



The Corporation of the County of Wellington

Solid Waste Services Committee

Agenda

February 9, 2016

10:30 am

County Administration Centre

Keith Room

Members: Warden Bridge; Councillors McKay (Chair), Brianceau, Davidson, Williamson

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Next meeting date March 8, 2016 or at the call of the Chair.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Solid Waste Services Committee
From: Gordon J. Ough, P.Eng., County Engineer
Date: Tuesday, February 09, 2016
Subject: SWS Strategy Discussion

Background:

During the January Solid Waste Services (SWS) Committee meeting, there was discussion on the topic of expanding waste and recycling collection to rural areas County-wide. As the topic of rural collection is the highest priority within the SWS Strategy study, it is important to consider it early on in the process. By addressing the rural collection topic at the outset of the analysis, it will focus and streamline the remainder of the study.

In order to incorporate public feedback into the decision-making process the County has commissioned Oraclepoll Research to conduct a telephone poll of County residents. They will contact a proportionate distribution of urban and rural residents from each of the County's 7 member municipalities. This survey will be considered representative, and will be considered accurate +/- 4% nineteen out of twenty times. The results of this survey will be available by the March SWS Committee meeting.

During the January SWS Committee meeting the question was raised as to how much notice the County's curbside collection contractor requires in order to initiate an expanded rural collection. Staff have confirmed that Waste Management (WM) will have the ability to implement County-wide rural collection within three months of receiving notification from the County.

Following the January SWS Committee Resolution to modify the user fees for User Pay bag purchases and for individual bags dropped off at the sites, the Administration Finance and Human Resources Committee passed a resolution to defer the user fee increase so the SWS "Committee can review [this issue] in conjunction with the Waste Management Strategy". The user fee topic will be addressed in combination with the possibility of expanding rural collection at the March SWS Committee meeting.

Recommendation:

That the report titled "SWS Strategy Discussion" be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gordon J. Ough, P.Eng.
County Engineer



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COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Solid Waste Services Committee
From: Gordon J. Ough, P.Eng., County Engineer
Date: Tuesday, February 09, 2016
Subject: **Draft Waste-Free Ontario Act Update**

Background:

A report titled "Draft Waste-Free Ontario Act" was received for information at the January Solid Waste Services (SWS) Committee. Included was a brief summary of what was known about the draft legislation to date and what some potential impacts could be for municipalities. Staff have participated in several webinars on the topic and attended consultation sessions hosted by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).

The MOECC session included a brief presentation of the intention of the draft Act, and what some of the long-term implications will be for producers, brand holders, retailers and municipalities. This was largely information that was previously released. There was then a workshop session facilitated by MOECC staff, mixing a variety of stakeholders into assigned seats in order to solicit feedback on various aspects of the draft legislation. SWS staff were involved and represented municipal concerns through asking questions and making suggestions.

The AMO workshop also contained brief presentations on the contents and implications of the draft legislation, but was much more focused on the municipal perspective. Several of the main points follow;

- Regulations and provincial policy statements will be forthcoming in the coming months which will explain many currently unknown details (i.e. obligations of various stakeholders, fee/funding structures etc.). The regulations and provincial policy statements will be subject to public consultation and could potentially be enacted over the course of years.
- There will be a transition between the current and future legislative obligations and funding models. This transition period could take 3-5 years, and upwards of 10 years by some estimates.
- This draft Act does not currently legislate a role for municipalities in the collection and processing of blue box recyclables, electronics, tires and hazardous materials. Municipalities will be considered potential service providers.
- Municipalities will need to, through organizations like AMO, present a unified voice and viewpoint throughout the consultation process in order to articulate strategic goals, protect municipal interests and the interests of our residents.

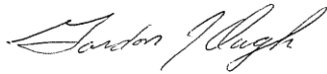
Lastly, speakers at the conference stressed that in the short term, municipalities should plan and function in a “status quo, business as usual” environment. There are too many uncertainties with the role of municipalities, with the transition process, and with what the end result of the proposed legislation will be.

SWS staff will continue to attend any workshops or consultations in order to stay informed with the draft legislation and to determine the potential service and financial implications to the County. The SWS Committee will receive periodic updates as required.

Recommendation:

That the report titled “Draft Waste-Free Ontario Act Update” be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gordon J. Ough, P.Eng.
County Engineer