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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

WORKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

A regular meeting of the Works Committee was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Mitchell, Chair
Councillor Barton
Councillor Crawford
Councillor McLean
Councillor John Neal, left the meeting at 10:30 AM on municipal business
Councillor Smith
Regional Chair Henry
*** all members of Committee except Councillor Mitchell and Regional Chair Henry participated electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Bath-Hadden
Councillor Collier
Councillor Dies
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Yamada

Absent: Councillor Marimpietri, Vice-Chair

Staff

Present: G. Anello, Director of Waste Management
C. Bandel, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services
J. Demanuele, Director of Business Services
L. Fleury, Legislative Officer, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
J. Hunt, Director of Legal Services, Corporate Services – Legal Services
R. Jagannathan, Director of Transportation and Field Services
J. Paquette, Manager (Works), Corporate Communications
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
J. Presta, Director of Environmental Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Smith,
(52) That the minutes of the regular Works Committee meeting held on
Wednesday, June 3, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations heard.

6. Presentations

6.1 Gio Anello, Director of Waste Management and Michael Cant, Vice-President,
GHD Limited, re: Mixed Waste Pre-sort Technology

G. Anello, Director of Waste Management, and Michael Cant, Vice-President,
GHD Limited, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Mixed Waste Pre-
Sort Technology.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Presentation Outline
- What is Mixed Waste, Pre-Sort and Anerobic Digestion?
- Durham's Residential Waste
- Pre-Sort Objectives
- Pre-Sort Technology
- Pre-Sort Layout
- Artificial Intelligence in Pre-Sort
- Pre-Sort Facilities

G. Anello responded to questions from the Committee regarding the potential cost savings from placing the Mixed Waste Pre-Sort Facility beside the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC); whether the recyclables can be marketed in the current environment; how much paper product could be accepted through anaerobic digestion; what percentage of the sorting at the facility would be done by humans and what percentage by robotics; and whether the facility will be sized larger than needed to meet the Region's waste processing needs.

S. Siopis advised that it would be inherent in the Region's evaluation of all design proposals that staff would be looking for all opportunities to incorporate both flexibility in the technologies and the ability to expand if necessary.

Staff responded to further questions regarding whether Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) would change the composition in the black bags and reduce tonnage being processed through the Mixed-Waste Pre-Sort Facility.

7. Waste

7.1 Correspondence

It was the consensus of the Committee to alter the agenda to deal with Item 7.1 B) and Item 7.1 C) next.

- B) Email Correspondence from Linda Gasser, dated July 7, 2020, re: Memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, dated June 15, 2020, re: 2018 Municipal Benchmarking Data – Waste Management

Moved by Councillor John Neal, Seconded by Councillor Barton,

(53) That the email correspondence from Linda Gasser, dated July 7, 2020, re: Memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, dated June 15, 2020, re: 2018 Municipal Benchmarking Data – Waste Management, be referred to consideration of Item 7.1 A), Memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works.

CARRIED

- C) Email Correspondence from Kerry Meydam dated July 7, 2020, re: Memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, dated June 15, 2020, re: 2018 Municipal Benchmarking Data – Waste Management

Moved by Councillor John Neal, Seconded by Councillor Barton,

(54) That the email correspondence from Kerry Meydam dated July 7, 2020, re: Memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, dated June 15, 2020, re: 2018 Municipal Benchmarking Data – Waste Management be referred to consideration of Item 7.1 A), Memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works.

CARRIED

- A) Memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, dated June 15, 2020, re: 2018 Municipal Benchmarking Data – Waste Management

In response to a question, S. Siopis advised that the annual report on waste comes forward every year and is a public document.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Smith,

- (55) That the memorandum from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, dated June 15, 2020, re: 2018 Municipal Benchmarking Data – Waste Management, be received for information.

CARRIED

- D) Email Correspondence from Linda Gasser, dated July 7, 2020, re: Report #2020-WR-3: Request for Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Omachron Plastics Inc.

Moved by Councillor John Neal, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,

- (56) That email correspondence from Linda Gasser, dated July 7, 2020, re: Report #2020-WR-3: Request for Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Omachron Plastics Inc. be referred to consideration of Report #2020-WR-3 of the Commissioner of Works.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

- A) Request for Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Omachron Plastics Inc. (2020-WR-3)

Report #2020-WR-3 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

In response to a question, S. Siopis advised that the term “pilot project” referenced in Report #2020-WR-3 of the Commissioner of Works, meant an opportunity to try something innovative with little risk or costs to the Region. She also advised that the agreement with Omachron Plastics Inc. would be struck with the knowledge that Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) would be coming.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Smith,

- (57) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Regional Municipality of Durham staff be authorized to enter into an Agreement to support a pilot project with Omachron Plastics Inc., which provides for Omachron’s purchasing of plastics at a fair market price and the Regional Municipality of Durham continue working with Omachron Plastics Inc. to develop other opportunities for the use of the Regional Municipality of Durham’s recyclable materials, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the Agreement, and any ancillary documents necessary.

CARRIED

B) Request to Extend and Amend Standing Agreement C002275 with Miller Waste Systems for the Collection of Recyclables from Multi-Dwelling Units (2020-WR-4)

Report #2020-WR-4 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Smith,
(58) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Standing Agreement C002275 with Miller Waste Systems for the collection of recyclable blue box material from multi-residential dwelling units in the Cities of Pickering and Oshawa and the Towns of Ajax and Whitby be extended for a two-year period commencing October 1, 2021, ending on September 30, 2023 at an estimated total cost of approximately \$611,200* (\$305,600* annually) with the option to extend up to two additional one-year periods, funded from the approved annual Solid Waste Management Operating Budgets;
- B) That Standing Agreement C002275 be amended to include the multi-residential buildings presently serviced under Standing Agreement C003008 for the curbside collection of garbage, recycling and organics in the Municipality of Clarington and Townships of Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock to provide operational efficiencies at no net cost to the Regional Municipality of Durham; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute all documents related to this contract amendment.
(*) excludes applicable taxes

CARRIED

8. Works

8.1 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to be considered.

8.2 Reports

- A) A By-law to Authorize the Construction of a Watermain and the Imposition of Water Frontage and Connection Charges Upon the Property Owners Abutting Fielding Court, in the Town of Ajax (2020-W-37)
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Report #2020-W-37 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Staff responded to questions regarding how the connection charges were calculated for both the Fielding Court and Ontoro Boulevard projects, as they were different.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(59) That we recommend to Council:

That a by-law to authorize construction of a watermain and the imposition of water frontage and connection charges upon the property owners of 15 properties abutting Fielding Court, in the Town of Ajax, generally in the form included in Attachment #1 to Report #2020-W-37 of the Commissioner of Works, be approved.

CARRIED

- B) A By-law to Authorize the Construction of a Watermain and the Imposition of Water Frontage and Connection Charges Upon the Property Owners Abutting Range Road, Lake Ridge Road South and Ontoro Boulevard, in the Town of Ajax (2020-W-38)
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Report #2020-W-38 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Discussion ensued regarding the financial implications and whether preferential pricing was received. In response to a question J. Hunt advised that there are two property owners that the Region is currently engaged with regarding unique circumstances.

Moved by Councillor McLean, Seconded by Councillor Crawford,
(60) That we recommend to Council:

That a by-law generally in the form included as Attachment #1 to Report #2020-W-38 of the Commissioner of Works, to authorize construction of a watermain and the imposition of water frontage and connection charges upon the property owners of 44 properties abutting Range Road, Lake Ridge Road South and Ontoro Boulevard, in the Town of Ajax, be approved.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

No

Councillor Barton
Councillor Crawford
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor McLean
Councillor Smith
Councillor Mitchell, Chair

None

Members Absent: Councillor Marimpietri
Councillor John Neal

Declarations of Interest: None

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

10. Confidential Matters

10.1 Reports

A) Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Works – Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land for Regional Corporation Purposes as it Relates to the Disposition of Lands Located in Sunderland, Township of Brock (2020-W-39)

Confidential Report #2020-W-39 from S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Staff responded to questions regarding whether the building located on the land has access to municipal water and sewer; why the facility wasn't connected to the municipal sewer system; and, the status of the well on the property.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Crawford, (61) That we recommend to Council:

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2020-W-39 of the Commissioner of Works be adopted.

CARRIED

11. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Works Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Smith, Seconded by Councillor Crawford, (62) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Mitchell, Chair

S. Penak, Committee Clerk