

**JOINT RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**HAWKESBURY TOWN HALL**

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**PRESENT:** Normand Riopel, Chairperson, Mayor, Township of Champlain  
Robert Kirby, Mayor, Township of East Hawkesbury  
André Chamailard, Councillor, Town of Hawkesbury  
Paula Knudsen, Chief Administrator Officer, Township of Champlain  
Luc Lalonde, Administrator Clerk-Treasurer, Township of East Hawkesbury  
Guillaume Boudrias, Technical Services Director, Town of Hawkesbury  
Robert Lefebvre, Recycling Coordinator

**Also Present:** Robert Lessard, Recycle Action Inc.

Chairperson Normand Riopel called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

**Declaration – Conflict of Interest**

No declarations of conflict of interest were made.

**Recycle Action Inc.**

Robert Lessard mentioned that the problems previously identified, being the availability of markets for the sale of recyclable material, continue to escalate.

Robert Lessard stated that only plastics identified as #1 and #2 have a current value of \$125 per tonne with all remaining plastics having a \$0 value. With respect to plastic film, examples being plastic bags for circulars are being landfilled by many recycling operations. Robert Lessard also mentioned that certain municipalities in the United States have cancelled their blue box recycling program as a result of there being no markets for the sale of recyclable material. In addition, Robert Lessard stated that he would be cancelling the agricultural plastic bale wrapping program as a result of there being no markets to sell this material. Robert Lessard mentioned that mixed paper which is called “Hardpack” has a negative value of \$7.37 a tonne meaning they would have to pay for its disposal exclusive of transportation costs that they would have to incur.

Robert Lessard further mentioned that all recycling facilities are having identical problems and that he will continue to inform the Members of the Committee of all future changes. Robert Lessard also mentioned that the current situation is affecting the profitability of Recycle Action Inc., however as a result of their operation being under Le Groupe Convex, all combined business operations help to cross-subsidizable operations/businesses which are not always profitable.

**(Footnote: Subsequent to the meeting of the Committee Mr. Robert Lessard has forwarded an email stating that he is working with the United Counties of Prescott and Russell in attempting to find solutions to avoid cancelling the agricultural bale plastics program.)**

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**Agreement – Recycle Action Inc.**

Robert Lessard stated that there is an upcoming meeting of his Board of Directors of Recycle Action Inc. and that the terms of conditions will be reviewed and submitted to the Committee in the near future.

It was stated, however, that as a result in the lack of marketability of certain products, for example plastic film, that this item would be removed as a recyclable material from the agreement. In addition, Robert Lessard stated that the current prices he is receiving from the sale of recyclable material will certainly affect the pricing for the processing of material and that this item is currently under review by his Board of Directors. Robert Lessard stated that he would continue to inform the Committee as to the terms and conditions for a new recycling agreement.

Chairperson Riopel thanked Robert Lessard for his continual update as to the current situation.

**Adoption of minutes – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

After a brief discussion as to the minutes of the meeting of March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 it was subsequently

**Moved by:           Paula Knudsen**  
**Seconded by:       André Chamillard**

**THAT** the minutes of the meeting of March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Tonnage Reports**

The Recycling Coordinator stated that the material collected for the months of January to April 2019 was 490.73 tonnes in comparison to 505.99 tonnes for the same period the previous year, being a decrease of 15.26 tonnes or 3.01%.

The Recycling Coordinator also stated that the tonnage of the electrical and electronic waste diverted from landfill sites by Recycle Action Inc. for the months of January to April 2019 was 18.74 tonnes in comparison to 27.67 for the same period the previous year, being a decrease of 8.93 tonnes.

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**Update – Recycling Vehicles**

Luc Lalonde mentioned that one of the recycling vehicles is continuing to have mechanical problems (transmission) and is currently being repaired in Cornwall. Luc Lalonde stated that he was obliged to use the services of Mike's Waste Disposal Inc. to continue the pickup of recyclable material to avoid cancellation of services.

Discussion also ensued regarding the previous recommendation of cancelling recycling pickup services for the day in the event that a recycling vehicle is non-operating due to mechanical failure and that an alternative arrangement cannot be made with Mayer Sanitation Inc. or Mike's Waste Disposal. It had been mentioned at the last meeting of the Committee that should this occur and that the recycling pickup could not be completed before 5:00 pm for the same day that it would be cancelled for the remainder of the week. Luc Lalonde mentioned that when this occurs that the truck drivers are approaching the maximum number of hours a truck driver is allow by law to operate and, as such, the pickup of recyclable material for the uncollected portion is not possible the following day. Luc Lalonde and Robert Kirby recommended that should this situation occur that the pickup of the recyclable material be cancelled at 5:00 pm.

Discussion ensued on this matter with the comments being made that all efforts, being the leasing of other contract vehicles, would be considered and implemented. However, it was also stated that such situations in cancelling the pickup service should not occur frequently.

After further discussion it was the unanimous consensus that in the event of a mechanical failure of a recycling vehicle including the inability to retain contracted services that the pickup of recyclable material be cancelled at 5:00pm for the current day and not provided during that current week.

Discussion also ensured regarding the potential for the purchase of a recycling vehicle, however, smaller than the current vehicles due to the limited quantity of recyclable material that is collected on a daily basis. It was also discussed as to the possibility of contracting services for a particular area in lieu of purchasing another yet smaller vehicle and keeping a third vehicle as a backup due to mechanical breakdowns.

It was resolved that Luc Lalonde investigate this possibility of a smaller vehicle with the driver position being on the passenger side and that Guillaume Boudrias also investigate the possibility of contracting part of the collection services of recycling material with the Town's current waste collection contractor, being Mayer Sanitation Inc. It was also resolved that this be re-submitted at the next meeting of the Recycling Committee for further discussion and evaluation.

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**Accounts and the 2019 Financial Report**

Robert Lefebvre stated that there were no accounts for presentation to the Committee and, as a result of this, there is no update as to the 2019 financial statement.

**Household Hazardous Waste Day Activities**

Robert Lefebvre presented to the Members of the Committee with statistical data with respect to the level of participation at the bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Day event held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Statistical information being more particularly identified as Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of this Report.

Robert Lefebvre stated that the next event is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and that the school “Le Sommet” will be invited to participate.

**WASTE-FREE ONTARIO ACT 2016**

Robert Lefebvre proceeded to provide an update as to the various programs that are subject to “winding up” under the *Waste Diversion Transition Act* of the ***Waste-Free Ontario Act 2016***.

Robert Lefebvre mentioned that the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program is now operating successfully with various producer associations representing the producers and importers.

With respect to the household hazardous or special waste activities Robert Lefebvre stated that the then Minister of the Environment had issued directives to Stewardship Ontario to wind-up the municipal hazardous or special program by December 31, 2020. Robert Lefebvre mentioned that upon wind-up, materials collected under this Program will be managed according to an individual producer responsibility under the ***Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act 2016***. Robert Lefebvre proceeded to mention the key dates for developing the municipal hazardous or special waste wind-up plan, being as follows:

- *June 30, 2019 – Stewardship Ontario to submit proposal for municipal hazardous or special waste wind-up plan;*
- *December 31, 2019 – Anticipated date by which the Resource Recovery and Productivity Authority (RPRA) will approve the municipal hazardous and special waste Plan;*
- *June 30, 2020 – Program termination date for batteries; and*
- *December 31, 2020 – Program termination date for remaining municipal hazardous and special waste material.*

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**WASTE-FREE ONTARIO ACT 2016 (continuation)**

Robert Lefebvre further stated that with respect to the waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE) Program that the draft regulations have been issued and can be segregated into four (4) categories, being

- *Information technology, tele-communication including audio/visual;*
- *Lighting;*
- *Large and small equipment; and*
- *Batteries (single, rechargeable and large batteries (5+ kgs).*

Robert Lefebvre proceeded to provide a brief outline of these draft regulations, being as follows:

- Regulations still provide for the concept of “*Full Producer Responsibility*”;
- Requirements to establish and arrange for the collection including operations and reporting;
- Producers to establish free collection networks for consumers;
- Producers to achieve resource recovery (*reduction/reuse/recycling targets*);
- Producers to provide for the promotion and education in terms of increasing awareness;
- Producers and haulers will be required to register beginning Jan 1, 2020 with collection to start no later than July 1, 2020;
- Regulations will allow for a variety of options for collection (*permanent depot, events, curbside collection including mail-back*);
- The creation of Producer Organizations will be permitted to manage, operate and report;
- Collection system for a municipality of 1,000 in population will require at least one (1) collection system; municipalities 500,000 or under will be required to provide a collection system for each 15,000 of inhabitants; and municipalities over 500,000 in population will be required to provide for a collection system for each 50,000 of inhabitants;
- Producers, haulers, processors and refurbishers are to be registered;
- The Resource Recovery and Productivity Authority (RPRA) will be responsible for compliance and enforcement.

Robert Lefebvre mentioned that he would be assisting a webinar later this month regarding the continuing winding up details of this Program.

Robert Lefebvre stated that there has not been any activity regarding the blue box recycling program since the issuance of the discussion paper by the Ontario Government entitled “***Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities***”. Robert Lefebvre mentioned that the period for providing comments had been completed and that he will continue to monitor any new development.

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**Service Agreement – Mike’s Waste Disposal Inc. - Collection – Part of Ward 4 – Champlain**

Robert Lefebvre re-submitted this matter for the consideration of the Committee since the current agreement with Mike’s Waste Disposal Inc. for the collection of recyclable material within a portion of Ward 4 – Township of Champlain, is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2020.

After a brief discussion on this subject matter, it was resolved that Michael Sauvé be advised of the changes that are being proposed regarding the blue box recycling program including the current uncertainty for transitioning to full-producer responsibility. It was also stated that Michael Sauvé be also advised that any future agreement will require an acceptable termination clause that was non-existent in the current agreement.

**Annual DataCall**

Robert Lefebvre stated that the annual DataCall had been filed and is based upon 2018 data and statistical information including operational costs and that it would be used in determining the 2020 grants.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Hawkesbury and Area Joint Recycling Committee is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:30 am.

**Adjournment**

This meeting of the Recycling Committee was adjourned at 9:45a.m. on a motion by André Chamailard and seconded by Luc Lalonde.



**NORMAND RIOPEL**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**ROBERT LEFEBVRE**  
**RECYCLING COORDINATOR**

**Schedule “A” to the minutes of the Recycling Committee dated May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION – HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY ACTIVITIES  
HAWKESBURY AND AREA JOINT RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF EAST HAWKESBURY, TOWN OF HAWKESBURY, TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN**

Municipality	May 7 & Oct 1/11	May 5/12	Oct 6/12	May 4/13	Oct 5/13	May 3/14	Oct 4/14	May 2/15	Oct 3/15	May 7/16	Oct 1/16	May 6/17	Oct 7/17	May 5/18	Oct 6/18	May 4/19
Hawkesbury (5208 households)	321	160	154	219	202	185	183	258	211	207	249	243	205	314	198	289
East Hawkesbury (1,500 households)	94	40	58	86	94	91	74	72	74	69	53	66	66	73	58	77
Champlain (3,996 households)	285	163	193	179	165	189	252	288	226	267	235	243	236	278	158	313
<b>TOTAL (combined total for the year 2009 is 820 vehicles)</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>679</b>
Percentage increase from 2006 to 2007, from 2007 to 2008 and from 2008 to 2009	(4.09%) from May 8/10 to May 7/11	(3.20%) From May 7/11 to May 5/12	24.62% From Oct 1/11 to Oct 6/12	33.33% From May 5/12 to May 5/13	13.83% From Oct 6/12 to Oct 5/13	3.93% from May 4/13 to May 3/14	10.41% from Oct 5/13 to Oct 4/14	32.9% From May 3/14 to May 2/15	0.4% From Oct 4/14 to Oct 3/15	(12.1%) From May 2/15 to May 7/16	5.09% from Oct 3/15 to Oct 1/2016	1.66% From May 7/16 to May 6/17	(5.59%) from Oct 1/16 to Oct 7/2017	20.47% from May 6/17 to May 5/18	5.92% from Oct 7/17 to Oct 6/2018	2.11% from May 5/18 to May 4/19

**At the Event of May 4, 2019, a total of 43,200 litres and 1,310 kg of hazardous wastes was diverted including car batteries and large propane tanks. TOTAL ESTIMATE OF 44.51 TONNES. At the May 5, 2018 event, a total of 42.770 litres and 2,210 kg of hazardous wastes was diverted including car batteries and large propane tanks for a total of 44.98 tonnes. This represents a slight decrease of 1.04% from the May 4, 2019 event in comparison to last year’s event.**