

Physical Environment Committee Action Report for the October 3, 2017 meeting held in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Antonakos, Councillor Doucett, Councillor Redmond, Councillor Fritz, Councillor Trimble, Duncan Rogers, Clerk, Stacey Blair, Deputy Clerk, Joanna Bowes, Manager of Development Services, Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer, Les Reynolds, Fire Chief, Dave Young, Director of Public Works

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Received from Paul Knowles, Chief Administrative Officer

Addressed to Physical Environment Committee

Date May 27, 2017

Topic Drainage Issue, Lansdowne Avenue

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COMMENT

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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COMMITTEE DECISION

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Date September 27, 2017 Topic Compost Site Hours

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COMMENT

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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COMMITTEE DECISION

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TO BE DISCUSSED

COMMUNICATION 128342

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Date August 15, 2017
Topic OCIF Applications

SUMMARY

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As a result, the use of the bridge will need to be restricted (load limits) and the cost of the project has increased to \$1,878,525. This year the maximum potentially available from OCIF is \$1,083,205 leaving a net cost to the Town of \$795,320.

COMMENT

To enable submission of the OCIF application before the deadline, the consultant provided a summary of their inspection report that stated the Central Bridge would need to have load restrictions posted. However, staff have not yet been provided with the details. This is a significant increase in cost for the Town and 2018 will likely include a number of special capital projects that require funds and staff resources. Other projects may have to be deferred in order to fund and manage this project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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SUMMARY

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Extended Producer Responsibility is not a new concept as it has been embraced by the provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and many European countries. Advocates from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Municipal Waste Association (MWA), the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RWPCO), and the City of Toronto have joined forces to form the Municipal Resource Recovery and Research Collaborative (M3RC). Their role is to advocate for a smooth and timely transition.

Under the new RPR regulations, producers will be required to:

- Assume complete and full responsibility, financial and operational, for the collection, transfer, and processing of designated wastes including Blue Box materials
- Meet stringent recovery rates for designated products and packaging they sell in Ontario
- c) Seek new packaging approaches to waste generation, and
- d) Educate the Public and involve stakeholders in participating in the new Blue Box Program.

In addition to the WFOA, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) has also introduced the Strategy for a Waste Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy that establishes goals for zero waste within Ontario and zero greenhouse gas emissions from the waste sector.

The Strategy requires the Province to implement an action plan to reduce the volume of food and organic wastes going to landfills. While the specifics of the Food and Organic Waste Action Plan are not known yet, it is anticipated that it will include an organics disposal ban.

Currently, the RRCEA does not include plans for producer responsibility for organic waste. Which means the Town of Carleton Place would be responsible for the diversion of organic waste generated by residents.

Under the new EPR, the Town of Carleton Place will retain responsibility for residual waste collection and disposal, leaf and yard waste, collection of bulky items such as appliances, related promotion, education, and enforcement activities which will be financed by the Town.

TRANSITION OF NON-BLUE BOX DESIGNATED MATERIALS

Industry Funding Organizations (IFOs) will continue to operate programs for Municipal Hazardous and Special Wastes, Waste Electronics, and Used Tires, until the yet to be drafted regulations transition them to new programs under RRECA. Once the new EPR programs are developed and implemented under the RRECA, individual producers and importers of the designated materials will assume full financial and operational responsibility for all materials currently covered and any new materials designated in the future.

The MOECC has already begun the transition of the Used Tire Program, which is expected to set the precedent for the remaining materials.

The transition of the various designated waste programs to new regulations under RRCEA may result in changes to the Town's role for managing the various diversion programs presently in place for designated materials and will be strongly influenced by how producers choose to meet their regulatory obligations that will be outlined in upcoming regulations.

BLUE BOX TRANSITION

The Town of Carleton Place should benefit financially from full Extended Producer Responsibility, the RRCEA requires producers to take full financial and operational responsibility for all Ontario municipal Blue Box programs.

On August 14th, 2017, Minister Ballard provided a response to the municipalities and producers' joint letter and provided both parties direction to submit a proposal for amending the current Blue Box Program Plan. The proposal for the amended plan is to be submitted to the Minister of Environment and Climate change no later than February 15th, 2018. The core principle of the transition, as outlined in the strategy, is that Ontarians' experience with access to existing services must not be negatively impacted by reduced levels of service compared to from what they are currently receiving, including curbside Blue Box collection services.

COMMENT

Over the coming months, there will continue to be extensive consultation opportunities for municipalities across the Province. As previously mentioned the deadline for the amended plan is February 15, 2018, however it is unclear as to when the new plan would take affect if approved. Given the time to review the plan, potential for further amendments, and time necessary for approval by the Lieutenant Governor, it is anticipated that the earliest an amended program plan would come into effect would likely be is early to mid-2019. This timeline is of particular concern for the Town of Carleton Place as our current waste contracts expire in May 2020.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For Council's Information

COMMITTEE DECISION

Receive and record.

COMMUNICATION 128380

Received from Dave Young, Director of Public Works Addressed to Physical Environment Committee

Date September 28, 2017

Topic Winter Maintenance Quotations

SUMMARY

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COMMENT

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Topic OGRA Annual Conference

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COMMENT

Staff have reviewed the bid received and have determined that the price is acceptable.

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