

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, 2019
FROM:	JAY STANFORD, M.A., M.P.A. DIRECTOR - ENVIRONMENT, FLEET & SOLID WASTE
SUBJECT:	PROGRESS REPORT #8: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE - APRIL 1, 2019 TO NOVEMBER 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 #6: Community Engagement Program (April 18, 2019 meeting of the Waste Management Working Group (WMWG), Item #3.3)
- Progress Report #5: Community Engagement Program (March 8, 2018 meeting of the 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)

COUNCIL'S 2019-2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

Municipal Council has recognized the importance of solid waste management in its 2019-2023 - Strategic Plan for the City of London as follows:

Building a Sustainable City

London has a strong and healthy environment

- Build infrastructure to support future development and protect the environment

Growing our Economy

London is a leader in Ontario for attracting new jobs and investments

- Build infrastructure to support future development and retain existing jobs

Leading in Public Service

Londoners experience exceptional and valued customer service

- Increase community and resident satisfaction of their service experience with the City

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 April 1, 2019 and November 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)
5. March 2, 2018 to March 30, 2019 (on April 18, 2019)

Addressing the Need for Action on Climate Change

On April 23, 2019, the following was approved by Municipal Council with respect to climate change:

Therefore, a climate emergency be declared by the City of London for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, our eco systems, and our community from climate change.

Both the Resource Recovery Strategy and Waste Disposal Strategy (including the EA) address various aspects of climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation. These elements are also a requirement that must be addressed as part of EA documentation.

DISCUSSION

Overview

A formal Public Consultation Report (i.e., the title assigned by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks - MECP) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) process is required for both the Terms of Reference (ToR) and for the EA. The Public Consultation Report documents all aspects of the Community Engagement Program including information on advertising, outreach, events and activities as well as comments received.

The Public Consultation Report for the ToR was submitted in 2018. The Public Consultation Report for the EA will be submitted once the EA has been completed. A similar report will be prepared for the Resource Recovery Strategy by City staff.

Summary of Community Engagement Activities

Table 1 provides an update summary of the community engagement activities that took place from April 1 to November 30, 2019.

Table 1 – Community Engagement Activities April 1 to November 30, 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 370 visits to the website between April 1 and November 30, 2019 with over 270 unique visitors. • Total visits since community engagement program started exceeds 3,400 visits with over 2,200 unique visitors. • Opportunity for people to review and comment on the order of importance of Environmental Components. <p><i>Resource Recovery Strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 410 visits to the website between April 1 and November 30, 2019 with 280 unique visitors. • Total visits since the community engagement program started exceeds 6,700 visits with over 4,800 unique visitors.
Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertised in Londoner and project website. • Notices sent to stakeholders (Nearby residents, government review team, Indigenous Communities, various stakeholder groups, etc.).
Government Review of Work Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed work plans for atmosphere (air quality, dust, noise and odour) biology, geology & hydrogeology (groundwater) and surface water were submitted to the appropriate government agencies for review in September 2019. Comments received from government agencies have been addressed and the work plans finalized.
Indigenous Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided update by email to First Nation communities¹ on April 23, 2019 on status of proposed expansion of the W12A Landfill. • Tour of Greenway Wastewater Treatment Plant and W12A Landfill on July 16, 2019. Attendees from COTTN, Munsee and Oneida. • Groundwater Work Plan Workshop held at the COTTN Community Centre on August 26, 2019. Attendees from AFN, COTTN, Munsee and Oneida.
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No in-person meetings were held during this period. All members of the CLC received a project update by email on June 2, 2019.

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Activity	Description
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates provided to the W12A Landfill Public Advisory Committee on August 15 and October 17, 2019.

Notes

1. First Nation communities are Aamjiwnaang First Nation (AFN), Caldwell First Nation (Caldwell), Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTfN), Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point (Kettle and Stony Point), , Oneida Nation of the Thames (Oneida), Delaware Nation (Delaware), Munsee-Delaware First Nation (Munsee) and Walpole Island First Nation (WIFN).

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