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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2020-INFO-26
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Subject:

Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040 Development Schedule

Recommendation:

Receive for information.

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Regional Council with information on the development of the anticipated schedule and milestones for the Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021–2040.

2. Background

2.1 At its meeting of January 30, 2019, Regional Council directed staff to begin developing an updated Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021–2040 (Plan) as part of the 2019 Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study (Report #2019-COW-3).

2.2 The Solid Waste Management 2020 Strategic Issues and Financial Forecast (2020-COW-3) expanded on the previously outlined vision for the new Plan to enhance the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) reduce, reuse, recycle principles and incorporate a vision to utilize waste as a resource as a foundation of the Plan.

3. Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040 Anticipated Schedule and Milestones

- 3.1 A project kick-off meeting was held with HDR, the project consultant, on February 28, 2020. The purpose of this meeting was to review the proposed project schedule and consultation plan.
- 3.2 Currently, consultation is planned for the spring and summer of 2020 with:
 - a. Regional staff from the Works, Planning and Finance Departments and the CAO's Office;
 - b. Local area municipality staff;
 - c. Regional advisory groups; and
 - d. The public via pop-up booths and a Public Information Centre.
- 3.3 The focus of these consultations will be to develop draft objectives, targets and the vision statement for the Plan.
- 3.4 Due to unforeseen circumstances surrounding the coronavirus, alternative formats of consultation are being considered for both Regional staff and local area municipality staff consultation. In-person outreach to the Region's advisory groups and the public will commence when safe. Alternative formats may also need to be considered.
- 3.5 Early consultations will inform the development of a proposed Plan Outline that will be presented to Regional Council in the Fall of 2020.
- 3.6 If approved, the Plan Outline will form the basis for the development of a draft Plan and a Five-Year Action Program. Public consultation on the draft Plan and Five-Year Action Program is anticipated to occur in the Spring of 2021.
- 3.7 The draft Plan and Five-Year Action Program will be revised to reflect appropriate comments received from public consultation after which a proposed final Plan with the Five-Year Action Program will be presented to Regional Council for endorsement in late fall 2021 or early 2022. A summary of consultation activities will be included in the final draft of the Plan.
- 3.8 Following Regional Council's endorsement of the new Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021–2040, staff will focus on promoting the new Plan and commence implementation of the Five-Year Action Program in 2022.

3.9 The Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021–2040 is an important strategic planning document for the Region as it will inform future waste management initiatives as well as future operating and capital budgets.

4. Conclusion

4.1 Initial work on the new Long-Term Waste Management Plan has commenced with strategies to consult with Regional Municipality of Durham staff, local area municipalities, Regional advisory groups and the public at multiple points during the development of the Plan.

4.2 The development of the Long-Term Waste Management Plan is anticipated to take place over two years with implementation commencing in 2022.

4.3 For additional information, please contact Gioseph Anello, Acting Director of Waste Management Services at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

Respectfully submitted,

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