

REPORT NO. 18 of the
ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held July 27, 2011

Present: Councillor Hatfield, Chair
Councillor Payne
Councillor Sleiman

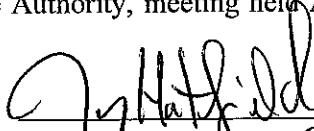
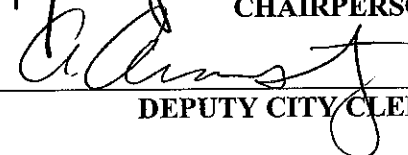
Absent: Councillor Valentinis
Councillor Halberstadt

That the following recommendations of the Environment and Transportation Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:**

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Payne,
THAT the Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, meeting held
April 5, 2011 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

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Clerk's Note: Minutes of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, meeting held April 5, 2011 are attached for information.


CHAIRPERSON

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

NOTIFICATION:				
Name	Address	Email Address	Telephone	FAX



NOTE: The Minutes placed on the Agenda as "**Communications Item**" were not approved by the Committee at the time of this publication.

MINUTES
ESSEX-WINDSOR SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Essex County Civic and Education Centre
Meeting Room C
Tuesday April 5, 2011
4:30 pm

Attendance:

EWSWA Board Members:	Tom Bain (Ex-officio)	County of Essex
	Ron McDermott	County of Essex
	Ken Antaya	County of Essex
	Wayne Hurst	County of Essex
	Cheryl Hardcastle	County of Essex
	Alan Halberstadt	City of Windsor
	Ed Sleiman	City of Windsor
	Al Maghnieh	City of Windsor
	Drew Dilkens (Alternate)	City of Windsor

Absent:	Ed Francis (Ex-officio)	City of Windsor
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EWSWA Staff:

- Eli Maodus, General Manager
- Michelle Bishop, Manager of Finance and Administration
- Cameron Wright, Manager of Waste Diversion
- Ralph Reiser, Manager of Waste Disposal
- Kate George, Executive Secretary

County of Essex Staff: Mary Brennan, Clerk / Director of Council Services

City of Windsor Staff:

- Natasha Couvillon, Manager of Performance Measurement and Financial Administration
- Anne Marie Albidone, Manager of Environmental Services
- Mark Spizzirri, Financial Planning Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The General Manager called the meeting to order at 4:39 PM.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. DELEGATION

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**A) EWSWA Board Meeting – March 9, 2011**

Moved by Tom Bain

Seconded by Ed Sleiman

THAT the minutes of the EWSWA Board Meeting of March 9, 2011 be adopted.

–CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
51-2011

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**A) Allocating 2011 Net Cost to Municipalities**

The General Manager spoke to the report on page 16 of the agenda package, noting that the purpose was to clarify the options for the method of assessing the costs of operating the Authority back to the municipalities in order for the Board to give direction on how Administration will proceed. He noted that the Board discussed this at its previous meeting and presentations have been made to municipal councils individually. Ultimately, the bottom line that the Authority requires for its operations, is consistent through each of the methods, it is the manner in which the amount is allocated to the municipalities that is to be decided.

He further noted that municipalities were asked to communicate their preferences to the Authority once they had time to consider the presentation and the results of that showed 3 municipalities wished to see the new model adopted; while the 5 others wished to remain with the tipping fee method currently employed. Administration is not making a recommendation, it is asking for direction from the Board on one of the two methods or a third directive to defer the matter for consideration after the EWSWA Business Review is complete.

The Chair called for discussion on the report.

Mr. McDermott questioned how long it would be until the Business Review is completed and available for review by the Board.

The General Manager noted that the RFQ would have to be drafted, advertised and the contract awarded. It is difficult to give an estimate at this point as there are too many variables.

Mr. Halberstadt questioned the likelihood of the tipping fee decreasing at some point. He further questioned the operating costs and the increases in that area.

The General Manger noted that the tipping fee has never historically decreased. He also noted that the Authority costs have not increased significantly over time, the issue is that there are fewer tonnes of municipal and residential waste over which to allocate the net costs in the current tipping fee model, creating a scenario for the need for an increased tipping fee to make up for the shortage in tonnes.

Mr. Antaya questioned what would occur if a surplus situation were to arise.

The General Manager indicated that the surplus would flow into the Rate Stabilization Reserve and the Board would ultimately decide how to use those funds.

Moved by Drew Dilkens

Seconded by Ron McDermott

THAT the Board instruct the Authority to await the outcome of the 2011 Business Review before deciding on a method thereby maintaining the current method of recovering costs, namely the tipping fee method.

--CARRIED
52-2011

Opposed – Allan Halberstadt

B) Refuse Originating From Outside Essex-Windsor

The General Manager noted that in March of 2010 the Board resolved that administration seek and solicit waste from outside municipal sources as a source of revenue. Administration is seeking direction on how to proceed relating to the current put or pay contract with BFI which expires at the end of September 2011 as well as with the direction previously given by the Board to seek outside waste.

Mr. Sleiman questioned why the rates were lower for the BFI contract and other non-Essex-Windsor municipal waste?

The General Manager indicated that the municipal tipping fee is based on the whole cost of operations not just the cost of landfilling refuse while the put or pay contract rates for ICI waste are based on landfilling the waste only. The \$97.50 tipping fee covers the costs associated with landfilling, recycling program, debenture, advertising, transfer stations etc.. ICI customers are not assessed the cost of the other programs administered by the Authority, but just for the cost of the waste disposal. Another reason for lower ICI tipping fees is the fact that these customers may have lower cost options aside from the Essex-Windsor Regional Landfill. There are disposal sites in Michigan that are taking in Essex-Windsor garbage at this

time for a very low rate. If we charge more than the current rates, we risk losing the waste and associated revenue.

Mr. Bain expressed concern over accepting any outside waste and noted that his experience with siting the current landfill has left him with the opinion that the Authority should be trying to extend the life of the Regional Landfill as long as possible in order to avoid a repeat of the situation that unfolded last time. He expressed the possibility that the foreseeable costs of another landfill are going to be exceedingly more than in the 1990s when we went through it last time.

Mr. Halberstadt questioned the loss in revenue if the Board decides not to renew the BFI contract after September.

The General Manager indicated that the annualized loss would be \$800,000. He further noted that the budget would however not be impacted because the contract expiry date was factored into the \$104.54 tipping fee for 2011. The full impact of the revenue loss would be felt in 2012.

Mr. Maghnieh requested clarification as to what the Authority's financial position would be at the end of 2011.

The General Manager indicated that unless there is something unpredictable that occurs, the budget will be balanced.

Ms. Hardcastle suggested that the Business Review will hopefully provide some insight or direction options for the Authority as far as allocation methods or revenue sources and suggested that the Board reverse the direction given to seek outside waste.

Moved by Ken Antaya

Seconded by Cheryl Hardcastle

THAT administration inform BFI that it is not desired by the Authority that the contract for waste tonnage be extended or renewed after September 30, 2011 the expiry date; and,

THAT administration will not pursue any other outside sources of waste that originate from outside of Essex-Windsor, excluding those currently exempt under EWSWA Policy EW - 010.

--CARRIED
53-2011

Opposed - Al Maghnieh
Drew Dilkens
Ed Sleiman

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Tom Bain
Seconded by Drew Dilkins
THAT the correspondence item be received for information purposes.

—CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
54-2011

7. WASTE DISPOSAL ISSUES

There were no Waste Disposal items for discussion.

8. WASTE DIVERSION ISSUES

There were no Waste Diversion items for discussion.

9. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A) Summary of Accounts

Moved by Ron McDermott
Seconded by Drew Dilkins
THAT the legal invoice be approved for payment.

—CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items for discussion.

11. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

There were no In-Camera items for discussion.

12. BY-LAWS

- A) By-Law 06-2011 - Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Board of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority.

Moved by Ed Sleiman

Seconded by Drew Dilkens

THAT By-Law 06-2011 - Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Board of the Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority be given three readings and be adopted this 5th day of April, 2011.

-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Authority will be as scheduled on **TUESDAY May 11, 2011** or at the call of the Chair. The meeting will be held at the **Essex County Civic and Education Centre, Meeting Room C.**

14. ADJOURNMENT

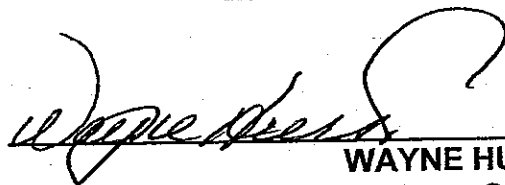
Moved by Drew Dilkens

Seconded by Tom Bain

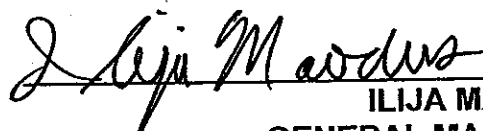
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.



WAYNE HURST
CHAIR



ILJA MAODUS
GENERAL MANAGER