Advisory Committee on the Environment Report

9th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Environment October 2, 2019 Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: M. Bloxam (Chair), K. May, R. Sirois, D. Szoller and A. Tipping and J. Bunn (Committee Secretary)

ABSENT: J. Howell, M. Ross, M.D. Ross, A. Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: S. Armstrong, G. Barrett, J. Grinstead, J. Stanford, and D. Turner

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 PM.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 Updates - 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan, Hefty EnergyBag Pilot Project and Community Energy Action Plan

That it BE NOTED that the <u>attached</u> presentation from J. Stanford, Director, Environment, Fleet and Solid Waste, with respect to an update on the 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan, the Hefty EnergyBag Pilot Project and the Community Energy Action Plan, was received.

3. Consent

3.1 8th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment, from its meeting held on September 4, 2019, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - 7th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from its meeting held on September 17, 2019, with respect to the 7th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment, was received.

3.3 Notice of Planning Application - Zoning By-law Amendment - 21 Norlan Avenue

That it BE NOTED that the Notice of Planning Application, dated September 18, 2019, from C. Parker, Senior Planner, with respect to a Zoning By-law Amendment related to the property located at 21 Norlan Avenue, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 Sub-Committee Status Update

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update with respect to the Waste Sub-Committee, from R. Sirois, was received.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Conference Subsidy Request

That the expenditure of \$250.00 from the 2019 Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) budget BE APPROVED for R. Sirois to attend the 2019 Zero Waste Conference being held October 30-31, 2019; it being noted that the ACE has sufficient funds in its 2019 budget to cover this expense.

5.2 Conference Subsidy Request

That the expenditure of \$300.00 from the 2019 Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) budget BE APPROVED for D. Szoller to attend the 2019 Sustainability: Trans-disciplinary Theory, Practice and Action Conference being held October 16-18, 2019; it being noted that the ACE has sufficient funds in its 2019 budget to cover this expense.

5.3 2019 ACE Work Plan

That the <u>attached</u> 2019 Work Plan for the Advisory Committee on the Environment BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for approval.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.





Why Status (subject to MYB deliberations)		
Action	Brief Status – Tentative Timing	
Blue Box (Blue Cart)	Programs	
1. Increase capture of recyclables	 Provincial initiative; staff time 	
New (or Expanded) Recycling Programs & Initiatives		
2. Bulky Plastics	Continuing pilotCurrently no stable long term market for expansion	
3. Carpets	Provincial initiative	
4. Ceramics	 Drop-off at EnviroDepots in Spring/ Summer 2020; Consider Ban Fall 2020 	
5. Clothing/Textiles	 Begin developing awareness strategy Winter 2019/2020 	

Why Status (subject to MYB deliberations)		
Action	Brief Status – Tentative Timing	
New (or Expanded) F	Recycling Programs & Initiatives (cont.)	
6. Small Metal	 Semi-annual collection Fall 2021 (coincide with other collection changes) 	
7. Furniture	 Wooden furniture drop-off at W12A EnviroDepot starting Spring/Summer 2020; semi-annual collection 2021 	
8. Mattresses	 Provincial initiative 	
Curbside Organics Management Program		
 9. Curbside Green Bin 10. Implement bi- weekly garbage 	 Staff working on design, operational and implementation details 	

Why Status (subject to MYB deliberations)		
Action	Brief Status – Tentative Timing	
Multi-residential Orga	anics Management Program	
11. Mixed Waste Processing Pilot	 Fall 2020/Winter 2021 (depends on facility availability) 	
Other Organics Mana	gement Programs	
12.Food Waste Avoidance	 Development underway, early 2020 roll-out 	
13.Home Composting	 Subsidize composters, event sales beginning 2020 	
14. Community Composting	 Provide financial support Winter/ Spring 2020 	

Why Carlos (subject to MYB deliberations)		
Action	Brief Status – Tentative Timing	
Waste Reduction/Reu	ISE	
15. New Coordinator Position	Summer 2020	
16. Financial Support	 Support for community initiatives beginning Fall 2020 	
17.Reduce Container Limit		
18. Clear Bags	Further examination Winter/Summer	
19.User Pay	2020 (after operational details for Green Bin are finalized)	
20.Resident Incentives		
21. Additional Feedback	 Additional reporting (including waste reduction) Summer 2020 	

How much food waste?		
Diversion/Recovery Opportunities	London % of Waste	Others (GB) % of Waste
Avoidable food waste	23%	8% - 11%
Unavoidable food waste	12%	6% - 9%
Other Organics, Pet waste	25%	15% - 20%
All Organics	~60%	~30% - 40%















Why #2 London's Action on		
P	lastics	
1. Reduce	Act	
2. Reuse	Inform	
2 Poovelo	Innovate	
J. RECYCLE	Collabo	
4. Recover	Conaborate	
5. Policies &	Commit	
Directions	(Be) Visible	

















Why Hefty [®] En	ergyBag™ Pilot
Purpose: Divert more plas landfill	stics from
 Reduce the amount of being mismanaged (tos on the ground) 	plastic ssed
Materials to Collect: non-recycled	and hard to recycle plastic items:
 juice and food pouches chip and snack bags meat and cheese bags cereal and cake box pouches tooth paste tubes 	 candy wrappers plastic dinnerware and utensils frozen fruit/vegetable bags pet food bags straws and stirrers















Why Wa	ste?	
	News Release Ontario Announces Next Steps to Implement Recycling and Tackle Plastic Waste Recycling the Blue Box Program Will Save Taxpayers Money and Improving the Blue Box Program Will Save Taxpayers Money and Help Divert More Waste from Landfills	
Gove June 10, 2019 Mont-Saint-Fr	mment of Canada taking action to reduce plastic a the	
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Resource Recovery Strategy		
Achievable with Tomorrow's Technologies?		
Residential Component PLUS other Sources	Diversion Rate Recovery Rate	
Existing + Upcoming Diversion	45 - 60%	
 Mixed Waste Processing (MWP) and/or Mechanical/Biological Treatment (MBT) material and energy recovery anaerobic digestion Waste conversion technologies gasification, pyrolysis, other 	15% to 30%	
Total	75% to 90%	









Undustrial Research Chair in Waste? Thermochemical Conversion of Biomass	
and Waste to	Bioindustrial Resources
 NSERC funded, 5 years 	s, June 30, 2023
• Current value = +\$3.5	million
 Research Chair – Dr. Franco Berruti 	
Members:	
A&L Laboratories	Global Warming Prevention Technologies
Bella Biochar	Grain Farmers of Ontario
Canadian Plastics Industry Association	Ontario Federation of Agriculture
CHAR Technologies	Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers
City of London	Titan Clean Energy Projects
Domtar Inc	Try Recycling





3. Resource & Waste Management Knowledge Exchange (MoU - 1)	
4. lechnology	Demonstrations (MOU - 2)
ICFAR/Western University	Feedstocks, waste conversion, products (biochars, bio-oils, fuel)
Canadian Plastics Industry Association	Feedstocks, products, resource recovery, conversion technologies
Try Recycling	Pre-processing, mixed waste, organic mixes
Green Shields Energy	Gas-phase Chemical (Hydrogen) Reduction
RediCan BioEnergy	Gasification
Tucker Engineering (inactive in London; however re-emerging)	Pyrolysis (demonstration)
Bio-Techfar (inactive in London)	Pyrolysis (demonstration)
	London













Moving from 2014 – 2018 (CEAP) to 2019 – 2023 (next CEAP being developed with the broader community, project to start in late Fall 2019)



	Some Key Reports in 2019	
Date	Title	
April 2	2014-2018 Community Energy Action Plan (CEAP) – Final Update	
April 2	Development of the Next 2019-2023 CEAP	
April 16	Environmental Programs Annual Overview Update	
April 23	Council – 2019-2023 Strategic Plan	
April 23	Council – Declaration of Climate Emergency	
Oct/Nov	2018 Community Energy & GHG Inventory	
Oct/Nov	2019-2023 Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Plan	
Oct/Nov	Update and Immediate Next Steps – Climate Emergency Declaration (including next CEAP steps)	





CEAP - Next Steps							
Major Activity	Timeframe						
Complete community engagement process, background documents and finalize internal discussions	Nov – Dec 2019						
Launch a broader community engagement plan (<i>Tentative – Dianne Saxe, Nov 19</i>)	Nov 2019 – June 2020						
Discussions with London's key energy stakeholders and community leaders	Dec 2019 – March 2020						
Develop Draft 2019-2023 CEAP	June – July 2020						
Submit Draft 2019-2023 CEAP to Civic Works Committee	Aug 2020						

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT - 2019 WORK PLAN

(updated September 23, 2019)

Project / Initiative & Background	Lead/ Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Budget	Actual Expenditure	Link to Strategic Plan	Status
 Waste Managing organic waste 1. Review & prioritize leading edge waste management systems that focus on waste as a resource technology (biogas, anaerobic digester, landfill gas recovery – e.g. Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence) 2. Follow the progress of City regarding development of a Resource Recovery Centre for London (invite staff members speak to ACE) 3. Continue research into organic waste diversion. Examine other cities' highly successful green bin programs (i.e. Toronto, Halton, Markham) Resource Recovery 4. Monitor & review on-going resource recovery initiatives. Landfill Expansion 5. Monitor & review on-going landfill expansion, including plan to get to 60% diversion. 	Waste sub- committee	On-going	\$0		Building a Sustainable City 1-Robust Infrastructure D-Increase efforts resource recovery/ long- term disposal capacity/ reducing community impacts (p. 11 #1D) Building a Sustainable City 3-Strong and Healthy Environment D-Support resident/community driven initiatives (p.12 #3D) Growing Our Economy 3-Local, Regional and Global Innovation B-Lead development of new ways to resource/energy recovery (p. 17B) Leading in Public Service 3-Proactive Financial Management A – Well planned finances/limit burden on current and future rate payers. (p.21 #3A)	Received an excellent presentation and participated in an interactive discussion from Barry Orr, Sewer Outreach and Control Inspector – March 7, 2018 Subsequent motion regarding the "Toilets Are Not Garbage Cans" stickers made at June 6, 2018 meeting. Received a presentation from Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste Management Services, City of Markham regarding Waste Management Options on June 6, 2018. Sub-committee members have attended the City Waste Management Work Group meetings on Landfill expansion discussions. The committee submitted a report to the Civic Works Committee regarding residential waste management issues July 4, 2018. Be mindful of the City's declaration of a climate emergency in all approaches to waste reduction and diversion.

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 <u>Sustainability Commitment</u> Request updates from Greg Barrett regarding Resiliency Strategic Plan status. Support further actions in regards to sustainability & resiliency. 	Sustainability & Resiliency sub- committee	Remainder of 2019	\$0		Building a Sustainable City 3-Strong and Healthy Environment	
 <u>Community Education</u> 8. Support community events directly and indirectly, as possible to increase awareness of environmental issues. Partner with London Public Library & London Environmental Network to organize a second series of "Green in the City" talks <u>Renewable Energy</u> 9. Explore possibilities for hydro-electric along Thames River 10. Explore solar energy on municipally-owned buildings 11. Ensure that co-generation/local electricity generation initiatives do not negatively impact the City of London carbon-dioxide emissions targets and earbon footnation. 	ACE Energy sub- committee	November 2019 Remainder of 2019	\$500 \$0		Strengthening Our Community Building a Sustainable City Growing Our Economy Leading in Public Service Building a Sustainable City -Robust Infrastructure Page 11, item 1B -Strong & healthy environmentPage 12, item 3A thru F, 5B	
Community Energy Action Plan 12. Provide input on 2019 review.	Energy Sub- Committee	Fall 2019	\$0		Building a Sustainable City -Robust Infrastructure Page 11, item 1B -Strong & healthy environmentPage 12, item 3A thru F, 5B	

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Built Environment 13. Develop a draft green roof by-law	Energy sub- committee		\$0		Building a Sustainable City -Robust Infrastructure Page 11, item 1B -Strong & healthy environmentPage 12, item 3A thru F, 5B	 Find out of City staff are already working on this by-law
<u>City Budget</u> 14. Review and provide feedback on budget.	ACE	November/Decembe r 2019	\$0		Leading in Public Service	Budget consultations take place in December
Committee Member Education & Development 22. Assist ACE members with registration fees for conferences pertaining to ACE mandate		October to December 2019	Maximum of \$1000		ALL	• Members who attend conferences with financial help from ACE will provide a written report about their findings to go on the next ACE agenda, and give a verbal report at the meeting.