

Regional Councillor Report

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Works Committee – Jan. 28, 2015

Delegations from partner owners, developers and academic partners of the dLab project lands in Whitby attended Works to discuss the need and timing of the construction of the Consumers Road extension from west of Thickson. The main issue was to not cause delays in timing for the development of employment lands planned in the area.

Marvin Green, President 21st Company, Beth Holloway, Vice President, Halloway Deveolpments, Don Lovisa, President, Durham College, Kate Ingram, Government & Community Relations Officer, Trent University and Tony Doyle, Chief of Staff, Durham College were part of the delegation.

It is estimated that the development is worth about \$200 million dollars and will create 2,500 jobs. In the capital forecast plan, Consumers is to begin construction in 2016. The delegates stressed the need for this date to be adhered to.

Hwy 2 Dedicated Lanes

Residents concerns regarding safety when accessing bus lanes and bike lanes when making turns was raised. Works will be discussing with the Communications Department on how messages can be improved to educate the public on their usage.

Joint Committee – Jan. 30, 2015

The Servicing and Financing Study was received which will set the context for budget approvals for major capital programs for solid waste.

Some of the initiatives are as follows:

- A procurement process be initiated for a fully compliant privately operated Municipal Special Hazardous Waste facility in Clarington to be operational in May 2016.
- Staff be authorized to expand its investigation of transfer station options not limited to one location or provider; including pre sort technologies and report back in 2015. Staff will continue to investigate new technologies as a means of increasing diversion in the multi-residential sector. Furthermore, anaerobic digestion can also be used to process hard to compost organics. These technologies will be investigated to determine their suitability for multi-residential organic and an expanded green bin program.

- Staff be authorized to investigate the feasibility of collecting and marketing rigid plastics such as baby seats, toys, lawn furniture etc., and report back in 2015.
- Staff implement a pilot program to recycle construction and demolition materials such as pressure treated wood, painted wood, coated drywall and contaminated materials subject to 2015 budget approval.
- Regional fees and charges be approved with no changes from 2014.

During the discussion it came to light that scavenging of materials is becoming a matter of concern especially when losses to the Region from the diminished revenues could be as much as a million dollars. Discussion ensued around increased enforcement.

Covanta Incinerator Update

Added costs of \$195,000.00 (Durham's share is \$153,270.00) financed within the remaining budget for extending the technical consulting contract with HDR Corporation for onsite management be extended six months to cover the delay and fully address non conformance issues were approved.

A three year technical operations consulting contract was awarded to HDR to ensure a smooth transition from testing to full operations and to provide expertise and support oversight for assessment of Covanta's monthly, quarterly and annual supports.

A number of risks to fulfill the Host Agreement with Clarington were highlighted such as unknown costs for expropriation of lands, work requirements from CN to complete storm water management works and the costs for Enbridge pipeline construction, projected at \$200,000.00 and are estimated at \$4.89 million.

Durham Region staff stated that the project is .005% over budget, due to York paying an 80% share on a number of items. Discussions continue with York on cost sharing of oversized components. Staff stated that the original project did not have a contingency budget.

Covanta is currently subject to a \$10,000.00 per day fine for the delay in full operation of the plant.

Further updates will be provided by staff.