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## **The Regional Municipality of Durham**

### **MINUTES**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Regional Chair Henry assumed the Chair.

Present: All members of Council were present with the exception of Councillors Collier, Leahy, McLean, Mitchell, John Neal, Ryan, Wotten and Yamada. Councillor Collier attended the meeting at 9:32 AM  
Councillor Leahy attended the meeting at 9:40 AM due to municipal business  
Councillor Ryan was absent due to personal matters  
Councillor Wotten was absent with regrets  
Councillor Yamada attended the meeting at 9:40 AM due to municipal business

Staff

Present: C. Bandel, E. Baxter-Trahair, D. Beaton, B. Holmes, R. Inacio, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, M. Januszkiewicz, G. Muller, S. Siopis, N. Taylor, S. Penak, and R. Walton

#### **1. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Bath-Hadden made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Report #2020-COW-2: Solid Waste Management - 2020 Strategic Issues and Financial Forecast. She indicated that a family member works for Durham Region waste.

#### **2. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

#### **3. Delegations**

There were no delegations to be heard.

#### **4. Presentations**

There were no presentations to be heard.

## 5. Correspondence

- A) Email Correspondence dated January 14, 2020 from Linda Gasser, Whitby resident, re: her concerns that sufficient detailed information required to properly assess staff recommendation on managing waste in Durham, has not been provided. Ms. Gasser requests that the following key points be considered: After producers take up responsibility for the Blue Box who will process the contaminated recyclables that Durham staff claim they could extract from the mixed garbage in addition to the organics? Who will pay to process those and where and how much will that cost? Ms. Gasser provided an extract from the 2015 Waste Management Annual Report regarding tonnage amounts between 2005-2015; Report #2009-J-2010: The 2010 Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study; and the 2018 MBNCANADA Performance Measurement Report regarding Waste Management
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Moved by Councillor Marimpietri, Seconded by Councillor Lee,

- (1) That the email correspondence dated January 14, 2020 from Linda Gasser, Whitby resident, re: her concerns that sufficient detailed information required to properly assess staff recommendation on managing waste in Durham, has not been provided be referred to consideration of Report #2020-COW-2 of the Commissioners of Works and Finance.

CARRIED

## 6. Reports

- A) Litigation or Potential Litigation affecting the Regional Corporation (2020-COW-1)

Report #2020-COW-1 from D. Beaton, Commissioner of Corporate Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Foster,

- (2) That we recommend to Council:

That the proposed recommendations contained in the attached confidential memorandum from the Director of Legal Services dated January 15, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

- B) Solid Waste Management: 2020 Strategic Issues and Financial Forecast (2020-COW-2)
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Report #2020-COW-2 from N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, and S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works, was received.

Staff responded to questions with respect to potential options for an additional waste transfer station to alleviate the high volumes at the Oshawa waste transfer

station; when the business case for the organics management plan will be brought forward for Council consideration; the use of debenture financing and reserve funds for solid waste management capital programs; and, available data on the methane gas coming from the closed landfill sites.

Councillor Joe Neal questioned the cost structure relating to the City of Oshawa and the Town of Whitby providing their own waste collection services, and how it works financially. N. Taylor advised she could provide a memorandum outlining the financial structure.

Staff responded to additional questions regarding how much has been spent to date on anaerobic digestion (AD) and waste pre-sort facilities; whether the landfill's under the Region's jurisdiction include landfill sites prior to 1974 that were under the jurisdiction of a township; the level of waste collection services provided for multi-residential units; how the requirement of 50% waste reduction and resource recovery of organic waste generated within buildings by 2025 will be achieved; and, the status of the Brock West Toronto landfill site and if it would be considered for landfill mining.

Moved by Councillor Lee, Seconded by Councillor Barton,  
(3) That we recommend to Council:

That the 2020 Solid Waste Management Strategic Issues and Financial Forecast be received and forwarded to the 2020 Business Planning and Budget deliberations.

CARRIED

**7. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**8. Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Leahy,  
(4) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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John Henry, Regional Chair

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Committee Clerk