

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Meeting of April 2, 2020 Via Conference Call

Attendance:

Elaine English Leonard Foster Carl Rattray Luc Marcoux Jim Kennedy

Regrets:

Keith Helmuth
Joe Weston
Tracey DeMerchant

Staff:

Barb Sharp (Waste Diversion Manager) Katelyn McGrath (Executive Director)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Elaine English.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Leonard Foster and seconded by Carl Rattray.

No Opposed

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Jim Kennedy and seconded by Carl Rattray to approve the meeting minutes from November 13, 2019.

No Opposed

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Business Arising:

- Katelyn McGrath explained that the recycling facility contract with J.S. Bellis Ltd. (FERO) is closer to being finalized, and is currently in the hands of Jonathan Goodine, Legal Counsel, to give final review and advice around revisions pertaining to fuel charges and CPI. Katelyn will follow up with him, expecting to see a turnaround in the coming weeks at which time the final contract will be shared with the Committee. It will not need to be presented to the full Board, as they already agreed to the RFP selecting J.S. Bellis as our contractor.
- The meeting to update the Committee, Board, CAO's and Town Councillors regarding the
 government's desire to move ahead with a PPP program (Paper and Printed Plastics), will
 be rescheduled once the Covid-19 situation has passed. The speaker will be Roland
 Leblanc, Director of Solid Waste, Southeast Regional Service Commission.
- The tour of the recycling facility will also be deferred until the Covid-19 pandemic is over.
- Barb Sharp and Katelyn McGrath received an offer from J.S. Bellis to acquire the spare recycling depots so they can put them to use with local businesses who are interested in recycling, primarily cardboard. To date there are 8 local businesses who have expressed an interest in implementing a recycling program. J.S.Bellis has offered to pay the previous Board-approved amount of \$200 per depot to take ownership of these depots. According to our calculations, there are 8 spare depots, but Gordon Burke at J.S. Bellis will confirm that number. We will work with them to ensure that the 7 public depots plus the 2 needed for swapping will all have our current branding on them.

A motion was made by Carl Rattray and seconded by Jim Kennedy to approve the sale of the spare depots at \$200 each to J.S. Bellis.

No Opposed

MOTION CARRIED

Carleton North High School received 10 blue tips carts in November 2019, as part of a
pilot project to see if that would be a good solution for recycling at the school. The
Principal has reported back that all 10 tip carts were full of dry, clean recycling consisting
of primarily cardboard and paper, and taken outside for collection by the custodian. He
and Karen Brooks, a teacher who has taken ownership of this initiative, are thrilled with
the pilot program and wish to continue it once school starts up again. First, it's clean



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and dry and secure and second, there is positive student engagement. JS Bellis is also on board with continuing tipping the 10 carts when they are ready to begin again. So far, approximately 375 lbs of items have been collected through this program in only 3 months.

New Business:

 Barb Sharp reported that the recycling program will continue as usual in our region, despite other regions having to suspend their services due to the Covid-19 situation. J.S.
 Bellis has implemented appropriate safety measures and new handling practices to protect their employees and the public during this Covid-19 pandemic. If this situation should change, they will let us know and we will inform the public as quickly as possible but for now, it's business as usual.

It was moved by Leonard Foster to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Elaine English, Chair