



Annual Report

Durham Region
Energy From Waste - Waste Management Advisory Committee
(EFW – WMAC)

Presentation to Clarington Council
December 14, 2020

Committee Members 2019 / 2020

- George Rocoski (Chair) – Oshawa
- Sami Elhajjeh (Vice Chair) – Clarington
- William Basztyk – Brock
- Wendy Bracken – Clarington
- Anna-Marie Burrows – Ajax
- Theresa Farrell – Brock
- Clayton McLean – Ajax
- Kerry Meydam – Clarington
- Harri Sukhu – Clarington

Tour of Durham Region Waste Management Facilities

Monday January 13

- Material Recovery Facility (Whitby)
- Transfer Station (Oshawa)
- Composting Facility (Clarington)

2020 Committee Meetings

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- Tuesday February 25
- Tuesday May 26
 - Cancelled due to COVID
- Tuesday September 22
- Tuesday November 24

2020 Committee Meetings

Special Meetings

- Wednesday July 15
 - Presentation on Durham Region's Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021 to 2040
- Wednesday November 18
 - Discussion on Durham Region's Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021 to 2040

Topics Discussed at 2020 Committee Meetings

- Operation of Durham – York Energy Centre (DYEC)
- Proposed capacity expansions of DYEC
- Durham Region's Organic Management Program
- Concerns with AMESA long-term sampling system
- Durham Region's 2019 Waste Management Annual Report and finances
- Durham Region's Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021 to 2040
- Province's proposed regulatory amendments to make producers responsible for operating Blue Box programs

Motions

- Meeting of February 25
 - That a special EFW-WMAC meeting be called in the June/July timeframe once staff have received additional information and direction from the Province, to discuss the potential impacts on Durham Region regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and that potential meeting dates be sent to Committee members for review.

Motions

- Meeting of July 15
 - A) That the EFW-WMAC request that staff review Durham Region's long-term waste management website to ensure all necessary and appropriate information, including but not limited to: Durham's current waste programs; what work is being proposed; any financial costs associated with the project; current and past tonnage data, as well as future projections; and, any related staff reports is posted and available to the public, and where possible links to the external websites with a summary; and
 - B) That the Works Committee be informed of the EFW-WMAC request of staff

Motions

- Meeting of July 15 (continued)
 - A) That the EFW-WMAC request an opportunity for the public to comment on Durham Region's guiding principles and primary goals, and how they are consistent with provincial priorities; and
 - B) That the Works Committee be informed of the EFW-WMAC request.

Motions

- Meeting of July 15 (continued)
 - We recommend to the Works Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:
 - That the EFW-WMAC recommends that there be town hall meetings where the public can provide comments and ask questions of Durham Regional waste staff, and that it include at least one real time question and answer period on the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP); and that the town hall meetings occur prior to the Plan outline being developed and presented to the Works Committee and Regional Council

Motions

- Meeting of September 22
 - That the email correspondence and two references from Linda Gasser, dated September 21, 2020, regarding Correspondence to September 22, 2020 EFW-WMAC – further to July 15, 2020 EFW-WMAC discussion Re: LTWMP Guiding Principles (GP), be received for information. REFERRED BACK TO STAFF (See Following Motion)
 - That the email correspondence and two references from Linda Gasser, dated September 21, 2020, regarding Correspondence to September 22, 2020 EFW-WMAC – further to July 15, 2020 EFW-WMAC discussion re: LTWMP Guiding Principles (GP) correspondence be referred to Works staff for comment and for staff to answer the question of where the evidence is that shows Regional Council endorsed the guiding principles ¹¹ and report back to the Committee.

Motions

- Meeting of November 18
 - We recommend to the Works Committee for approval:
That the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP) guiding principles be amended as follows:
 - A. That an additional guiding principle be added as the first principle that states that the priority of the plan is to improve reduction and reuse; and
 - B. That a sixth guiding principle be added to set as a priority the reduction of toxic load on the environment.

Motions

- Meeting of November 18 (continued)
 - We recommend to the Works Committee for approval:

That the following list of suggested actions be forwarded to Works staff during the consideration of the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP):

 - Clear bag policy
 - Single use plastics
 - Increased enforcement
 - Increased education (including a list of pros and cons for every kind of waste management decision)
 - Providing details on cost
 - Benefits of mulching
 - Setting reduction targets and making those widely known to the public

2020 Summary

- Tours of waste management facilities
- Updates on operation of DYEC and on the progress of the Organics Management proposal in Durham
- Discussion on Durham Region's Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021 to 2040
- Province's proposed regulatory amendments to make producers responsible for operating Blue Box programs