



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Waste Management Steering Committee

FROM: W.H. Jackson, Director of Utility Services

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2011

SUBJECT: Report WMC11-004
City of Peterborough Waste Management Master Plan

PURPOSE

A report to inform the Committee of the status of the City's Waste Management Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Waste Management Committee endorse the recommendation as outlined in Report WMC11-004 dated September 19, 2011, of the Director of Utility Services as follows:

That Report WMC11-004 informing Committee of the status of the City's Waste Management Master Plan be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or financial implications as a result of this report.

BACKGROUND

The completion of an up-to-date Waste Management Master Plan (WMMP) has been set out by Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) as one of its "Best Practices" for municipalities providing recycling services. In order to receive the maximum funding available through WDO, municipalities need to be able to say they have achieved all the Best Practices. In consideration of this, plus the fact that our Peterborough City/County Landfill Site has an estimated 12-15 years of capacity remaining, City staff realized an updated WMMP was required. The last such document was completed in 1993.

The County initiated their own WMMP process in 2010, requesting Expressions of Interest and Prequalification from firms to undertake the project. Following from this, three firms were requested to submit a proposal for the County project. Cambium Environmental Inc. was selected as the County's preferred firm and began working on the County's WMMP in the spring of 2011.

In June, 2011, City staff received approval from Senior Administration to also engage Cambium Environmental to undertake the City's WMMP, under a Cooperative Purchasing clause that would allow for this. Due to the significant synergy and linkages between the County and City WMMPs, especially in the shared services such as the landfill, material recovery and organic composting facilities, there are obvious benefits to using the same consultant.

Project Timeline

Cambium commenced work in July 2011, and has thus far completed the first two elements of the study: review and assessment of the current waste management system; and the development of a set of Goals and Objectives. City Council will be asked for their agreement in principal with the stated goals and objectives before the study proceeds further. Following this, a Public Information Meeting will be scheduled for late October 2011 to keep the public informed of the study's direction.

Upon adoption of the Goals and Objectives, the specific waste management system components to reach those goals will be identified. A draft WMMP will be presented at a second Public Information Meeting in the spring of 2012, where feedback will be received and considered. The completion date of the final WMMP is set to coincide with that of the County's, in July of 2012.

A Steering Committee, comprised of the City's Director of Utility Services, the Waste Reduction Programs Coordinator and City Councillor Keith Riel, provides strategic direction and makes recommendations on the development of the Plan as it moves forward.

The City is actively soliciting input from members of the public on what they wish to see for future waste management priorities, through an on-line survey on the City's website, as well as through the two Public Information Meetings that Cambium plans to hold.

Submitted by,

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