



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Waste Management Steering Committee

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

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2014

**SUBJECT: Report WMC14-001
Mattress Recycling Proposal – Postponement of Decision**

Purpose

A report to recommend that the Waste Management Committee (WMC) postpone its decision on a mattress recycling program until the next regularly scheduled WMC meeting on March 3, 2014.

Recommendation

That the Waste Management Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report WMC14-001 dated January 20, 2014 of the Director of Utility Services, as follows:

That a decision on the proposed implementation of a mattress recycling program at the Peterborough County/City Waste Management Facility (PCCWMF) be delayed until the next WMC meeting on March 3, 2014, allowing staff to ensure all affected parties have received and read notification about the proposal and have had an opportunity to comment.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications to receiving this report.

Background

Waste Management Committee, at its meeting of November 18, 2013 in considering Report WMC13-019 “Mattress Recycling Project – Results and Recommended Next Steps” adopted the following:

- a) That the Waste Management Committee support in principle the expansion of the mattress recycling pilot to a full-scale program as outlined in Report WMC13-019, and;
- b) That the general public and all waste haulers and retailers known to bring mattresses to the landfill be notified of the Waste Management Committee’s intention to introduce a mattress and box spring user charge and that the issue will be discussed at the January 20, 2014 Waste Management Committee meeting.

City Staff sent notices about the proposed recycling program to affected businesses in the following manner:

Date	Activity
December 12, 2013	Sent by addressed mail to all landfill customers on account with their November 2013 invoices;
December 16, 2013	Addressed mail outs to any mattress retailers not on account with the landfill;
December 20, 2013	Classified Notice placed in Peterborough This Week
December 21, 2013	Classified Notice placed in The Examiner
December 23 2013	E-mail sent to: BFI, GFL, Elmhirst Resort, First Call Property, Peterborough Housing, M&M Disposal, Leon’s, Bennett’s and Waste Management
December 23, 2013	Fax sent to Habitat For Humanity
December 23, 2013	Telephoned The Clearinghouse furniture store, who directed us to Reid’s Transfer, since they took their mattresses; Reid’s Transfer directed us back to The Clearinghouse. Clearinghouse was called a second time, but they did not appear interested in discussing or providing contact information.

County Staff directed similar notification to the eight County townships as follows:

Date	Activity
December 3, 2013	Provided paper copy at MWMC meeting

December 3, 2013	Emailed copy of Notice
January 2, 2014	Reminder email re: Notice
January 6, 2014	Reminder of January 2, 2014 email

By January 6, 2014, only one member of the business community had sent back comments. County staff received feedback from six of the eight Townships

Based on the low response, it is believed that providing notification over the Christmas holidays was not ideal, and some additional notification and time ought to be given to all parties to fully digest the implications of what is being proposed. Accordingly, it is proposed that notices be sent out again to all parties who may be affected by this proposal, and respondents given until the next scheduled WMC meeting, on March 3, 2014 to provide written comments and/or attend the meeting. A decision on the proposal can be made by the WMC at the same March 3, 2014 meeting without dramatically impacting any proposed implementation schedule.

Submitted by,

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