

## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### Minutes

#### Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

A meeting of the Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:02 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was discovered that due to technical difficulties, there was no audio being recorded during the meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: G. Gordon, Whitby, Chair  
G. Baswick, Clarington  
G. Best, Whitby attended the meeting at 7:05 PM  
M. Cannon, Oshawa  
R. Fleming, Pickering  
P. Haylock, Clarington, Vice-Chair  
T. Shomar, Clarington  
J. Vinson, Clarington  
**\*all members of the Committee participated electronically**

Absent: K. Palinka, Oshawa

#### Non-Voting Members

Present: S. Kaur, Environmental Specialist, Covanta  
N. Ratnasingam, Climate Action Response Coordinator  
**\*all non-voting members of the Committee participated electronically**

#### Staff

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
K. Dykman, Supervisor, Waste Services  
A. Evans, Director, Waste Management Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist – Information Technology  
L. Saha, Manager, Waste Services  
D. San Juan, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department, Durham Region  
N. Williams, Project Manager, Waste Services  
**\*all staff members participated electronically**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by T. Shomar, Seconded by M. Cannon,  
That the minutes of the EFW-WMAC meeting held on Tuesday,  
November 28, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Presentations**

There were no presentations heard.

**5. Delegations**

There were no delegations heard.

**6. Correspondence**

There were no correspondence items to be considered.

**7. Administrative Matters**

A) EFW-WMAC Work Plan (2023-2024) – Working Group Updates

A. Evans reminded the committee members that the three areas of the workplan that could be further investigated are:

1. Plan and Program Implementation (as it relates to the Long-Term Waste Management Plan, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and changes and enhancements to the Region's Organics Program);
2. Diversion Program Assessment (review and assess opportunities for the Region to optimize and increase diversion opportunities within Durham Region); and
3. Technology and Facility Review (reviewing key technologies which are or may be utilized by the Region in delivery of waste management services).

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a clearer direction with respect to the Committee members investigating the various topics listed above.

Due to technical difficulties, P. Haylock, Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair at 7:06 PM. G. Gordon resumed the Chair at 7:21 PM for the remainder of the meeting.

## 8. Other Business

### A) Update by Lipika Saha, Manager, Waste Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding 2024 Community and Outreach Activities

L. Saha advised that there will be a number of special events in waste management occurring in 2024 that members of the EFW-WMAC could volunteer to participate in. She highlighted the following events:

- Compost Giveaway Days (April – June 2024)
- Environment Days (June – October 2024)
- Durham Open Doors Events – June 2024 (Durham Region Celebrates 50 Years)
  - The Durham Open Doors anniversary events are replacing tours arranged annually in celebration of National Public Works Week (NPWW) – May 19 to 25, 2024

L. Saha also advised the Committee of the following additional events occurring in Durham Region:

- Curbside Giveaway Days (May 4, 2024 and September 14, 2024)
- Waste Reduction Week (WRW) – October 16-22, 2024

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding why the City of Oshawa and the Town of Whitby did not participate in the 2023 Curbside Giveaway Days, and whether local Councils have to opt in in order to participate in that event.

R. Fleming indicated that she would be interested in participating at the City of Pickering's Compost Giveaway Day in May.

### B) Update by Andrew Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, regarding Durham York Energy Centre

A. Evans advised that the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) facility remains fully operational with no issues to report. He advised that the DYEC processed the full 140,000 tonnes of waste in 2023, and that the annual report is due at the end of March 2024 to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Discussion ensued regarding various tours that the Committee members have taken, and that a number of nuclear engineering students toured the DYEC in February 2024.

A. Evans responded to questions from the Committee regarding concerns with respect to how black polystyrene trays will be processed at the material

recovery facility; and when investigations would start with respect to future expansion of the DYEC.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EFW-WMAC will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in Council Chambers, at 7:00 PM, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved by R. Fleming, Seconded by M. Cannon,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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G. Gordon, Chair, Energy from Waste – Waste  
Management Advisory Committee

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S. Ciani, Committee Clerk