

Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2015

Members present: Ron Morales, Dan Guilmette, Bud Staples (Absent: Rob Caron)

Attendees: Pete Lachapelle (WM)

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 PM by Chair Ron Morales

Topics discussed:

- The Committee reviewed the recycling and solid waste monthly data for the period of January thru March 2015 which averaged approximately 31% recycled material. Ron reiterated the goal of reaching 40% and asked Peter (WM) if this was being done anywhere in his area of coverage. Peter remarked that only the town of Raymond, with their Pay-As-You-Throw plan, was exceeding East Kingston's level at a rate of 34% recycled material.
- Ron asked for suggestions to assist in improving our recycling rate. Peter reminded the Committee that the Town's "Trash and Recycling Collection Services" flyer would be mailed next week to all residents and that extra copies would be available through the town offices. Events to show what could be recycled were discussed. Waste Management does not hold events, but would support these with raffle tickets, examples of recycling materials, etc. Dan suggested holding an event at the school during Primary Election Day (Jan/Feb 2016 TBD), which is normally very well attended. This could possibly be tied to the Conservation display as polls are exited. Further discussion took place regarding possible events at the Library when their events are held.
- Ron suggested that residents could use composting bins to further reduce trash going to the landfill. If done on a large scale, Ron suggested composting could reduce trash by as much as another 10%.
- The procedure for implementing the eWaste program was reviewed. Peter provided a sample of the type of sticker to be sold at the town office. These could be printed fairly cheaply in reasonable quantities through area printers or companies like Vistaprint. The person buying the \$10 sticker(s) to place on each eWaste article would also receive instructions to call Waste Management to provide the address and quantity of stickered items to be collected on collection day, Monday, October 19th, 2015.
- Ron asked Pete to provide data regarding last year's white goods pick-up. White goods will also be picked up on Monday, October 19th, 2015 at no charge to residents.
- The Committee nominated and voted on positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. The Committee was unanimous in selecting Ron Morales as Chairman, Dan Guilmette as Vice-Chairman and William (Bud) Staples as Secretary.
- The Committee completed Waste Management's Customer Satisfaction Scorecard, providing WM an overall rating of 5 (highly satisfied).
- The next quarterly Solid Waste Removal and Recycling Committee meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

William (Bud) Staples

Secretary