

Special Waste Management Committee Meeting

November 15, 2012

There was a Special Meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Thursday November 15, 2012. Present was Chair Jamey Larone, Mayor Don Eady, Member John Wilson and Councillor Margaret Whyte. Staff present was Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larone called the Meeting to Order at 3:10 p.m. Mayor Eady informed the Committee that he invited Councillor Whyte to attend this Committee Meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by Members of the Committee or by staff.

3. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA

Chair Larone asked if there were items to be added to the agenda. The CAO/Clerk requested permission to discuss the number of free bag tags sent out in the mail out to property owners. Chair Larone requested permission to Waste Management Conference and tour that he and John Wilson attended this week.

<p><u>Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by John Wilson</u> that the Committee agree to add the additional items to the agenda and approve the agenda for this Special Meeting.</p>
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<p>Carried</p>

4. REGRIND PROCESS FOR 2013

Chair Larone said the main purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss the regrind process for 2013. He noted that everyone seemed reasonably pleased with the 2012 grind results.

Mayor Eady agreed the ground product was much better with this contractor. The cost increased from \$13,500 to \$18,000 and a smaller pile was ground than last year though. Are there options available to reduce the costs? We need action from the company that was to remove the clean wood chips from the site. The CAO/Clerk was requested to make contact with Mr. Martin from the Queensline to determine if he still wants them.

Mayor Eady added that the cells are working well. The plastic area is full. If we are shipping some material to Moose Creek he would suggest this pile. He noted that Greater Madawaska Township ships waste to Moose Creek and may be of assistance to ship our material.

Chair Larone reported that he spoke with the owners of the Lafleche facility in Moose Creek while at the conference this week. They are willing to set up a tour for us if we wish. They receive waste from all over Ontario. They will truck material as well. Mayor Eady said they also compost waste at their facility and a local landscaper has compost delivered. Is there a way that we could get that truck to back haul our waste to save money? John Wilson said the company is also setting up a facility in Beckwith Township near Carleton Place.

Rod Eady reported that the regrind process went well this year. It will be better next year now that we have a second employee at the landfill site keeping the regrind pile clean of rocks, cement blocks, steel etc.

Chair Larone asked what options are available to the Township to lower the cost in the future. Mayor Eady said with separation, cost should go down. In the future we will need 2 people to operate the site, and the money to cover the 2nd employee should come from the saving in the regrind pile as we have sorted it properly for the contractor. Chair Larone said he would like to invite Dave Bennett of Marshalls, the regrind contractor, to our Regular Committee Meeting next Thursday. The Members agreed.

Mayor Eady asked if the 2012 tender permitted extensions. Chair Larone checked the tender and noted that the tender could be extended in 12 month blocks at Council's approval. Mayor Eady and Councillor Whyte discussed what materials were ground up. It was suggested that Tom Orr, who collects shingles in Pontiac County Quebec, may have a use for the shingles now that the cell is full. **The Committee requested the CAO/Clerk contact Mr. Orr to see if he has a need now for shingles.** John Wilson asked if it would be advantageous to regrind the shingles and put the grindings on an internal road on site.

Mayor Eady said the issues to discuss with the contractor are:

- Quarterly regrind
- Extend contract by 3 – 12 month blocks of time
- Negative price as less volume to grind at one time if doing quarterly grinding, less material as we are now sorting, so less time for the grinder.
- Invoices should coincide with tax due dates so cash flow is available.

Chair Larone asked if the compaction contractor would be available to assist with grindings 4 times per year.

Mayor Eady asked if it would be beneficial to have the regrind pile located closer to the landfill area so it is a shorter push for the bull dozer to move the ground material onto the landfill area. Rod Eady agreed and explained why the pile was set back this year. Chair Larone asked if we could hire trucks to move the regrind material cheaper.

John Wilson noted that Moose Creek operators suggested we grind the plastics to ship otherwise we would be shipping a lot of air. They may pick up. Question to ask on tour. The Committee agreed.

Rod Eady asked if they would come up a demo grinding of the plastic pile.

5. QUOTE FOR CARRYING OUT TIMBER INVENTORY FOR LANDFILL SITE

Chair Larone informed the Committee that we had a quote from C L Polk Forestry to carry out an inventory of the species and numbers of trees in the bush at the landfill site. This is the first step in setting up a forest management plan which will recommend what trees should be harvested first, what species replanted etc.

Mayor Eady said that this is a must. John Wilson said this is where we start. He asked if we could reforest the area of the site soon to be closed. Councillor Margaret Whyte asked if there was room in the budget. Chair Larone said yes as not all the cell funding has been spent.

Moved by Rod Eady, Seconded by John Wilson that the Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that they accept the \$600 plus HST quote from C. L. Polk Forestry to carry out an inventory of the bush at the landfill site.

Carried

Mayor Eady asked if the compaction contractor could scrape the junipers off in the clear areas of the property to prepare the ground for additional tree planting.

Rod Eady was asked what the soil type in the clear areas. He said sand. He added that the whole site is sand.

Mayor Eady referred to the trees along Eady Road. There are no hydro poles and lines along the road, could the Public Works Department cut every 2nd tree. Mr. Polk is looking at potential return for the lumber if we do this.

6. LANDFILL SITE ATTENDANCE LISTS AND RECEIPTS FROM LANDFILL SITE
- TIPPING FEE CHECK

The Committee Members reviewed the tipping fees collected for regrind materials brought into the landfill site. Chair Larone asked if we were capturing the proper fees. Mayor Eady suggested that the cost of the regrind be determined to compare with the tipping fees received. He asked for a report on the cost to regrind, cost for moving the material around the site and cost for the second employee.

John Wilson agreed. It was discussed at the conference this week that all landfill operators must have a handle on their costs to operate their site. Chair Larone added that he also learned that the budget will increase to match recreation in the future because of the MOE requirements.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

5 Free Bag Tags

The CAO/Clerk informed the Committee Members that next month the new recycling calendars, landfill cards, free tags and this year a Promotion and Education brochure will be mailed out. In the past we have included 6 free bag tags in the mail out. This year with the P & E brochure, we will be over postage. If one of the free tags was removed we would be back at regular mail costs of \$0.61 per envelope.

Moved by John Wilson, Seconded by Don Eady that the Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that they reduce the number of free bag tags given to each property owner from 6 to 5 effective January 1, 2013.

Carried

Fall OWMA Conference

Chair Larone and John Wilson discussed what they had heard and learned at the Ontario Waste Management Association conference held Monday to Wednesday in Toronto this week. Topics discussed in sessions and networking were:

- MPAC's decision to assess private and public landfill sites in Ontario.
- Tours to sites in Canada and United States.
- Paper bags compost quicker than compostable bags.
- Ground cover grass varieties for front elevation at our landfill site.
- Wood pallets will be eventually replaced by plastic pallets.
- Follow operation guidelines carefully as MOE are looking for reasons to shut down municipal sites.
- Less you touch waste, the more you save.

- Conference was a valuable tool to compare with others and network.
- Speaker from California had experiences with tough state rules, drove businesses away into other states.
- 83% of future garbage globally will be created by developing countries.
- European Union countries are discussing zero waste policies as they can't bury their waste. There is incineration.
- Segregation of waste will become the main requirement in years to come
- New equipment was displayed that wasn't developed 5 years ago.
- Some European technology and methods are being introduced in North America.
- Made a gypsum contact for taking our gyprock. The company is very interested in setting up in Eastern Ontario.
- Need to partner with other municipalities to lower shipping costs. Need to set up joint municipal meetings.
- No other representation from Renfrew County municipalities at conference. We have a leg up on finding markets for our diversion.

Mayor Eady asked if the cost to attend the conference could be refunded by WDO.

Chair Larone saw information on "pods" which is a garbage collections system for subdivisions. Residents take their garbage and drop it into this receptacle. There is only 1 collection point for the municipality in the subdivision. Cost saving. Each pod costs \$6,500. Developer would be required to install.

Chair Larone showed items he had picked up at display tables including labels, publications, catalogs and containers.

Mayor Eady said our landfill site would not have the capacity to handle a large manufacturing plant in the township. If one such opportunity came along, arrangements would have to be made for the company to ship their waste to a private landfill site.

Next Committee Meeting

Chair Larone said that the next meeting is to be November 22 and Joe Hall is to be invited. He has advised that he may not be in the area that day. Chair Larone asked the Members if the date would be at the call of the Chair. They agreed.

Chair Larone asked if the Members wished him to set up a tour of the Moose Creek facility. The Committee agreed. He will get several dates.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by John Wilson that this meeting be adjourned at 5:20 p.m.
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Carried

CHAIR

CAO/Clerk