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Hello Mr. Fletcher:

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Understand that my comments and proposed suggestions re SUP's have been given to the Sustainability Committee.

If so, is it necessary to provide the Committee a written version of my proposed suggestions for public record and presentation? Has the Sust. Comm. received my proposals, and can they send me an e-mail acknowledging receipt?

How do I find out what they have reviewed and discussed re these proposed suggestions?

Also, understand that there is some discussion to organizing a sub-committee to delve deeper into the SUP waste management issue.

Would it be at all possible for me to inquire or apply for a position as a member on this committee?: and become an actively involved working member?

At the moment I am working as a volunteer with Climate Action Team, in Thornbury, following my own lines of inquiry. The results of my investigations could be useful either as a working committee member or as an outside supporter providing information, in much the same way I now do with CAT. In either case, would be pleased to give support.

On a technical matters I have a specific questions:

1. Why is HPDE #2 plastic bags not accepted in the Blue Box Recycling waste? By definition it is: high-density Polyethylene, most compostable type of plastic high recovery rate, most recyclable, safest form of plastic HPDEs' are reusable & recyclable.

Solutions:

1.) toronto.ca/311/knowledgebase/kb/docs/articles/solidwaste-management.services

- does recycle the "unrecyclable: milk bags, bread bags, bulk food bags, produce bags, dry cleaning bags, garden soil, manure, compost bags; transparent recycling bags, over-wrap from: toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, water and soft drink packaging. Most of these items are a small retailers/shopkeepers's biggest disposal problem.

2. Why is styrofoam even though it has a recycle symbol, not part of the blue bin?

Solutions:

1.) There are companies in Ontario that can recycle it: plant.ca/features/greenmantra-recycling-innovation

2.) www.orilla.ca/en/living-here/recycling-tips - recycles

3. Why is pet waste and litter box soil not picked up?

- Obvious hygiene problem that does have a partial solution: - again Orilla recycling tips for reducing Pet Waste: several products on the market: www.doggiedooley.com, www.bokashicycle.com

3. Background: these HPDE #2 bags are now in use by: Thornbury - Foodland (Kudos) and clearly state they are recyclable, WHERE FACILITIES EXIST.

It is the bag of first choice by concerned consumers.

Comments:

1. Since more businesses are getting on board with recycling it would appear that this presents a clear case for municipal budget accommodations.

2. Several websites have useful info. on "how to recycle" for the Town's Recycling Website. For example: Toronto & Orillia websites.

This is a complex problem with simple solutions.

Hope that you are planning to attend the October Waste Management for municipalities convention in Toronto. This convention would be of interest to sustainability Committee members.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

A supporter of Town of Blue Mountain Waste Management Team.

Carry On the Good Work,

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