

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING ON MARCH 8, 2018
FROM:	JAY STANFORD, M.A., M.P.A. DIRECTOR - ENVIRONMENT, FLEET & SOLID WASTE
SUBJECT:	PROGRESS REPORT #5: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE JANUARY 11, 2018 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2018

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 #4: Community Engagement Program (January 18, 2018 meeting of the Waste Management Working Group (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 2015-2019 STRATEGIC PLAN

Municipal Council has recognized the importance of solid waste management in its 2015-2019 - Strategic Plan for the City of London ([2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan](#)) as follows:

Building a Sustainable City

- Strong and healthy environment
- Robust infrastructure

Growing our Economy

- Local, regional, and global innovation
- Strategic, collaborative partnerships

Leading in Public Service

- Proactive financial management
- Innovative & supportive organizational practices
- Collaborative, engaged leadership
- Excellent service delivery

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 January 11, 2018 and February 28, 2018.

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 and Indigenous Communities.

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

The WMWG received its first update summary of community engagement activities on June 27, 2017 for the period March 30, 2017 to June 5, 2017, its second update on September 28, 2017 for the period June 6, 2017 to September 12, 2017, and its third update on January 18, 2018 for the period September 13, 2017 to January 10, 2018.

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

1. March 30, 2017 to June 5, 2017
2. June 6, 2017 to September 12, 2017
3. September 13, 2017 to January 10, 2018

DISCUSSION

Overview

A formal Public Consultation Report (i.e., the title assigned by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change - MOECC) for the Residual Waste Disposal Strategy will be required as part of the EA process. This report will document all aspects of the Community Engagement Program including information on advertising, outreach, events and activities as well as comments received. A similar report will be prepared for the Resource Recovery Strategy by City staff. Below is a brief summary of the recent Community Engagement Program activities.

Summary of Community Engagement Activities

Table 1 provides an update summary of the community engagement activities that took place from January 11, 2018 to February 28, 2018.

Table 1 – Community Engagement Activities January 11, 2018 to February 28, 2018

Activity	Description
Project Website (<i>Getinvolved.London.ca</i>)	<p><i>Residual Waste Disposal Strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Virtual Open House closed on January 15, 2018. • Over 190 visits to the website when the Virtual Open House was operational between December 1, 2017 and January 15, 2018 with over 120 unique visitors. • Total visits since community engagement program started exceeds 1,900 visits with over 1,300 unique visitors. • 8 individuals have provided comments. <p><i>Resource Recovery Strategy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 1,000 visits since the Virtual Open House opened on December 1, 2017 with over 700 unique visitors. • Total visits since the community engagement program started exceeds 3,300 visits with over 2,400 unique visitors. • Virtual Open Houses closes March 31, 2018. • 25 individuals have provided comments
Lifestyle Home Show at Western Fair (January 26 to January 28, 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information provided to public about the EA. • Feedback was sought from residents regarding potential waste diversion options and how much they would be willing to pay for each option. • Over 500 residents provided feedback.
Indigenous Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City staff met with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) on February 12, 2018. City staff provided an overview of the Terms of Reference process for the expansion of the W12A Landfill as well as the 60% Diversion Action Plan as part of the Resource Recovery Strategy.
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth meeting on February 26, 2018; meeting covered updates of next steps of the EA and the 60% Diversion Action Plan.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations to Advisory Committee of the Environment on January 10, 2018. • Presentation to the Agricultural Advisory Committee on January 17, 2018. • Presentation to Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) on January 18, 2018. • Update provided to the W12A Landfill Public Liaison Committee February 15, 2018. • Social media (Facebook). • Personal meetings as requested.

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