

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) MAY 11, 2004

PRESENTATION ON THE 3 STREAM WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

(Referred from the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), Meeting of April 27, 2004)

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session), at its meeting of April 27, 2004, recommended:

- 1) That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting of May 11, 2004 and that the Region of York be requested to make a presentation;
- 2) That the memorandum from the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated April 27, 2004, be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 3, 2004; and
- 3) That the presentation material, be received.

Report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works with respect to the above dated April 27, 2004

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

- 1) That the presentation of staff be received;
- 2) That any comments or recommendations arising from the presentation be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of York (the Region) for their consideration in the design and implementation of the 3 stream waste processing program and/or facilities;
- 3) That the City plan to implement a 3 stream collection program no sooner than July 2005, subject to:
 - a) confirmation from the Region that by July 2005, there is sufficient capacity at Halton Recycling Inc.'s Newmarket facility to handle Source Separated Organics from the City of Vaughan,
 - b) the Region's new Materials Recovery Facility on Bales Drive, to which fully commingled recycling materials can be delivered, being fully operational,
 - c) sufficient funding being approved to cover the additional administrative and collection costs of this new program, and,
 - d) new collection contracts being finalized and the necessary collection equipment being available to commence collection.

Purpose

To inform Council about the upcoming 3 stream waste collection program.

Background - Analysis and Options

As part of the Region's overall waste disposal and diversion plans, and to comply with the new provincial target of 60% waste diversion by 2008, a 3 stream waste collection and processing program is being introduced. Area municipalities are expected to be participating in this program by July 2005.

The presentation today by staff outlines further the 3 stream program, its impact on collection, and provides items for discussion concerning collection frequency and existing collection contracts.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report recommends a change from the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have not been allocated.

Conclusion

Waste is a shared responsibility, with the Region responsible for waste processing and disposal, and the City responsible for collection. The City's collection programs must not only meet the needs of the residents, but also contribute towards the Province's overall goal of 60% waste diversion by 2008. The 3 stream program, and other initiatives, will help Vaughan achieve this goal.

Attachments

N/A

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