

Solid Waste Management – Infrastructure Projects Community Engagement Committee

MINUTES

MAY 31, 2016

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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MEETING CALLED BY	County of Simcoe – Project Team
TYPE OF MEETING	Community Engagement Committee
NOTE TAKER	Stephanie Mack
ATTENDEES	Debbie Korolnek (County – Chair), Rob McCullough (County), David Barber (First Nations), Christopher Baines (Public Member), Andy Campbell (Innisfil), Ray Millar (Public Member) Regrets – James Nightingale (County), Susan Antler (Public Member)

Agenda topics

VARIOUS ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

DK

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • welcome • "housekeeping" items
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction of the agenda, DK welcomed committee • RMI – reviewed staff report on the Development Strategy and requested discussion on Option 1 and Option 2, the benefits of co-location, honorariums

PROJECT UPDATE

RM

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further studies to be undertaken at 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West, Springwater • development of the co-located facilities • direction on organics processing technology (Option 2)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM provided an update for the committee on the projects – update from early March (last CEC meeting was held on March 7) • received direction from County Council on the preferred site, further studies to be undertaken • two meetings have occurred since March 7, two staff reports presented to County Council • note – both staff reports were sent to the CEC for information and to provide an update (Items CCW 16-165, CCW 16-191) • Item CCW 16-165 presented a Development Strategy for the co-located facilities, Item CCW 16-191 presented an update of the consultation undertaken to date (including sessions held on March 23, 2016, April 19, 2016) • SLM presented the timeline for Option 2 – discussed development of a co-located facility, required Planning approvals, and how the OPF and MMF would be developed at 2976 Horseshoe Valley Road West • discussed the required Planning approvals, how the Planning approvals are the critical path (four components to be considered – Planning approvals, Environmental Compliance Approval applications, development of the MMF, development of the OPF), studies to be undertaken this summer • discussed Council direction on Option 2 – consideration of all organics processing technologies in the procurement process – both aerobic composting and anaerobic digestion

SESSIONS HELD FOLLOWING RELEASE OF PREFERRED SITE

RM

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • neighbouring landowner meeting – March 23, 2016 • Public Information Sessions – April 19, 2016 • discussion on format, facilitation • feedback received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM provided an overview of the neighbouring landowner meeting held on March 23, 2016 (the day following Council direction on the preferred site) • discussed neighbours' request for a Community Monitoring Committee (CMC), the historical nature of a CMC, and how they have been utilized by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) in larger projects (such as landfills) • perception that the County will not consider a CMC – clarified this and the potential that the CEC could transition to a CMC once the facilities are commissioned • RMI – this could be clarified further, need to work on communicating this more effectively • RM – the engagement process will continue as has been undertaken thus far, public/neighbours will be consulted at key milestones, discussion that this method of consultation has been effective – including the input from the CEC • discussion – seeking effective methods for consultation is important to this project

SESSIONS HELD FOLLOWING RELEASE OF PREFERRED SITE *continued*

- RM provided debrief on the April 19 Public Information Sessions and the format – focused stations on transportation, technology, Planning, etc. with experts available to answer questions on each topic
- concerns heard from attendees included traffic, trees
- utilized the April 19 sessions to address questions that were brought up on March 23 – specifically in regard to traffic, Planning matters
- discussed some misinformation on traffic (a “24/7 operation”), upcoming studies that will address concerns
- next steps – consider one-on-one discussion with neighbours – discussed the potential to further “kitchen table” meetings as project development continues

VACANT POSITION ON CEC

DK

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • replacement of municipal staff representative 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • position has recently become vacant for a municipal staff representative on the committee • discussed next steps in the projects and what experience a committee member could bring that would be helpful – for example, a background in Planning, procurement, communications, etc. • note – member that vacated position had procurement expertise and brought that knowledge to the committee • consensus – Planning and communications experience would be helpful • time commitment discussed – considered a manageable time commitment 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seek representative preferably with Planning, procurement, or communications experience 	SLM to facilitate	prior to next CEC

TIMING FOR NEXT CEC MEETING

DK/RM

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upcoming milestones • timing of next neighbouring landowner meeting, consultation sessions 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • next key milestone – discussion of procuring organics processing technology, OPF project delivery method • anticipate a report in August to County Council, followed by a neighbouring landowner meeting and public consultation sessions • late August CEC meeting to discuss upcoming consultation sessions 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • send doodle.com poll and make arrangements for next meeting 	SLM	

CLOSING REMARKS

DK

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opportunity for closing comments, etc. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no other items for discussion, meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm 		