

Minutes of the Dysart et al Waste Management Advisory Committee
held in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 7th, 2007
commencing at 8:30 a.m.

- Present: Reeve – Murray Fearrey for a portion of the meeting
Councillor – Derek Knowles
Councillor – Dan Kay for a portion of the meeting
Members – Ann Maher, John Miller and Bruce Bozec
Staff – Tammy McKelvey and Mark Brohm
- Absent: Deputy-Reeve – Bill Davis due to a Death in the Family.
- Adoption of Agenda: Res. No. 46, Derek Knowles, John Miller
“Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting of May 7th, 2007 is hereby adopted as circulated.”
Carried
- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None declared.
- Adoption of Minutes: Res. No. 47, Ann Maher, John Miller
“Be it resolved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee Minutes of the meeting held on April 2nd, 2007 are hereby adopted as circulated.”
Carried
- Update Re: Cost of Transparent Bags: Further discussion was held regarding the use of transparent/clear garbage bags. Clear bags are more expensive than green bags partially because they are made from original plastic, not from recycled material. The Committee conceded that realistically, grocery bags would still be used. The translucent (pink or blue) bags are made with recycled material, but they are not very strong.

Merchants are to be told that the use of clear plastic bags is encouraged, but will not be enforced at this time. Mr. Brohm was directed to change the flyer to reflect this information.

Councillor Kay arrived at the meeting.
- Memo from CAO Re: Furniture and Mattress Disposal: A further discussion was held regarding the proposed amendment to the by-law regarding mattresses. The CAO’s memo advised that Mr. Brohm has clarified that it is not only mattresses, but sofas and stuffed chairs that should be diverted in order to save on the cost of constructing covers at the landfill to store these items. The cost to have these items transported to MCS was \$35,000 last year and they were *landfilled* there once received. It was suggested that that money could be put to better use, since the items were not being recycled anyway.

Concern was expressed that more than one landfill should be made available for disposal to avoid having items left by the roadside. The Committee agreed that the Haliburton, Kennisis and Harcourt landfills would be where these items would be diverted to and that they were not to be shipped to MCS anymore. Staff was directed to have the by-law amended accordingly.

Res. No. 48, Bruce Bozec, Dan Kay

“Be it resolved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that By-law #2006-65 be amended to restrict the disposal of mattresses, sofas and stuffed chairs to the Haliburton, Kennisis and Harcourt Landfill sites, only.”
Carried
- Signage: Mr. Brohm was directed to arrange to have signs posted on the fences in front of the bins indicating “Cans, Glass, Plastics” and “Paper”.

It was noted that volunteers are still being arranged for the Haliburton Landfill Site.

Reeve Fearrey left the meeting due to another commitment.

Appointment of
Acting
Chairperson:

Res. No. 49, Ann Maher, John Miller

“Be it resolved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee appoints Dan Kay as Acting Chairperson for the balance of the meeting.”

Carried

Discussion and
Recommendations
from MCS and
Muskoka Landfill
Tours:

The Committee agreed that the Municipality needs to move forward with compaction units and that a consultant should be hired to put a plan together. Andrew Buzza from Jp2g Consultants was called and asked for his input. Andrew suggested that MCS help put together a site plan and costs. The CAO noted that Andrew Buzza will need to be involved when the design is finalized to make the appropriate applications to the MOE for an amended certificate of approval.

Res. No. 50, Bruce Bozec, Ann Maher

“Be it resolved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee recommends to Council that a consultant be retained to develop options for recycling operation changes at the Haliburton Landfill Site utilizing compactor units.”

Carried

Some preliminary ideas were discussed by the Committee, such as commercial recycling requires a different flow route than residential and that the new building housing the compactor should have an office for the Landfill Manager.

Compaction,
Cover and
Maintenance
Services Tender:

Discussion was held regarding the specifications for the Maintenance Tender. The CAO advised that Reeve Fearrey had recommended the tendering of this service for one (1) year as the County is considering options for the purchase of equipment for landfill compaction next year. It was decided that the tender should be for one year with an option to extend to two years. The specifications for machinery at the larger landfill was agreed upon; however, Councillor Kay felt that it was too stringent for the smaller sites. A lengthy discussion evolved and this matter was deferred to a later date.

Review of
Modified
Recycling Flyer:

A brief discussion was held regarding the changes to the Recycling Flyer and Mr. Brohm was directed to print “See-through bags are encouraged and will be mandated for household garbage” on the flyer.

Part Time
Landfill
Attendant
Update:

There has not been an advertisement for the new part-time landfill attendant position at the Haliburton landfill site, yet, as this is a new position and must be rated on the salary grid in compliance with legislation. Work is underway in this regard.

Identification for
Landfill Staff:

It was discussed that the Landfill Staff should have some attire that would identify them as staff, such as T-shirts or orange vests.

Next Meeting:

Due to other commitments, the Committee members suggested that the next three meetings (June, July and August) will be held the first Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting was established for Tuesday, June 5th, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Res. No. 51, Derek Knowles, Ann Maher

“Be it resolved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Carried

Chairperson: Murray Fearrey

CAO/Clerk: Tammy McKelvey