

**County of Peterborough
Meeting of County Council
Minutes
Wednesday, April 2, 2014**

c. Public Works - Environmental Services

**Re: Mattress Recycling Program at Peterborough County City
Waste Management Facility (Bensfort Road Landfill or
PCCWMF)**

The Manager, Waste Management reviewed the report advising that in September, 2013, a 6-week mattress and box-spring recycling pilot was launched at the PCCWMF with the PCCWMF operator agreeing to coordinate all aspects of the pilot program at a set fee of \$16.70/unit.

Ms. Westaway advised that during the pilot, 939 mattresses were diverted for recycling with an additional 310 mattresses going directly to the tip face from large commercial haulers and were not retrieved. In November, 2013, the Waste Management Committee supported in principle the expansion of the pilot to a full-scale program pending public feedback and in March, the Waste Management Committee approved the implementation of a mattress and box-spring recycling program commencing in September, 2014.

The Manager reviewed the budget implications for this program advising that recycling mattresses and box-springs will cost an estimated \$183,700 annually shared equally by the City and County. With a fee of \$10/unit, the net annual cost is \$73,700. Ms. Westaway advised Council of the methods used in obtaining public and Township input.

She reviewed the Implementation Plan set out below:

- I. A full-scale mattress and box-spring recycling program to begin on September 2, 2014;
- II. The Township transfer stations be allowed until September 7, 2015 to implement the mattress and box-spring recycling program due to concerns raised which need to be resolved;
- III. The PCCWMF Disposal By-Law (07-027) be amended to include 'clean and dry mattresses and box springs' as banned materials at the facility;
- IV. A charge of \$10 per unit be charged for each mattresses and/or box-spring at the PCCWMF; and

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- V. Haulers found to have mattresses or box-springs in mixed loads going to the tip face are issued warnings and fines, as is done for all other banned materials.

Further discussions will be held with commercial fee operators.

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Moved by: Councillor Moher

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

Be it resolved:

1. That Council supports the implementation of a full-scale mattress and box-spring recycling program at PCCWMF to commence in September 2014.
2. That County staff works with Townships on the concerns raised around this new recycling initiative, in order to meet compliance by September 2015.

Carried