

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC LIAISON COMMITTEE Wednesday, September 13, 2000

The Solid Waste Management Public Liaison Committee met at 7:40 p.m. in the Seminar Room of York Region's Administrative Centre at 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Gordon Landon, Town of Markham (Chair)
Frank Kelly, East Gwillimbury
Gail Parks, Newmarket
Harry Vander Kooij, King

Public:

Mark Brown, Richmond Hill
Ernestine Ogilvie, King

Local Municipal Staff:

Dave Gordon, Markham

Regional Staff:

Andrew Campbell, Director of Solid Waste Management
Dianne Pearson, Director of Communications
Kees Schipper, Commissioner of Transportation and Works
Elma Stevenson, Committee Co-ordinator
Elizabeth Wilson, Solicitor

Consultants:

Michael Pratt, Earth Tech (Canada) Inc.
Bill Balfour, Gartner Lee Limited

ABSENT:

Councillors:

Randy Barber, Markham
Mario Ferri, Vaughan
Peter Healy, Aurora
Ross Jamieson, Georgina
Janet Mabley, Richmond Hill
Steve Pliakes, Whitchurch-Stouffville

Public:

Damian Bassett, Markham
Heidi Kreiner Ley, Vaughan
Kathleen Redmond, East Gwillimbury
Jack Zangari, Newmarket

Local Municipal Staff:

Brian Anthony, Vaughan
Jim Barber, Newmarket
Stan Bertoia, Markham
Brian Grubbe, King
Doris Haas, Vaughan
Roy Howard, Newmarket
Wayne Hunt, East Gwillimbury
Wayne Jackson, Aurora
Ken Lauppe, Aurora
Bob Magloughlen, Georgina
Jeff Meggitt, Richmond Hill
Bob Shelton, Newmarket
Paul Whitehouse, Whitchurch-Stouffville

Regional Staff

Jeff Flewelling, Manager, Solid Waste Management

Consultants:

Bob Lippett, Gartner Lee Limited
Doug Thomson, McCarthy Tétrault

Other:

Ken Cunningham, Ministry of the Environment
Rob Cook, Ontario Waste Management Association

24 Introduction of Director of Solid Waste Management

The Chair introduced and extended a welcome to Andrew Campbell, the new Director of Solid Waste Management for the Region of York. Andrew Campbell was with the Region of Waterloo for ten years in the Waste Management Division and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of two landfill sites serving 400,000 people, curbside garbage and recycling collection as well as composting operations.

25 Announcement of Manager of Waste Management, Town of Markham

The Chair announced that Committee member Dave Gordon has been promoted to Manager of Waste Management, Town of Markham.

The Committee extended congratulations to Dave Gordon on his promotion.

26 Confirmation of Minutes – June 27, 2000

Harry Vander Kooij, seconded by Mark Brown, moved that the minutes of June 27, 2000, as presented, be confirmed and adopted, which was carried.

27 Resignation of Committee Member Ruth Reynolds

Committee had before it a communication, July 10, 2000, from Elma Stevenson, Committee Co-ordinator forwarding notice that Ruth Reynolds, citizen member of the Solid Waste Management Public Liaison Committee has moved and wishes to resign her membership.

The Committee received the communication and accepted the resignation of Ruth Reynolds.

28 Update on the TIRM (City of Toronto Integrated Solid Waste Resource Management) Process

Mike Pratt, Earth Tech (Canada) Inc. provided the following verbal update in the TIRM process. The City of Toronto has completed its due diligence reviews of the five short-listed waste disposal bidders and identified final and best prices from those bidders. In June (2000), City of Toronto staff identified a preferred long-term waste disposal solution for the City of

Toronto, and potentially for the GTA, involving a proposal to extend the Keele Valley Landfill Site's life and send portions of the remaining waste to landfills in Ontario and the U.S.A. This was their first choice for certain financial reasons. Staff recommended that if that recommendation was not acceptable, the second choice would be to accept the Rail Cycle North proposal to utilize the Adams Mine Site. The (City of Toronto) Committee did not accept staff's proposal, but asked staff to go back and negotiate with the bidders and to report back to Committee in July. In July, staff reported back and recommended the number one preference would be to accept the Rail Cycle North/ Adams Mine site proposal on the basis that it scored the best performance in terms of environmental evaluation criteria and Ontario benefits and, between June and July, Rail Cycle North was the best financial cost. Committee accepted that recommendation and recommended its adoption by City of Toronto Council. On August 2, 2000, Council debated the issue for one and one-half days and voted two-thirds in favour of accepting the Rail Cycle North proposal. This decision was conditional upon Durham, Peel and York also participating in the Rail Cycle North proposal because at the price negotiated, Rail Cycle North needs the volume of waste generated in the GTA rather than that simply out of Toronto. Toronto Council requested that Durham, Peel and York take a position by September 18, 2000.

Committee discussed the four categories of opposition that have been identified by opponents to the project, being:

- A contention that the scope of matters investigated was too limited during the planning and approvals process that culminated in Rail Cycle North receiving a Provincial environmental licence to build a landfill site;
- A technical opinion held that the hydraulic trap leachate containment concept proposed for the Adams Mine site will not work, resulting in leakage from the site and contamination of groundwater;
- Is there, or is there not, a willing host at the Adams Mine site; and
- There are opponents of the proposal who say it is "Out of Sight, Out of Mind" as well as an easy solution and will be a disincentive to municipalities aggressively pursuing recycling diversion programs.

29 Update on York's Dual Track Approach Waste Disposal Strategy

Committee had before it a Media Release (and Backgrounder) dated September 6, 2000 entitled "York Region selects replacement for Keele Valley, boosts diversion targets" advising that the York Region Solid Waste

Strategy Committee, at its meeting held September 6, 2000 accepted in principle a recommendation to partner with the City of Toronto to send its non-recyclable solid waste to Kirkland Lake in the wake of the 2002 closure of the Keele Valley Landfill site in Vaughan.

covered in the presentation:

- Background
- Waste Projection
- 2 or 3 Stream and Disposal Evaluation Criteria
- Solid Waste Processing & Transfer Facility RFP
- Miller Waste Systems Proposal
- System Evaluation Score - Bales Drive Site
- System Evaluation Score - Bloomington Site
- Disposal Background
- Toronto TIRM Process (TIRM being the attempt for a GTA-wide solid waste solution)
- York Only Process
- RFP - Solid Waste Disposal & Haulage
- Disposal & Haulage Issues
- System Component Costs
- Summary of System Costs
- Net System Costs (based on 10 Years)
- Recommendations

Overheads used in the presentation and other information items are on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk.

The Committee received the foregoing presentation and information items.

30 Solid Waste Processing and Transfer Facility Project System Evaluation

Committee was referred to a report, August 31, 2000, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works recommending that:

1. Regional Staff meet with the local municipal councils to present the two-stream and three-stream waste management system analysis as presented in the report; and
2. Regional Council request each local municipality to provide comments on a preferred system by October 2, 2000.

The Solid Waste Strategy Committee, at its meeting held September 6, 2000, recommended the adoption of these recommendations and the matter will be considered by Regional Council at its September 14, 2000 meeting.

31 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Public Liaison Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

COMMITTEE CO-ORDINATOR

CHAIR