

City adds Carp meeting

STAFF

City residents who would like to comment on how storm water management is paid for – through water and sewer bills or through property taxes – have another chance to provide input.

The city has added a public meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Carp Fairgrounds dining hall, 3790 Carp Road.

The City of Ottawa is reviewing the way residents pay for drinking water, sewers and storm water services.

3 OPTIONS

The key difference between the three options being considered is how storm water costs are recovered.

One option would see homeowners on well and septic have to pay all rural storm water costs. Details are online at www.ottawa.ca/ratestudy.

West Carleton-March Coun. Eli El-Chantiry told the West Carleton Review that rural residents who have seen the options aren't happy, adding it's important the city hears from taxpayers.

"We need to know what the people want, and we'll go from there," El-Chantiry said.

Anyone unable to attend the public meetings can send comments or questions to project manager Sally McIntyre at 613-580-2424, ext 23307, or via ratestudy@ottawa.ca.

417 ROLLOVER



Photo by JOHN CARTER

A rollover on Highway 417 on Saturday afternoon requires paramedics. A large number of people stopped to help the victim as well as do traffic control. The accident occurred just east of the Antrim turnoff on the west-bound lanes. There was no immediate word on injuries.

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ReStore sells items dropped off on Carp Road

Continued from front,

Every dollar taken in at the ReStore helps put a family in a new home.

The key is to make the donation process easy, and a new drop-off point on Carp Road is expected to increase the flow of donations to the ReStores and keep perfectly good materials out of the Carp Road landfill.

CARP CONNECTION

Until last week, the nearest public drop-off centre was the ReStore at 7 Enterprise Ave., just off Merivale Road. The other Ottawa store is at 2370 Walkley Rd.

"This is better for people further out of town," said Allan Avis, a ReStore employee who is now staffing a new Carp Road drop-off.

The new site is a former single-family home at 2383 Carp Rd., within the shadow of the Carp Road landfill. The site is open Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The site accepts:

- Interior and exterior doors;
- Thermal glass and newer windows;
- Kitchen and bathroom fixtures and cabinets;
- New building materials;
- Trim and shelving;
- Working light fixtures;
- Tiles and flooring;
- Framed mirrors;
- Seasonal products;
- Tools;
- Corporate donations, including scratch-and-dent and discounted inventory, paint mis-tints and customer returns.

Non-renovation items aren't accepted:

- Dishes, toys, clothing, books and exercise equipment;
- Building supplies that are dirty, damaged or have mold, rot or rust;
- Materials with nails or screws not removed;
- Carpet;
- Paint (used by the public);
- Appliances and furniture;
- Coloured sinks and toilets;
- Used window coverings;



Photo by NEVIL HUNT

Allan Avis of Habitat for Humanity spends Thursdays and Saturdays at a new drop-off site on Carp Road, just north of the Carp Road landfill. New and gently used construction and renovation materials can be donated and Habitat will sell the items from its two Ottawa ReStores with the money helping build new homes. The added bonus is the diversion of waste from the landfill.

- Unframed mirrors/glass;
- Jacuzzi tubs;
- Used light bulbs.

The house used for the drop-off is owned by Waste Management, the operator of the adjacent landfill. Avis said WM donated the use of the house and took care of the expense of setting up Habitat staff.

The drop-off area includes a four-car garage and a large driveway, which WM will keep clear of snow during the winter.

Myrna Beattie is Habitat's retail director in Ottawa. She said WM has always been a big supporter of Habitat's work, including offering a break on tipping fees at the landfill.

"Waste Management came to us," she said of the Carp Road drop-off idea.

"We said we'd love it. If you don't make recycling easy, it doesn't happen."

Beattie said the two-day-a-

week operation could grow if demand grows.

Already Avis said he's seen traffic stop by the house.

"Already this morning there's been about seven (customers) and it's only going to grow from here," he said on Saturday morning.

PLANNING AHEAD

There are discussions about adding to the list of materials that can be dropped off, and

WM may start accepting appliances and electronics at a later date.

If the Carp Road drop-off proves successful, Beattie said WM may be willing to consider turning the site into a ReStore, where donations are sold.

"(Waste Management) is really open to anything we want to do," Beattie said.

For information on the two ReStores, visit www.habitatnrc.com.

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