

## TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

### Waste Management Committee

Date: Monday November 18th, 2024, at 4:02 pm

Present were Committee members Michael Donohue (Chair), Kevin LeGris, Angela Field, Keith Gourley, and Brian Hamilton.

Staff present were CAO/Clerk Jennifer Charkavi, Public Works Superintendent Steve Visinski, Treasurer-Deputy CAO/Clerk Kelly Coughlin, Finance Clerk Amy Fraser and Audio/Video System Specialist Nate MacIsaac.

1. Mayor Donohue called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None
3. Approval of Agenda

#### Resolution No. 2024-11-01

Moved by Brian Hamilton, seconded by Keith Gourley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee resume the agenda of October 17, 2024 Waste Management Committee.

“Carried”

4. Waste Management Draft By-Law Report

CAO/Clerk Jennifer Charkavi reviewed the new report for Committee. She explained the ideas from the last meeting were taken into consideration and given a lot of thought. She also commented that this meeting was to resume the last meeting to review waste management fees, as well as, review the discussion between bags vs tags as the decision had been made to charge for extra bags. A lot of information for in this report for further initiatives.

Mayor Donohue inquired about the annual waste deposition and whether it was an average or standard. He wanted to know where the number derived from. Public Works Superintendent indicated we measure and weigh the waste but will review the numbers to ensure that the proposition put forward is accurate and reasonable.

CAO/Clerk Charkavi reiterated that if we diverted to 55L bags (2 per household) we would gain 8 years in our landfill and go back to 32 years.

Bags vs tags – 1/3 more costly for bags (with our preprinted labels and name on them) vs tags, however, this is based on stale data.

Mayor Donohue stated that a significant communication strategy needs to be in place for rate payers. The bylaw and go live are probably going to be coincident. Perhaps May 1 with the change of summer hours. However, we need to reach to find the gaps with our municipalities that have transitioned.

Councillor member Field asked about the tenants rather than the rate payers for garbage disposal and how we are going to deal with that change. Mayor Donohue stated the target would be the households and as long as we have a target of the households, which needs to be part of comprehensive plan, not just communications, there are those that are not owners but residents of our community.

Councillor LeGris agreed with Councillor Gourley that reducing the size of the bag does not reduce the waste. He asked that we check the math on the bag sizes as depending on what size bag the resident would increase the cost of the ratepayer if we chose to go with the 50L bag. No incentive to reduce waste, no change in behaviour. Diversion plan needed, however, not being focused on in report, lots of ideas but need to address diversion.

CAO/Clerk Charkavi stated that we would not be able to restrict size, our landfills and transfer stations are not set up for that.

Deputy Mayor Field followed up CAO/Clerk Charkavi by stating that in previous meetings bag tags were less about volume more about identification.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton reiterated that tipping fees are meant to drive diversion and not revenue.

Mayor Donohue followed up by stating that tags will create diversion to a degree, incentive would be the size of the bag, if over a certain size then would incur tipping fees, secondly what's fair from one resident to another. Need to have more concrete numbers as presented we could continue on our current path, so need to have things reviewed. Revenue generating but not profit generating.

Councillor Gourley reiterated the clear bags would be our best choice, no extra cost, diversion by accountability, resident allowed two small kitchen catchers with privacy items so addressing privacy issues.

Mayor Donohue stated that when something does not cost anything out of your pocket you are not inclined to change your behaviour, so heightened diversion when transparency. Not offering to change habits, but forcing them to.

CAO/Clerk Charkavi stated that we should guide residents in the direction township wants to go. Do not have to do everything at once, layered options, slowly implement, write it into the bylaw.

Councillor Gourley stated that there was no commercial plan, no plan for agriculture, there are definitions but no plans.

Mayor Donohue wanted to narrow down some of the items to start moving forward in a systematic fashion;

- i. Clear Bags
- ii. Stickers/tags vs Bags
- iii. Bag size
- iv. How many free bags
- v. Cost per bags
- vi. How do we deal with larger bags

Not calling a resolution, just a record to move forward, supporting rather than voting.

i. Clear Bags

Supporting Recommendation

Councillor Hamilton	Nay	
Councillor LeGris	Nay	
Deputy Mayor Field	Nay	
Mayor Donohue	Nay	
Councillor Gourley		Yay

ii. Stickers/tags

Supporting Recommendation

Councillor Hamilton	Nay	
Councillor LeGris		Yay
Deputy Mayor Field		Yay
Mayor Donohue	Nay	
Councillor Gourley		Yay

iii. Bag size – We do not have a bag size limit with stickers/tags.

Phase I – see what people are bringing and change size later only if needed  
Establish upper limits. If needed we will introduce a township bag later on. Advertise standard bag as what we expect to be dropped off.

iv. How many free bags – discussion ensued regarding how waste management would be translated to the tax payer. Waste management as separate line item/dollar value, broken out as flat fee. Exclusive user pay. Tax Levy. Hybrid system. 2025 still levy for waste management, 2026 all bags must be purchased.

2 tags, upper limit, Sept revisit - No free bags, complete user fee

Supporting Recommendation

Councillor Hamilton		Yay
Councillor LeGris		Yay
Deputy Mayor Field	Nay	
Mayor Donohue		Yay
Councillor Gourley	Nay	

v. Cost per bags - \$2.50/bag

Supporting Recommendation

Councillor Hamilton      Nay

Councillor LeGris              Yay

Deputy Mayor Field              Yay

Mayor Donohue              Yay

Councillor Gourley              Yay

vi. How do we deal with larger bags – example at landfill, all part of education material, grace period, 77L maximum size, end goal to help with diversion, starting point/trial period, after maximum size 2 tags/stickers

Supporting Recommendation

Councillor Hamilton              Yay

Councillor LeGris              Yay

Deputy Mayor Field              Yay

Mayor Donohue              Yay

Councillor Gourley              Yay

6. Next Meeting

At the call of the Chair.

7. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024-11-02

Moved by Kevin LeGris, seconded by Angela Field

BE IT RESOLVED that the Monday, November 18th, 2024 Township of Admaston/Bromley Waste Management Committee meeting be recessed at 6:12 p.m.

“Carried”

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk