

City of Auburn
Transportation & Environment
April 20, 2016
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

- **Call to Order and Introductions:**

Councilor David Young; Councilor Ernestine M. Gilbert; Stu Axelrod, Pine Tree Waste; Deputy Director of Public Services, Scott Holland; Assistant City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil; Councilor Leroy Walker

- **Minutes:**

Councilor David Young noted the start time and stop time were in error and that the meeting lasted longer than one hour. Assistant City Manager Denis D'Auteuil mentioned the time can be checked on the recording and minutes updated. The minutes can be approved with the stipulation the error will be corrected. Motion was made by Councilor Walker to accept, Councilor Young seconded. Councilor Gilbert noted that her name was spelt incorrectly. Mr. D'Auteuil stated that the correction will be made. Passage 3-0

- **Solid Waste and Recycling Discussion:**

Deputy Director of Public Services, Scott Holland gave a brief introduction for Stuart Axelrod, Pine Tree Waste and Joe Kazar, MMWAC.

Mr. Axelrod stated that he has been talking to Auburn for a long time about different methods to collect trash which may result in increases in the rate of recycling. He then talked about the automated system and its' implementation in Scarborough which began ten years ago. He then spoke about the Pay as You Through programs.

There was then discussion of both program benefits as it relates to recycling rates. Many of the issues related to both systems were then discussed. In addition, a discussion took place on drop sites versus collection. The market for recycling was then discussed as well as what would happen in terms of pricing on future recycling contracts as it relates to the market.

Joe Kazar, Executive Director of MMWAC, then spoke and introduced John King as his replacement when Joe retires in a week.

Joe then gave a history of the MMWAC facility. Auburn is the largest contributor to waste to the facility. He then gave an overview of the waste to energy process and detailed what happens to the burnt materials. The discussion also covered what would happen if Auburn diverted more waste away from the facility by increasing the recycling rate.

The Committee was then briefed by Mr. D'Auteuil on actions moving forward with regards to solid waste and recycling. Mr. D'Auteuil noted that given the time line, the budget process, the recommendation tonight could be to dive more into details on the three options we have talked about: automated, status quo (do nothing) or going to an every week recycling. The goal is to have a final recommendation that would be presented to the rest of the council.

- **Committee Recommendations:**

Councilor Walker asked for an additional meeting on May 4th in order to discuss Solid Waste and Recycling. Staff will prepare information on the pros and cons of all of the various options discussed during the meeting as well as the costs associated with them.

- **Public Comment:**

No public comment.

- **Staff updates:**

Councilor Walker expressed his desire for the State to clean their portions of roadways. Scott Holland, Deputy Director of Public Services then gave an update on the various City managed construction projects. Councilor Gilbert expressed concern about the number of trucks on Hotel Road.

- **Next Meeting Agenda:**

May 4th / May 18th – Solid Waste and Recycling

- **Adjournment:**

Councilor Walker made a motion to adjourn; Councilor Young seconded. Passed 3-0

- **End Session:**

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