

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING ON APRIL 18, 2019
FROM:	JAY STANFORD, M.A., M.P.A. DIRECTOR - ENVIRONMENT, FLEET & SOLID WASTE
SUBJECT:	PROGRESS REPORT #6: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE - MARCH 1, 2018 TO MARCH 30, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Environment, Fleet and Solid Waste, this report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

Relevant reports that can be found at www.london.ca under City Hall (Meetings) include:

- Update and Next Steps – Resource Recovery Strategy and Residual Waste Disposal Strategy as part of the Environmental Assessment Process (February 7, 2017 meeting of the Civic Works Committee (CWC), Item #10)
- Individual Environmental Assessment Long Term Solid Waste Resource Recovery & Disposal Plans (October 6, 2015 meeting of the CWC, Item #14)

Relevant reports that can be found at www.london.ca under City Hall (Meetings – Advisory and other Committees) include:

- Progress Report #5: Community Engagement Program (March 8, 2018 meeting of the Waste Management Working Group (WMWG), Item #3.2)
- Progress Report #4: Community Engagement Program (January 18, 2018 meeting of the WMWG, Item #7)
- Update Report #4: Community Engagement Program (September 28, 2017 meeting of the WMWG, Item #6)
- Progress Report #1: Community Engagement Program (June 27, 2017 meeting of the WMWG, Item #6)
- General Framework for the Community Engagement Program for the Resource Recovery and Residual Waste Disposal Strategies as part of the Environmental Assessment Process (January 19, 2017 meeting of the WMWG, Item #7)

STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2019 AND DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL'S 2019-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

Municipal Council has recognized the importance of solid waste management, climate change, other related environmental issues and innovation in its previous Strategic Plan (2015-2019) and to “complete [the] waste disposal strategy including the Environmental Assessment for the expansion of the W12A Landfill” and “Increase waste reduction, diversion, and resource recovery” in the development of its 2019-2023 Strategic Plan for London. This work touches on three Areas of Focus:

- Building a Sustainable City
- Growing our Economy
- Leading in Public Service

BACKGROUND

PURPOSE:

This report provides the Waste Management Working Group (WMWG) with an update on Community Engagement Program activities for the Resource Recovery and Residual Waste Disposal Strategies that have taken place between March 1, 2018 and March 30, 2019.

CONTEXT:

In February 2017 Municipal Council directed City staff to undertake a number of actions with respect to the development of a long term Resource Recovery Strategy and a Residual Waste Disposal Strategy for the City of London. These actions included approving the general framework of the Community Engagement Program including:

- Using the following community engagement tools and forums: public notices, project website including use of the *getinvolved.london.ca* website, interested stakeholders contact and distribution list, open houses, meetings/presentations, City of London Advisory Committees, and using a range of information and communications tools; and,
- Contacting individuals and groups within the following broad stakeholder categories: the general public, the Government Review Team (GRT) and Indigenous Communities.

The Community Engagement Program began on March 30, 2017 with the release of the Notice of Commencement.

The WMWG has received community engagement activity updates for the following periods:

1. March 30, 2017 to June 5, 2017 (on June 5, 2017)
2. June 6, 2017 to September 12, 2017 (on September 28, 2017)
3. September 13, 2017 to January 10, 2018 (on January 18, 2018)
4. January 11, 2018 to March 1, 2018 (on March 8, 2018)

DISCUSSION

Overview

Community Engagement for the Residual Waste Disposal Strategy between March 1, 2018 to March 30, 2019 can be broken into four distinct periods as follows:

Period	Timeframe
Continued Development of Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR)	Table 1 - March 1, 2018 to date of publication of the Proposed ToR (August 14, 2018)
Council Approval of Proposed ToR	Table 2 - August 15, 2018 to approval of Proposed ToR by City Council (October 2, 2018)
Development of Proposed Amended ToR	Table 3 - October 3, 2018 to submission of Proposed Amended ToR (February 7, 2019)
MECP Approval of Proposed Amended ToR	February 8, 2019 to March 30, 2019

Continued Development of Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR)

Table 1 provides a summary of the community engagement activities that took place between the most recent WMWG update (March 1, 2018) and publication of the Proposed ToR (August 14, 2018) for the Resource Recovery and Residual Waste Disposal Strategies.

It is also noted that complete details of the community engagement program for the entire development of the Proposed ToR (March 30, 2017 to August 14, 2018) can be found in the report *Volume III – Record of Consultation, Proposed Terms of Reference, Environmental Assessment of the Proposed W12A Landfill Expansion*. This report provides information on all aspects of the Community Engagement including advertising, open houses, outreach events and committee activities as well as comments received. The Record of Consultation report is over 1,300 pages in length and can be found at www.getinvolved.london.ca/WhyWasteDisposal.

Table 1 – Community Engagement Activities March 1, 2018 to August 14, 2018

Activity	Description
Provide feedback opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise in the London Free Press, The Londoner and on social media.
Project Website (getinvolved.london.ca)	<p><i>Residual Waste Disposal Strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 470 visits to the website between March 1, 2018 and August 14, 2018 with over 330 unique visitors. <p><i>Resource Recovery Strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 1,100 visits to the website between March 1, 2018 and August 14, 2018 with over 800 unique visitors.
Draft Proposed ToR Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Proposed ToR was submitted to the GRT (18 ministries and agencies), Indigenous communities (8 communities), public and other stakeholders (5 groups) for review and comment for a 45 day review period (April 26, 2018 to June 8, 2018). • City received 86 comments from five members of the GRT and the general public (discussion on comments received provided in Update Report #11: Proposed Terms of Reference). • Comments were considered when preparing Proposed ToR.
Circulate 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate and ask for feedback from Community Stakeholder Groups and Waste Management/ Recycling Companies.
Indigenous Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates provided to the W12A Landfill Public Advisory Committee on April 19 and June 21, 2018.

Approval of Proposed ToR

Table 2 provides a summary of the community engagement activities that took place between publication of the Proposed ToR (August 14, 2018) and approval of the Proposed ToR (October 2, 2018) by Council.

Table 2 – Community Engagement Activities August 15, 2018 to October 2, 2018

Activity	Description
Project Website (<i>getinvolved.london.ca</i>)	<p><i>Residual Waste Disposal Strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 180 visits to the website between August 15, 2018 and October 2, 2018 with over 130 unique visitors. • Total visits since community engagement program started exceeds 660 visits with over 460 unique visitors. <p><i>Resource Recovery Strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 1,300 visits to the website between August 15, 2018 and October 2, 2018 with over 1,100 unique visitors. • Total visits since the community engagement program started exceeds 2,400 visits with over 1,900 unique visitors.
Indigenous Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifth meeting on August 20, 2018; main topic was what comments to provide on Proposed ToR and 60% Diversion Action Plan for upcoming Civic Works Committee public participation meeting.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates provided to the W12A Landfill Public Advisory Committee on August 16, 2018. • Attended Gathering on the Green II, Sunday August 19, 2018 to gather input on the 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan. • Updates provided to ACE on September 5, 2018. • Civic Works Committee held a public participation meeting for the Proposed ToR on September 25, 2018. There was one delegation at the public participation meeting. It was a combined presentation from the W12A Landfill Public Liaison Committee and the CLC. The presentation noted general support for the Proposed ToR but wanted safeguards built-in to prevent other municipalities within the expanded service area from using the W12A Landfill if they had poor diversion programs. • Civic Works Committee held a public participation meeting for the 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan on September 25, 2018. There were three delegations and general support for the plan.

Development of Proposed Amended ToR

Table 3 provides a summary of the community engagement activities that took place between approval of the Proposed ToR (October 2, 2018) and submission of the Proposed Amended ToR (February 7, 2019).

Table 3 – Community Engagement Activities October 3, 2018 to February 7, 2019

Activity	Description
Project Website (<i>getinvolved.london.ca</i>)	<p><i>Residual Waste Disposal Strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 190 visits to the website between October 3, 2018 and February 7, 2019 with over 140 unique visitors. • Total visits since community engagement program started exceeds 850 visits with over 590 unique visitors. <p><i>Resource Recovery Strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 280 visits to the website between October 3, 2018 and February 7, 2019 with over 200 unique visitors. • Total visits since the community engagement program started exceeds 2,700 visits with over 2,100 unique visitors.

Table 3 – Community Engagement Activities October 3, 2018 to February 7, 2019

Activity	Description
30 Day Government Review Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MECP 30 day review period (October 12, 2018 to November 12, 2018) for stakeholders to provide comments to MECP on Proposed TOR. • MECP received 86 comments from 29 stakeholders. • Comments were forwarded to the City and considered when preparing Proposed Amended ToR.
Indigenous Communities Indigenous Communities (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City staff met with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) on January 15, 2019. City staff provided an update on the ToR. Discussion topics included archeological studies, and potential membership on the CLC. • City staff met with Oneida Nation of the Thames on January 28, 2019. City staff provided an update on the ToR. Discussion topics and activities included a tour of the landfill and other City facilities, archeological studies and potential membership on the CLC. • City staff met with Aamjiwnaang First Nation on February 1, 2019. City staff provided an update on the ToR. Discussion centered on the hydrogeology of the area and the protection of groundwater resources.
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meetings
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates provided to the W12A Landfill Public Advisory Committee on October 18 and December 13, 2018.

MECP Approval of Proposed Amended ToR

AS of March 30, 2019, no community engagement activities have taken place since submission of the Proposed Amended ToR for MECP approval on February 2, 2019.

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