

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 18, 2004

REGION OF YORK'S ASIAN LONG-HORNED BEETLE YARD WASTE PROCESSING SITE – UPDATE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that this report be received for information.

Purpose

To update Council as to the status of the Region of York's site for processing yard waste collected from within the Asian Long-Horned Beetle Regulated Area.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting of October 4, 2004, a deputation was made by Mr. Nick Pinto. Among other issues that he brought to Council's attention was the Region's yard waste processing site on Ashbridge Circle. As a result of Mr. Pinto's deputation, Council requested an update on the Region's actions to process yard waste materials collected from within the Regulated Area of Vaughan.

On October 15, 2004, the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works received a copy of a letter from the Regional Municipality of York to the Ministry of Environment's Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch. The letter indicated that the Region's is still moving ahead with the Ashbridge Circle site, which is located within the CFIA Regulated Area, but the City of Vaughan has yet to issue a building permit, and the Ministry has yet to issue the required Operational or Air Certificates of Approval.

The Region of York applied for site plan approval in late August, 2004. City staff have completed their review of the application and issued site plan approval recently. A building permit application was received in late September and is currently being processed.

The Region also indicated that a contract for construction of the facility cannot yet be awarded until the building permit and necessary Certificates of Approval have been issued. The Region's contractor has indicated that it would take approximately 5 weeks to get the site in operation. The Region has indicated to the Ministry that it plans to continue using the Rutherford Road facility until the end of the 2004 yard waste season. If the necessary approvals and permits are received soon, the Ashbridge Circle site is expected to be operational for the start-up of the City's 2005 Yard Waste collection program.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The Region is still moving ahead with the Ashbridge Circle site; however, the site will not be operational in time to handle any of the City's fall yard waste material from within the Regulated Area. Accordingly, this material will continue to be taken to the CFIA approved Rutherford Road site for processing.

Attachments

N/A

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