Meeting: GENERAL PURPOSE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
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File #: PLN 33.3.10
Subject: DURHAM/YORK RESIDUAL WASTE PROJECT
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is respectfully recommended that the General Purpose and Administration Committee recommend to Council the following:

1. THAT Report PSD-033-11 be received;

2. THAT a copy of Report PSD-033-11 and Council's decision be forwarded to the Region of Durham, the Region of York, and the Ministry of Environment;

3. THAT Attachment 2 the revised terms of reference for the EFW Waste Management Advisory Committee be endorsed as Clarington's comments and suggestions for the terms of reference; and

4. THAT all interested parties listed in Report PSD-033-11 and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

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Reviewed by: 
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28 March 2011
1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 At the February 3, 2011 meeting Regional staff presented 2011-J-15 to the Joint Finance and Administration and Works Committee. One of the recommendations of the report was that the terms of reference for the Integrated Waste Management Committee (Attachment 1) be forwarded to the Municipality of Clarington for input prior to consideration by Regional Council. Report 2011-J-15 was tabled; however, Regional and local staff met with regard to the terms of reference to discuss the issues and work towards an agreed upon terms of reference.

2.0 ISSUES WITH THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1 Clarington Staff have suggested a number of changes to the terms of reference including:
- clarify the mandate and purpose of this committee,
- membership composition (e.g. who would make appointments),
- the reporting relationship,
- length of appointments to the committee,
- election of the committee officers,
- timing of the publication of the draft minutes, and
- the name of the committee.

2.2 Attachment 2 to this report is a revised terms of reference that Regional Staff and Clarington Staff are for the most part in agreement on.

2.3 The one item of contention between the Regional and local staff is the appropriate name for the committee, Clarington is suggesting EFW-WMAC which would be Energy From Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee. Clarington staff believe it is important to relate the committee and its mandate to the EFW and not just as a committee to address all manner of issues related to the waste management system operated by the Region.

3.0 REPRESENTATION ON EFW-WMAC

3.1 Once the terms of reference for the committee are approved by Regional Council, Clarington will advertise and appoint the public members that will represent Clarington on this Committee. In addition to the public members, Clarington Ward 1 local and regional Councillors are non-voting members as is a Clarington Staff representative.

3.2 At this time, it can be assumed that the staff representative will either be the Manager or Senior Planner for the Special Projects Branch in Planning Services. However, given the mandate of the committee and the items that may be brought forward, other staff members from Operations and/or Engineering Services may be more
appropriate, this can be evaluated and adjusted over time. As the Staff position is a non-voting member it does not require formal appointment by Council.

4.0 OTHER EFW RELATED COMMITTEES

4.1 The EA Approval for the EFW facility contained a number of requirements with regard to Committees and working groups. Some of these working groups will be staff driven, the meetings would be held during the day and not be open to the public. For instance, staff have been asked to sit on the Ambient Air Monitoring and Report Plan Working Group which will be developing the plan for monitoring and reporting. The actual monitoring and reporting is part of the role of the EFWAC.

4.2 The Site Plan application requires a number of meetings, again they are staff driven, held during the day and not open to the public. A number of meetings have taken place and will continue to until work on details of the site plan are satisfactory. When the plans have reached a stage of finalization they will be presented to Council.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

5.1 The clarification to the mandate and purpose of the EFW-WMAC committee has been agreed to by Regional and local staff. The draft in Attachment 2 is more closely aligned with the purpose, as envisioned in the Host Community Agreement.

5.2 The revised terms of reference (Attachment 2) are similar to the terms of reference for the previous EFW Site Liaison Committee, which it is intended to replace, with regard to reporting relationship and membership composition.

5.3 The other revisions to the terms of reference will assist with the functioning of the committee.

5.4 Staff are recommending Council adopt the terms of reference with the understanding that Regional Council has yet to adopt the terms of reference and is the ultimate approval agency for the terms of reference.

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Attachments:
Attachment 1: IWMC terms of reference from 2011-J-15
Attachment 2: Revised EFW-WMAC Terms of Reference
Attachment 3: Report 2009-COW-01 (referred to in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2)

List of interested parties to be notified of Council's decision:
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