

## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **Minutes**

#### **Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

A meeting of the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:04 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

#### **1. Roll Call**

Present: G. Baswick, Clarington  
M. Brennan, Oshawa  
M. Hewitt, Oshawa  
A. Mohan, Pickering  
P. Panchal, Clarington  
G. Rowden, Clarington  
D. Spaeth, Clarington

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

Absent: R. Fleming, Pickering  
G. Gordon, Whitby

#### **Non-Voting Members**

Present: A. Evans, Director of Waste Management Services  
N. Ratnasingam, Climate Action Response Coordinator, Municipality of Clarington  
L. Saha, Manager, Waste Services (Alternate)  
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department, Durham Region

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

#### **Staff**

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology  
N. Williams, Project Manager

**\*all staff members participated electronically**

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

A. Evans, Director of Waste Management Services, welcomed the new and returning committee members who were then given the opportunity to provide some of their background and their interest in the EFW-WMAC.

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**4. Elections**

Moved by P. Panchal, Seconded by G. Baswick,  
That the Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair be deferred until the  
May 27, 2025, Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory  
Committee (EFW-WMAC).

CARRIED

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by G. Rowden, Seconded by A. Mohan,  
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday,  
November 26, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

**6. Announcements**

There were no announcements made.

**7. Presentations**

- A) Presentation by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, and Lipika Saha, Manager, Waste Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Waste Management Services Programs and Initiatives

Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, and Lipika Saha, Manager, Waste Services provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Waste Management Services Programs and Initiatives.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Who Does What
- Who Receives Waste Management Services
- Integrated Waste management System
- Waste Disposal with Energy Recovery
- Waste Management Hierarchy
- Rethink, Reduce and Reuse Initiatives

- Rethink and Reduce Initiatives
- Source Separated Organics Management
- Source Separated Organics Trend
- Garbage Generation Trend
- Blue Box Recycling
- Automated Cart Collection
- Automated Cart Collection Pilot
- Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC)
- DYEC Quick Facts
- The Energy from Waste (EFW) Process
- DYEC Waste Receiving
- DYEC Waste Processing
- DYEC Environmental Monitoring Program
- Emissions Performance
- DYEC Ambient Air Monitoring Stations
- Dr. Adams Ambient Air Study
- Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2022-2040
- Waste Plan Objectives
- Conclusion

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding the location of the organics processing and biogas facility; whether there will be a multi-residential program in the Region of Durham (excluding the Town of Whitby and the City of Oshawa); where the excess waste goes once the limit has been reached at the DYEC; whether tipping fees for waste disposal have increased; and whether the DYEC has seen an increase in plastics that cannot be recycled since the introduction of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program.

## **8. Delegations**

There were no delegations to be heard.

## **9. Correspondence**

There were no correspondence items to be considered.

## **10. Administrative Matters**

### **A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan (2025-2026)**

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Discussion ensued regarding how the multi-residential units can be targeted with respect to ensuring that residents are sorting the waste and recycling materials correctly; how to ensure that all residents in the Region are receiving any communication items sent out by Regional staff; and how subscribers to the various waste apps can be increased.

Moved by A. Mohan, Seconded by G. Rowden,  
That we recommend to the Works Committee for approval and  
subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the proposed 2025-2026 EFW-WMAC Work Plan be amended as  
follows, and as amended, be approved:

Under the heading of Section 5.3 a), add a new part iv) as follows, “Research  
opportunities for renewed communication strategies”.

CARRIED

B) Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

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Moved by M. Brennan, Seconded by S. Spaeth,  
That the following proposed 2025 EFW-WMAC meeting dates be  
approved:

- May 27, 2025;
- September 23, 2025; and
- November 25, 2025.

CARRIED

**11. Other Business**

A) Update by Lipika Saha, Manager, Waste Services, the Regional Municipality of  
Durham, regarding 2025 Community and Outreach Activities

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L. Saha highlighted a number of special events occurring in the Region of  
Durham for 2025 including the Compost Giveaway Days occurring in April  
and May, and the Environment Days occurring in April, August, September,  
and October.

L. Saha advised that volunteers from the Committee would be encouraged at  
any of these waste management events.

L. Saha responded to a question from the Committee regarding whether any  
special events were being arranged for residents to drop off various textile  
materials.

B) Tour of the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC)

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The Committee expressed their interest in touring the Durham York Energy  
Centre (DYEC). Staff advised that a tour could be arranged for a future date.

**12. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2025 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by A. Mohan, Seconded by P. Panchal,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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A. Evans, Director, Waste Management Services

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk