



Corporation of the County of Wellington

Solid Waste Services Committee

Minutes

September 12, 2023
County Administration Centre
Keith Room

Present: Warden Andy Lennox
Councillor Steve O'Neill (Chair)
Councillor Dave Turton
Councillor Shawn Watters

Regrets: Councillor David Anderson

Also Present: Councillor Diane Ballantyne
Councillor Campbell Cork
Councillor Jeff Duncan

Staff: Jennifer Adams, County Clerk
Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Don Kudo, County Engineer
Das Soligo, Manager, Solid Waste Services
Cathy Wiebe, Admin Supervisor Solid Waste Services
Scott Wilson, CAO

1. Call to Order

At 1:00 pm, the Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Financial Statements as of August 31, 2023

1/6/23

Moved by: Councillor Watters

Seconded by: Warden Lennox

That the Financial Statements as of August 31, 2023 be approved.

Carried

4. North American Hazardous Materials Management Association Award

2/6/23

Moved by: Councillor Turton

Seconded by: Warden Lennox

That the September 12, 2023 report titled North American Hazardous Materials Management Association Award be received for information.

Carried

5. Closed Session

3/6/23

Moved by: Councillor Watters

Seconded by: Councillor Turton

That the Solid Waste Services Committee move into a closed meeting for the purposes of considering personal matters about an identifiable individual and acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

Carried

6. Adjournment

At 1:21 pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting until October 10, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.

Steve O'Neill
Chair
Solid Waste Services Committee



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Solid Waste Services Committee
From: Das Soligo, Manager of Solid Waste Services
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Subject: North American Hazardous Materials Management Association Award

Background:

The North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) is a non-profit, membership-based association of individuals, businesses, government officials, academia, and non-profit organizations dedicated to pollution prevention and reducing the hazardous components entering municipal waste streams from households, small businesses and other entities.

The NAHMMA enlists its membership from waste management professionals from across North America, in particular those who specialize in hazardous waste management handling/services. Every year the NAHMMA issues awards to deserving individuals or organizations in nine categories to promote and recognize contributions to the field of household hazardous waste management. Individuals or organizations can self-nominate or be nominated by others.

This past spring, Solid Waste Services (SWS) staff were made aware that a resident of the County of Wellington nominated the County for one of these awards. The County's Mobile Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot service was nominated in the Programme Innovation category and was selected as the winner of the award.

The purpose of the Programme Innovation award category is described by the NAHMMA in the following way;

To recognize unique and effective innovations in either HHW or CESQG services, including best recycling/reuse strategies, best documented educational strategies resulting in positive behaviour change, and/or best documented hazard reduction

The County's Mobile HHW Depot has been a remarkably successful and popular service. It replaced a previous model of providing for HHW disposal services, which was HHW event days. The event days were scheduled for one day each year located in each of the County's seven member municipalities. The Mobile HHW Depot provides HHW disposal opportunities 155 days a year throughout the County.

Not only is the Mobile HHW Depot far more accessible than the previous HHW programme, but it is more cost-effective than hosting the seven event days. The Depot is elegant in its simplicity, as it is easy to operate, transport and service. The Depot is essentially constructed as a covered roll-off container that can be moved by the County's fleet of roll-off trucks. It has safety features such as an explosion-proof design, spill-proof floors with removable grates, natural lighting, and passive venting.



In 2022, the Mobile Depot safely and responsibly managed 156 tonnes of HHW materials that were able to be diverted from landfill, the second highest annual total to date. Since its inception in 2016, the Depot has diverted 827 tonnes of HHW materials. Keeping HHW out of landfill sites is a very important function of municipal waste management systems, as these chemicals can have outsized adverse impacts when they find their way into the environment.

Previously, the County's Mobile HHW Depot won an international Silver Award of Excellence from the Solid Waste Association of North America in 2018, and SWS staff have given many tours of the Depot to municipal staff from across North America.

Recommendation:

That the September 12, 2023 report titled "North American Hazardous Materials Management Association Award" be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Das Soligo
Manager of Solid Waste Services