



## Addendum to the Works Committee Agenda

Council Chambers  
Regional Headquarters Building  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**9:30 AM**

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### 7. Waste

#### 7.1 Correspondence

- A) Memorandum dated January 4, 2021 from Susan Siopis, Commissioner of Works, and Gioseph Anello, Director of Waste Management Services, re: Municipality of Clarington Resolution #C-506-20 regarding Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) Motions to Works Committee

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Recommendation: Receive for Information



**The Regional  
Municipality of  
Durham**

Works Department

# Memorandum

**Date:** January 4, 2021

**To:** Regional Chair Henry and Members of Works Committee

**From:** Susan Siopis, P.Eng., Commissioner, Works, and  
Giuseppe Anello, M.Eng., P.Eng., PMP, Director, Waste  
Management Services

**Copy:** Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington

**Subject:** Municipality of Clarington Resolution #C-506-20 regarding  
Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory  
Committee (EFW-WMAC) Motions to Works Committee

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The recent correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington dated December 17, 2020, regarding the EFW-WMAC Annual Update requests that "...Council of the Municipality of Clarington encourages the Regional Public Works Committee to ensure that full consideration is given to motions brought forward by the EFW-WMAC."

This request came following the discussion related to the presentation on the EFW-WMAC activities in 2020 which also listed the motions passed by the committee. It was suggested that the majority of the motions were disregarded since they were "received for information".

The following table demonstrates how each of the motions were actioned.

Motion	Action Taken
<p>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.</p>	<p>The draft regulation was issued October 29, 2020, and a presentation was given to the Committee on November 24, 2020.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>The website was updated with links to the documents suggested.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Town Hall meeting was held November 5, 2020.</p>
<p>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 and report back to the Committee.</p>	<p>Response sent to Linda Gasser and Committee, November 24, 2020, and December 11, 2020.</p>
<p>That the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP) guiding principles be amended as follows:</p> <p>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</p> <p>B. That a sixth guiding principle be added to set as a priority the reduction of toxic load on the environment.</p>	<p>Guiding principles amended to include reduction and reuse.</p> <p>The term 'toxic load' refers to the accumulation of toxins and chemicals in our bodies and is therefore beyond the scope of the LTWMP. (see note below)</p>

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<p>That the following list of suggested actions be forwarded to Works staff during the consideration of the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (LTWMP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear bag policy</li> <li>• Single use plastics</li> <li>• Increased enforcement</li> <li>• Increased education (including a list of pros and cons for every kind of waste management decision)</li> <li>• Providing details on cost</li> <li>• Benefits of mulching</li> <li>• Setting reduction targets and making those widely known to the public</li> </ul>	<p>List was forwarded to staff for consideration.</p>

Each of the motions were discussed during the meeting and staff provided input and recommendations. If a motion is passed by the EFW-WMAC members (whether or not it is supported by staff), a recommendation is made to Works Committee. An example of this occurred when the EFW-WMAC passed a motion: “That a sixth guiding principle be added to set as a priority the reduction of toxic load on the environment.”

Clarification on how this would be translated into an objective, target or action plan was not provided. Further investigation by staff indicated that the term ‘toxic load’ refers to the accumulation of toxins and chemicals in our bodies. This recommendation would be beyond the scope of the Long-Term Waste Management Plan (and the expertise of Works staff).

**End of Memo**