

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Minutes

Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

A meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:05 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: W. Baszytk, Brock
S. Elhajjeh, Clarington
R. Fleming, Pickering
K. Meydam, Clarington
G. Rocoski, Oshawa
J. Vinson, Clarington
***members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: G. Gordon, Whitby, Chair
P. Haylock, Clarington, Vice-Chair

Non-Voting Members

Present: A. Burke, Senior Planner, Special Projects, Municipality of Clarington
Councillor Jones, Local Councillor, Municipality of Clarington
L. Kwan, Environmental Specialist, Covanta
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department, Durham Region

Staff

Present: G. Anello, Director of Waste Management Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Committee Clerk asked for nominations for a committee member to Chair the meeting.

Moved by W. Baszytk, Seconded by S. Elhajjeh,
That in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, G. Rocoski be nominated to Chair the May 24, 2022 EFW-WMAC meeting.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by R. Fleming, Seconded by S. Elhajjeh,
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday,
February 22, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Announcements

There were no announcements.

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items.

8. Administrative Matters

A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan – Next Steps

G. Rocoski inquired whether there have been any developments with regards to the discussion had at the February 22 2022 meeting regarding whether committee members were interested in working with the Durham Region Works Department to help with initiatives such as the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR); bio-gas cover; waste streams; outreach programs etc. G. Anello was requested to provide more information to committee members prior to the next meeting.

9. Other Business

A) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Durham Region's Organics Management Project

G. Anello provided an update regarding Durham Region's Organics Management Project. He advised that staff had received proposals from two potential proponents in April 2022 and that the submissions are put in two phases: technical and financial. He advised that the technical evaluation is underway and the second step will be the financial evaluation which consists of a business case assessment. He advised that recommendations will be presented to the Committee of the Whole and Regional Council in June 2022.

G. Anello responded to questions with regards to the approval process once the recommendations have been endorsed by Committee of the Whole and Regional Council.

B) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Extended Producer Responsibility

G. Anello provided an update regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). He advised that the Ministry is working through some issues with producers regarding the structure of regulations but has confirmed that the transition dates will not change and is still scheduled for 2024.

G. Anello responded to questions regarding the implementation dates and the leasing of the material recovery facility.

C) Update by Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding the Durham York Energy Centre

G. Anello provided an update regarding the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC). He advised that the source test was run the week of May 19th and staff is now awaiting the results.

With regards to the recent storm, G. Anello advised that the DYEC was not affected as it was able to operate in island mode despite the electric grid being down. He stated that of concern is the amount of damaged waste material, as a result of the storm, that is coming in from local areas such as the Township of Uxbridge. He stated that the DYEC is operating the way it should be and staff is ensuring they have capacity to address the additional waste.

G. Anello responded to questions regarding the emissions stack testing and whether it includes testing for emissions of carbon dioxide.

Questions to Staff

K. Meydam inquired about biogenic carbon emissions and whether there have been any discussions about how greenhouse gas emissions are calculated.

K. Meydam also inquired about whether Durham Region will be reconsidering the use of clear plastic bags. S. Elhajjeh inquired about the reluctance behind moving to clear plastic bags as well as enforcement.

10. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by S. Elhajjeh, Seconded by K. Meydam,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

G. Rocoski, Acting Chair, Energy from Waste –
Waste Management Advisory Committee

N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council