

Advisory Committee on the Environment Waste sub-committee - report

Meeting Date/Place: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 (home of Janice Howell)

In Attendance: Mary Ann Hodge, Carrie Warring, Mike Bloxam, Janice Howell, and guest, Matt Helfand (an advisor to Jesse Helmer).

Unable to Attend: Ken Birchall, Tom Arnos

Provincial Policies on Waste Management (# 2 on Workplan)

Our committee was interested in information regarding the provincial guidelines of 60% waste diversion prior to new landfill expansions.

Matt described the provincial policies as emphasizing commercial waste reduction in terms of 'Extended Producer Responsibility'.

This puts a heavier onus on the manufacturer producing the packaging etc. for the cost and diversion of its product waste.

This policy will have an impact on the City's future waste plan.

Matt and Councillor **Steve Turner** (by correspondence) referred to a Waste Management working group consisting of some city councillors, staff members and guest observers.

Textile Recycling

Mary Ann discussed the presentation from the Diabetes Association regarding **textile recycling** in London. They hope to cooperate with the City to place bins in multiple unit residences as well as in more accessible locations such as arenas, community centres, etc.

Actions

1. A representative from the Waste subcommittee will observe the City Waste Management Working group meetings.
2. Request at the April ACE meeting to have the future minutes of the City Waste Management Working Group forwarded to ACE and that ACE be notified of future meeting times.
3. **Mary Ann** will make a motion at the April ACE meeting to invite the Diabetes representative to give an abbreviated presentation on textile recycling at the May meeting.
4. **Carrie** will keep the subcommittee informed regarding a provincial working group (Organic Waste Action Plan Committee).