction Task Force
Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Hamilton Convention Centre, Room 203

Present: Dan Rodrigues  Elaine Jermy  Jim Sweetman
Trisha Branigan-Kilner  Greg Kraatz  Tom Thompson
Paula Hamilton  Mark McQueen  Rose Killey
Peter Hutton  Anton Volcansek  Paul Barrett

Regrets: Allan Freeman  Grant Ranalli

Also Present: Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Waste Management Division
Dennis Guy, Project Manager of Community Outreach, Waste Management Division
Adrienne Press, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division
Laurie Nielsen, Public
Ron Speranzini, Public
Donna Robinson, Public
John Hawker, Public
Stephen Toplak, Public
David Hart Dyke, Public

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.
(Moved by Greg Kraatz, seconded by Jim Sweetman) CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes from the March 18, 2009 Meeting

The Task Force received a copy of the minutes from the March 18, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.
(Moved by Greg Kraatz, seconded by Tom Thompson) CARRIED

3. Administrative Items

a) Amended Terms of Reference for Approval

The Task Force was circulated the amended Terms of Reference with the agenda package. There were some concerns that the version sent to the Task Force was not the correct version. Staff verified that it is the latest version approved by the Steering Committee in 2004.

The Task Force suggested a few changes to the Amended Terms of Reference with regard to:

- Addition of “(Clean City Liaison Committee)” after Keep Hamilton Beautiful Board of Directors in Section 4.2 and 4.7
- Addition of “(or appropriate committee of Council)” in Section 4.6(5)

Moved by Elaine Jermy, seconded by Mark McQueen:

“That the Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee approve the amendments to the WRTF Terms of Reference.”
CARRIED

b) Public Discussion Place on Future Agenda

From the previous meeting the matter of moving the “Public Discussion” agenda item to an earlier place on the agenda was discussed. The WRTF decided to leave the item as it is and to try and ensure the full
fifteen (15) minutes is maintained for the public to speak.

c) Chamber of Commerce Sub-Committee “Environment and Energy”

The Chair indicated that the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce has an Environment and Energy sub-committee as an information item. There may be opportunities to hear from this group in the future.

4. Projects

a) Sub-Committee Updates

Education & Communication Sub-Committee

A member of the sub-committee indicated that the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board has decided to ban plastic water bottles in schools.

Following a discussion about waste management practices at Limeridge Mall, it was decided that further follow up is required to verify the practices.

Multi-Residential, Commercial and Institutional Waste Sub-Committee

Two (2) members of the sub-committee will be assisting the City with Multi-Res Green Cart roll-out next week.

Business and Government Liaison Sub-Committee

Dan Rodrigues gave a presentation on the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Canada-Wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility and Canada-Wide Action Strategy for Sustainable Packaging papers that were distributed with at the March 18 meeting.

Moved by Paul Barrett, seconded by Rose Killey:

“The City of Hamilton’s Waste Reduction Task Force recognizes the efforts put forth to standardize waste management practices across Canada and respectfully requests the Council of the City of Hamilton to support the CCME CAP for EPR subject to consideration of:

The impact on private citizen contribution and lack of municipal control over items to be destined for landfill due to regulated EPR products.

The possible termination of curbside collection of recycled goods on the premise that this would negatively affect the disadvantaged, disabled, and our rapidly aging population.

Any unfair competitive advantage that might be given to businesses who may be deemed as ‘small’ and therefore are entitled to an EPR fee exemption, as this automatically provides a lower cost structure to the ‘small’ producer.

Any proposal which would see ‘hidden’ fees applied to any product within the EPR program, as it is paramount that the consumer is fully educated in the costs associated with the purchase decision, while minimizing marketing masking of true effects of proposed fees.”

CARRIED

Staff indicated that the motion will be included in a staff report going to the Public Works Committee on May 4, 2009. Task Force members were also advised that submissions to the CCME individually could be done by using the online response form.

b) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee

The next meeting of the Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee is scheduled for May 25, 2009.

c) SWMMP Steering Committee

Peter Hutton indicated that the updates on the April 9, 2009 Steering Committee meeting were circulated by email. The WRTF thanked Peter for all his efforts as the Steering Committee representative. Jim Sweetman will be taking over as the WRTF representative on the SWMMP Steering Committee.
d) Ad-Hoc Committee on Private Waste Disposal Facilities

There is nothing new to report.

5. Operations

Staff reported that after two (2) weeks of the One Plus One (1+1) program data indicates that there is a 96 to 97% compliance rate.

Peter Hutton indicated that a motion at Council tonight to reconsider the clear bag as a second container failed.

6. Other Business

Staff circulated the 2008 Annual Report for the Task Force’s information.

7. Public Discussion

The Keep Hamilton Beautiful committee will be holding a community clean up the week of April 20.

The movie “Garbage! The revolution starts at home” is being played at Silver City Hamilton Mountain tomorrow at 10 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. for over 600 school children.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 20, 2009 at the Hamilton Convention Centre, Room 203.

(Moved by Mark McQueen and seconded by Greg Kraatz that the meeting be adjourned). CARRIED

Copies to: All present
Regrets
SWMMP Waste Reduction Task Force Binder Distribution List
Gerry Davis, Acting 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