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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:03 PM

G. Baswick assumed the Chair.

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

Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

\* all individuals participated electronically.

##### Members

Present: G. Baswick, Clarington, Chair  
M. Brennan, Oshawa, Vice-Chair  
G. Gordon, Whitby  
M. Hewitt, Oshawa  
A. Mohan, Pickering  
G. Rowden, Clarington

##### Members

Absent: R. Fleming, Pickering  
P. Panchal, Clarington  
D. Spaeth, Clarington

##### Non-Voting Members

Present: Local Councillor S. Elhajjeh, A. Evans, N. Ratnasingam, L. Saha,  
D. San Juan

Staff Present: S. Ciani, R. Inacio, N. Williams

#### **2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

#### **3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by G. Rowden, Seconded by G. Gordon,  
That the minutes of the regular Energy from Waste – Waste Management  
Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) meeting held on Tuesday, May 27,  
2025, be adopted.

**Carried**

#### **4. Presentations**

- A) Presentation by Lipika Saha, Manager of Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham  
Re: Enhanced Green Bin Program & Multi-Residential Roll Out
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Lipika Saha, Manager of Waste Management Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Enhanced Green Bin Program and Multi-Residential Roll Out.

- Enhanced Green Bin
- Monthly Data Comparison
  - Green Bin
  - Garbage
- Waste Audit Data
- Waste Management Container Online Sales Platform
- Multi-Residential Green Bin

L. Saha and A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding how the Region continues to promote the Enhanced Green Bin Program and other waste diversion events like the Curbside Giveaway Days; whether any audits have been conducted to assess the contamination rate of the waste collected at multi-residential units; whether there is a green bin program available to the business improvement areas (BIA); and whether physical promotional items are being distributed to residents in addition to the ongoing promotion of waste diversion programs online and through the Durham's waste application.

#### **5. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

#### **6. Correspondence**

There were no correspondence items to consider.

#### **7. Administrative Matters**

- A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan (2025 – 2026) – Next Steps
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Detailed discussion ensued regarding whether the Committee has a role in the discussion around Circular Materials and waste collection within the business improvement areas (BIA).

A. Evans advised that the province put out consultation/proposed amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act in June, that if approved will require Circular Materials to present offers to communities to continue servicing small businesses, such as those previously serviced by Durham, such as the downtowns and BIAs. He advised that staff had some concerns on the draft approach regarding how things are being approached by Circular Materials with

respect to the level of service being proposed versus the level of service that is already existing. He further advised that staff will be attending additional meetings and presentations with Circular Materials to learn more.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding how waste is collected from the residents that live above local businesses; and whether there is any for incentives for municipalities to improve recycling or its efficiency.

## **8. Other Business**

### **A) Durham York Energy Center (DYEC) Reporting/Updates**

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L. Saha advised that the 2024 DYEC Facility Operations Annual report, the 2025 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Q1 and Q2 reports, and the AMESA Q1 report have been posted on the DYEC website. She advised that the 2025 Spring Source Test results are being finalized and that the report will be posted in the coming weeks, and that the Fall Source Test would occur in October 2025.

L. Saha advised that the Annual Waste Management report will be issued by the November 25, 2025, EFW-WMAC meeting.

### **B) Durham York Energy Center Environmental Compliance Application (ECA)**

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A. Evans advised that staff are in the process of finalizing the ECA that would increase the capacity at the DYEC from 140,000 to 160,000 tonnes and that the application will be submitted shortly. He advised that staff have committed to making the supplementary application available on the website once it has been finalized and made accessible.

Staff responded to a question from the Committee regarding how much further into the future the capacity increase would take the Region and whether the increase would be able to meet the communities needs.

### **C) Community and Upcoming Events**

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L. Saha advised that all of the community events to date have been very successful, and that staff will continue to promote the green bin program and other waste diversion initiatives throughout the remainder of the year which will include a few more Professional Activity (PA) day events.

A. Evans advised that the Region will be looking to host additional team visits in 2026 in order to continue to share best practices with respect to waste diversion, and that staff will be revisiting their presence at local community farmers markets that have historically been well received. He advised that staff will be on site all week at the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) Watershed Festival that will take place on September 23 – September 26, 2025, and that battery collection will take place the week of October 6, 2025.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee expressed an interest in meeting in-person so staff advised that they will look into the logistics of that for a future meeting.

The next regularly scheduled EFW-WMAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by A. Mohan, Seconded by G. Gordon,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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G. Baswick  
Chair

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S. Ciani  
Committee Clerk