



**City Of Kingston
Environment, Infrastructure & Transportation
Policies Committee
Meeting Number 03-2018
Minutes
Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

Committee Members Present

Councillor Hutchison
Councillor Neill; Vice-Chair
Councillor Osanic
Councillor Schell

Committee Members Absent

Councillor Stroud

Staff Members Present

Mr. Campbell, Director, Engineering Services
Mr. Hardy, Supervising Engineer
Mr. Keech, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston
Ms. Roberts, Manager, Solid Waste Operations
Mr. Thompson, Committee Clerk
Mr. Van Buren, Acting Commissioner, Transportation & Infrastructure Services

Others Present

Members of the public were present.

Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Schell
Seconded by Councillor Osanic

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Osanic
Seconded by Councillor Schell

That the Minutes of Environment, Infrastructure & Transportation Policies Committee Meeting Number 02-2018 held Wednesday March 7, 2018 be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Delegations

There were none.

Briefings

- a) Ms. Roberts, Director, Solid Waste Services was present to speak to the Committee regarding Update on Amended Blue Box Program Plan and Material Recovery Facility.

Ms. Roberts conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding Amended Blue Box Program Plan and Material Recovery Facility. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the original set of minutes located in the City Clerk's Department.

Councillor Hutchison questioned whether the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) would remain a dual stream system. Ms. Roberts explained that the MRF is technically a four stream facility and noted that it appears to be a dual stream system from a customer standpoint.

Councillor Hutchison asked staff whether Council would be made aware that the assets could lose their value. Ms. Roberts responded that staff will ensure that Council is aware of this possibility. She indicated that the proposed adjustment is a responsible move to make which will benefit the City for the next five years.

Councillor Hutchison suggested that staff brief Council regarding this matter.

Councillor Schell questioned if the MRF could become a stranded asset due to producers becoming fully responsible for the processing of waste associated with their products. Ms. Roberts spoke to this matter further in relation to governmental regulations.

Councillor Schell asked staff whether a change in provincial government could dramatically alter legislation. Ms. Roberts responded that presently it appears that all parties seem to support the blue box system.

Councillor Neill requested that Councillor Osanic assume the role of Chair.

Councillor Neill questioned if the MRF would be able to recover the costs associated with the upgrade. He asked staff if the facility could serve other municipalities. Ms. Roberts responded that the City currently has two agreements in place with South Frontenac Township and Loyalist Township to process their recycling.

Councillor Neill sought further clarification regarding the facility potentially becoming a stranded asset. Ms. Roberts provided the Committee with further information regarding this matter.

Councillor Neill resumed the role of Chair.

Business

a) Update on Amended Blue Box Program Plan and Material Recovery Facility

The Chair afforded members of the public with an opportunity to provide comment.

Mr. Dixon spoke to the spoiling of recycling in Toronto.

Mr. Dixon questioned if other municipalities utilize alternating recycling pickup schedules.

Mr. Dixon asked staff if the federal government provides recycling oversight.

Ms. Roberts responded that the situation occurring in Toronto is not occurring in the City of Kingston. She mentioned that staff issued a press release regarding this matter.

Ms. Roberts spoke to the blue box and grey box bi-weekly collection schedules.

Councillor Neill requested that Councillor Osanic assume the role of Chair.

Councillor Neill indicated that he is supportive of the recommendation. He stated that the programs in Kingston are excellent and commented that the recommendation would improve the system further.

Councillor Neill resumed the role of Chair.

Moved by Councillor Osanic
Seconded by Councillor Hutchison

That the Environment, Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee recommend that Council approve the reallocation of the current capital budget of \$5,000,000 for a New Material Recovery Facility (MRF) to undertake necessary retrofits at the MRF including, but not limited to, equipment replacement, installation of new equipment and expansion of the tipping floors.

Carried

b) Stormwater Management Program Overview

Mr. Hardy provided the Committee with a summary of the Report.

Councillor Schell sought further information regarding mitigating storm water issues on private property. Mr. Hardy spoke to options to improve storm water management on private property.

Councillor Neill referenced the Official Plan and noted that developers have demonstrated that they can effectively handle storm water on their sites. He indicated that this matter has been strictly enforced by the Planning & Development Services.

Mr. Van Buren provided the Committee with additional information regarding storm water management plans for subdivisions. He spoke to the site plan process and the City policies related to this matter.

In response to a question from Councillor Hutchison, Mr. Hardy responded that staff provide advice when they receive comments regarding drainage concerns. He indicated that Utilities Kingston hosts drainage workshops. He provided the Committee with information regarding the rain barrel program.

Councillor Osanic sought further information regarding the bioswales pilot project. Mr. Hardy provided background information regarding the bioswails pilot project. Councillor Osanic noted that public education regarding this matter is important.

The Chair afforded members of the public with an opportunity to provide comment.

Mr. Dixon spoke to major flooding events and noted that flooding has occurred at Belle Park.

Mr. Hardy responded that a consultant is reviewing recent flooding events and that a report would be forthcoming.

Motions

There were none.

Notices of Motion

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Correspondence

There was none.

Date and time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Environment, Infrastructure & Transportation Policies Committee is to be held Monday June 11, 2018.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Osanic
Seconded by Councillor Schell

That the meeting of the Environment, Infrastructure, and Transportation Policies Committee adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Carried