

COUNCIL **JUNE 25, 2013**

**AMENDMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL NUMBER 3013-6J5J5S –
DONGARA PELLET FACTORY INC.**

(Referred)

Council at its meeting of June 4, 2013 adopted the following:

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of June 25, 2013.

Council at its meeting of May 14, 2013 adopted the following:

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of June 4, 2013.

Report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated April 30, 2013.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That Council advise the Ministry of the Environment that it does not object to the application from Dongara Pellet Factory Inc. to amend their Environmental Compliance Approval Number 3013-6J5J5S to allow for increased storage of ferrous and non-ferrous recyclable materials at their facility; and,
2. A copy of the Council resolution be sent to Tesfaye Gebrezghi, P. Eng., Supervisor Part V Director, Environmental Approvals Branch, 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1LS.

Contribution to Sustainability

The Dongara Pellet Factory processes household waste into fuel pellets for use in selected applications, as approved by the Ministry of the Environment. By doing so, they reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, and follows the fourth "R" (Recovery), of the Region of York's waste management strategy.

The residual waste collected as part of the City of Vaughan's curbside residential waste collection program is taken to this site for processing.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The application by Dongara Pellet Factory Inc. to increase the amount of ferrous and non-ferrous material to be kept on site has been posted on the Province's Environmental Registry for public comment and review.

Purpose

To advise Council of the application submitted by Dongara Pellet Factory Inc., to allow for increased storage of ferrous and non-ferrous recyclable materials at their facility, and respond accordingly to the Ministry of the Environment.

Background - Analysis and Options

Dongara Pellet Factory Inc. has submitted an application to the Ministry of the Environment to amend their existing Environmental Compliance Approval (Waste Disposal Site) No. 3013-6J5J5S.

Approval is current being sought to change the amount of recyclable waste stored at the plant from 29 tonnes of recyclable ferrous materials to 100 tonnes. Changes are also being sought to increase the amount of non-ferrous recyclable materials stored at the plant from 29 tonnes to 100 tonnes.

The property located at No. 7251 Highway 27 is zoned EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone and OS1 Open Space Conservation Zone. The property is subject to exception 9(1266). The lands are also subject to Toronto Region Conservation Authority under Ontario Regulation 166-06.

The exception permits a maximum 8,130m² waste recycling and processing facility, a pellet plant which manufactures fuel pellets, and a maximum 982m² storage dome. The exception also indicates that all activity on the site must be within a wholly enclosed building, and outside or open storage of goods or materials is prohibited.

On April 8, 2013, staff contacted the proponent's representative to determine where this additional tonnage would be stored. It was confirmed by the representative that the material will be stored inside the existing building. The request is being made to comply with their customers' demands for larger quantities to be shipped at one time. The additional 70 tonnes is equal to approximately 3 truckloads of materials.

Building Standards staff have confirmed that there are no outstanding permits or work orders on the site.

Based on the above information, it is recommended that Council not object to the application made by the Dongara Pellet Factory Inc. to increase the amount of recyclable materials stored at the plant, from 29 tonnes to 100 tonnes, for both ferrous and non-ferrous recyclable materials.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and ties into the following Vaughan Vision 20/20 Goals and Objectives:

Goal: Service Excellence
Objective: Lead & Promote Environmental Sustainability

Regional Implications

The Region will be submitting their own comments on the proposal by Dongara Pellet Plant Inc. to the Ministry of the Environment. This is usually done after the local municipality has provided their comments.

Staff will advise Regional staff of the outcome of Council's decision with respect to the recommendations contained in this report.

Conclusion

The current zoning permits this change requested by Dongara Pellet Factory Inc., as the additional materials will be stored inside the existing building.

Attachments

N/A

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