

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Minutes

Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

A meeting of the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: G. Gordon, Whitby, Chair
G. Baswick, Clarington
G. Best, Whitby
R. Fleming, Pickering
P. Haylock, Clarington, Vice-Chair
T. Shomar, Clarington
J. Vinson, Clarington

***all members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: M. Cannon, Oshawa
K. Palinka, Oshawa

Non-Voting Members

Present: Councillor Elhajjeh, Local Councillor, Municipality of Clarington
S. Kaur, Environmental Specialist, Covanta
B. Parayankuzhiyil, Facility Manager, Covanta
N. Ratnasingam, Climate Action Response Coordinator

***all non-voting members of the Committee participated electronically**

Staff

Present: J. Ahmadian-Yazdi, Medical Resident Placement
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
A. Di Pietro, Director, Health Protection
K. Dykman, Supervisor, Waste Services
A. Evans, Director, Waste Management Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology
L. Saha, Manager, Waste Services
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department, Durham Region
N. Williams, Project Manager, Waste Services

***all staff members participated electronically**

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by T. Shomar, Seconded by P. Haylock,
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday,
February 27, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

There were no presentations heard.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations heard.

6. Correspondence

- A) Email correspondence and five references from Linda Gasser and on Behalf of Wendy Bracken, dated May 27, 2024, re: Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding the Durham York Energy Centre [Item 8. E]

Moved by T. Shomar, Seconded by G. Best,
That we recommend to the Works Committee:

That the Works Committee request that Region of Durham staff produce the promised Council Information Report prior to proceeding with the Environmental Compliance Application (ECA).

CARRIED

7. Administrative Matters

- A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan (2023-2024) – Working Group Appointments

A. Evans reminded the committee members of the three areas of the workplan that could be further investigated:

1. Plan and Program Implementation (as it relates to the Long-Term Waste Management Plan, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and changes and enhancements to the Region's Organics Program);
2. Diversion Program Assessment (review and assess opportunities for the Region to optimize and increase diversion opportunities within Durham Region); and

3. Technology and Facility Review (reviewing key technologies which are or may be utilized by the Region in delivery of waste management services).

Discussion ensued regarding the formation of working groups associated with the three areas of the workplan identified previously.

Moved by P. Haylock, Seconded by G. Gordon,
That T. Shomar, R. Fleming, and G. Best be appointed to the Plan
and Program Implementation Working Group.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

- A) Update by Lipika Saha, Manager, Waste Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding 2024 Community and Outreach Activities

L. Saha highlighted community and outreach activities across the Region.

R. Fleming shared with the Committee that she attended the Compost Giveaway event that was held in the City of Pickering and had a great time. She advised that many broken blue boxes were exchanged and that many residents also purchased extra blue boxes.

- B) Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Extended Producer Responsibility

A. Evans advised that there has been a lot of interest in extended producer responsibility (EPR) and reminded the Committee that it will take effect July 1, 2024, resulting in the private sector taking over the recycling program within Ontario. He advised that all 8 municipalities are at the mid point of the transition, and that Durham staff are working to wrap up current contracts as required and ensure that the right messaging is being provided to the residents with respect to the transition to EPR.

- C) Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Expanded Green Bin Program

A. Evans advised that the expanded Green Bin Program will also begin July 1, 2024, which means that additional materials will be allowed to go into the green bin because of enhancements made at the collection facilities.

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding hand-out materials that could be provided to residents at Local Environment Day on June 13, 2024; and whether there will be green bins located in local parks.

- D) Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Automated Cart-Based Garbage Collection Pilot Project

A. Evans advised that staff are looking at an automated cart-based system similar to what the City of Toronto uses, for the Region. He advised that staff have sought permission to complete a pilot program for the cart-based system in the Town of Ajax and the Township of Scugog.

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding how big the carts would be and roughly how many garbage bags would fit in them.

E) Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Durham York Energy Centre

A. Evans advised that the annual operations report for the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) facility, as well as the DYEC audit and annual ground monitoring reports have been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP).

A. Evans advised that Dr. Adams presented at the May 8, 2024, Works Committee meeting on Report #2024-WR-5: Durham York Energy Centre - Analysis of Ambient Air and Emissions Monitoring to Identify Local Airshed Impacts which is available on the May 8, 2024, Works Committee agenda. He also advised that the Region received correspondence from the MECP indicating that the elevation requests were denied for the screening report, and that the Region can move forward to the next stage which would be to complete the Environmental Compliance Assessment (ECA).

9. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

10. Adjournment

Moved by G. Best, Seconded by R. Fleming,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

G. Gordon, Chair, Energy from Waste – Waste
Management Advisory Committee

S. Ciani, Committee Clerk