

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) – JUNE 12, 2012**

### **UPDATE ON THE REGION'S INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that the joint presentation from York Region and City of Vaughan staff be received.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

The main purpose of the Region's Integrated Waste Management Master Plan is to ensure a sustainable waste management system that can deal with the issues of today, as well as those for the next 40 years.

#### **Economic Impact**

At this point, there are no economic impacts as a result of the work done to date. Depending on the findings and recommendations coming from the master plan process, operational changes may be required in the future. These may have a financial impact on the City, the Region, or both.

#### **Communications Plan**

As part of the master plan process, there have been numerous outreach programs and public meetings to gather residents' input. These are dealt with in more detail in the presentation.

#### **Purpose**

To update Council on the Region's Integrated Waste Management Master Plan – Phase 1.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

Known as the "SM4RT LIVING Plan", the Region's Integrated Waste Management Master Plan is being completed in three phases. Phase 1 looks at "Where we are". Phase 2 is on target to be completed Q3/12, and will look at "Where we want to go". Phase 3 is targeted for completion Q3/13, and will look at "How we are going to get there".

This master planning process is a fully integrated partnership between the Region and all the Area Municipalities. Staff from the Region and the Area Municipalities meet together with the Region's consultant almost weekly to review documentation, and provide input into the master plan.

Some of the points from the Phase 1 presentation are as follows:

- The overall per capita waste generation rate has decreased over the past number of years (0.35 – 0.32 tonnes)
- On a region-wide basis, the blue box program is the third largest in the province, with the third lowest overall costs
- Multi-residential households present their own unique challenges to waste diversion
- The public wants manufacturers to do more to reduce waste at the front end
- Recent Region-wide studies suggests that an additional 58% of the material currently going to landfill could be diverted.
- The public seeks increased opportunities for waste diversion
- The next phases of the Master Plan will evaluate further opportunities to reduce waste generation and promote conservation

The joint presentation from York Region and City staff will provide an update on the master plan process, and a more complete summary of Phase 1 findings.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and ties into the following Vaughan Vision 20/20 Goals and Objectives:

Goal:	Service Excellence
Objective:	Lead & Promote Environmental Sustainability
Objective:	Demonstrate Excellence in Service Delivery

#### **Regional Implications**

As noted earlier, this Integrated Solid Waste Management Master Plan process is being headed up by York Region, with staff from all Area Municipalities participating in the process.

#### **Conclusion**

The Integrated Waste Management Master Plan process is designed to look at the waste management system that is in place today, and provide a plan that can meet the challenges and opportunities over the next 40 years.

#### **Attachments**

N/A

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