



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
Waste Diversion Sub-Committee
January 18, 2017
1:00 PM
Canada Room

<p>Members Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Karen Rea</p> <p>Regrets Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Logan Kanapathi</p>	<p>Staff Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Michael DiPasquale, Diversion Program Technician Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator</p>
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The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee convened at 1:00 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE - WASTE DIVERSION MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the October 13, 2016 Environmental Issues Committee - Waste Diversion Subcommittee meeting minutes be adopted .

Carried

2. TEXTILE LAUNCH

Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the textile program. The presentation included information on the textile ban, Thornhill Depot Goodwill project, textile recycling at Markham schools and rogue bins.

The Committee discussed and suggested the following relative to the textile ban:

- Consider creating a flyer or poster that private owners such as Fabricland can put in their stores advising customers where they can dispose of their textiles
- Importance of communication plan
- Ensure residents understand what is being collected and what will be banned from regular garbage pick up

The Committee discussed the current Canadian Diabetes Association textile recycling bins at some of the Markham schools. It was suggested that if the bins remain at the schools to consider having them sealed over the summer break and ensure that this information is well communicated.

There was discussion regarding the rogue bins and whether these bins should be picked up in phases. The Committee suggested that the Markham Public Realm Advisory Committee be advised of this program, and that Chris Alexander, Acting Manager, By-law Enforcement & Regulatory Services be invited to the next meeting to provide information relative to the rogue bins.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Focus Group

Staff advised that they will be conducting focus groups in the end of February 2017 to obtain information from residents on the clear bag program. It was noted that GLAD has provided \$5000 to assist with this focus group study.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee, Waste Diversion Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:05 p.m.