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JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING
Thursday, December 8, 2005
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, Stoney Creek Municipal Service Centre
Highway No. 8 and Jones Road, Stoney Creek

Attendance:

Hamilton Contingent:
Councillor David Braden
Councillor Phil Bruckler
Councillor David Mitchell
Councillor Art Samson
David Hart Dyke, Chairperson, Waste Reduction Task Force
Scott Stewart, General Manager, Public Works Department
Beth Goodger, Director, Waste Management Division, Public Works Department
Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Public Works Department
Adrienne Press, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division, Public Works Department
David Kerr, Supervisor, Landfills, Waste Management Division, Public Works Department

Niagara Contingent:
Councillor Gary Burroughs
Councillor David Eke
Councillor Damian Goulbourne
Councillor Gord Harry
Councillor Tim Rigby
Doug Symington, Waste Management Advisory Committee
Barry Friesen, Director, Waste Management Services, Public Works Department
Drew Berketo, Program Manager, Waste Management Services, Public Works Department
Cheryl Crawley, Program Manager, Waste Management Services, Public Works Department
(secondary, Jacques Whitford Limited)
Kimberlee Lambe, Business Partner, Public Works Department
Janet Pilon, Legislative Assistant

Consultants:
David Merriman, MacViro Consultants Inc.
Steve Plaice, Jacque Whitford Limited
Kerrie Skillen, Jacques Whitford Limited
Councillor D. Braden, who chaired the meeting, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda:
   Moved by Councillor D. Eke
   Seconded by Councillor T. Rigby
   That the December 8, 2005 Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan, Joint Working Group agenda, as presented, be approved.
   Carried.

2. Delegations
   The Joint Working Group was advised that there were no delegations to be heard today.

3. Approval of Minutes from the November 10, 2005 meeting.
   Moved by Councillor G. Harry
   Seconded by Councillor T. Rigby
   That the Minutes of the November 10, 2005, Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan, Joint Working Group meeting, be approved as presented.
   Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes
   The Joint Working Group noted that there were no items of business arising from the minutes.

5. Appointment of an Interim Niagara Co-Chair
   Councillor G. Burroughs advised the Joint Working Group that an interim Niagara Co-Chair is required during his absence, while he campaigns as the Federal Liberal representative for the Niagara Falls area.
   Moved by Councillor T. Rigby
   Seconded by Councillor G. Harry
   That Councillor D. Goulbourne be nominated as the interim Niagara Co-Chair for the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group.
   Carried.
   Being as there were no more nominations, Councillor D. Goulbourne was appointed the interim Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group’s Niagara Co-Chair.

6. Environmental Assessment Study
   a) Staff Report on the Draft Report on the Selection of the Preferred Disposal System
   Pat Parker provided the Joint Working Group with an overview of the contents of the staff report, which recommends that the draft report be received and released to the public and government review agencies for a sixty day commenting period; that notification of interested parties be undertaken; that distribution of the draft report to the public, stakeholders and government agencies be undertaken; that the advertisement of dates when the Joint Working Group will be receiving delegations on the draft report be issued and that comments received during the commenting period be documented in the final report.
b) Presentation on the Draft Report on the Selection of the Preferred Disposal System

David Merriman began the presentation by noting that the draft report on the selection of the preferred disposal system presents the consultant’s conclusion on the preferred disposal system for public consultation and that there will be no decisions made on the preferred disposal system at this time and until comments are received from interested public, agencies and other stakeholders.

The Joint Working Group was advised that following a thorough analysis the consultants recommend System 2B, the Thermal Treatment of Municipal Solid Waste and Recovery of Energy followed by Recovery of Materials from the Ash/Char, as the preferred disposal system for Niagara and Hamilton.

David Merriman provided those in attendance with an overview of the development of alternatives and selection of the preferred disposal system. A summary of the narrowing of alternatives can be found in the draft report on page ES-2 of the Executive Summary. He also overviewed the consultation process during the selection of the system. The consultants during their analysis reviewed high diversion programs around the world; examined the philosophy of a “Zero Waste” Society; considered potential for additional diversion for both Niagara and Hamilton, when in 2004 Niagara was at 46% with organics and Hamilton was at 28% with no organics diversion and concluded that there are no comparable municipalities who have achieved 65% diversion at this time and that a 65% diversion rate is a reasonable target for the planning of disposal needs, therefore, the projected waste quantities and composition was based on achieving 65% diversion.

Alternative Systems were then formulated to manage the remaining 35%. There were eight alternative systems evaluated through a “Net Affect Analysis”.

Steve Plaice continued with the presentation explaining the evaluation methodology and results. The applied methodology utilized a qualitative approach that allows for a more reasoned explanation of decisions and results and avoids the debate that arises over the numbers and limits that define the data ranges/effects and better facilitates the review of the results and feedback by the general public compared to a quantitative approach. The consultants compared the Alternative Systems, through a “Pair Wise” comparison, which involved three levels of comparison of alternative systems in pairs. This approach allowed for due consideration to systems ranked between best and worst for comparative considerations. The detailed analysis of pairings can be found in Appendix 5 and 6 Table 8.1 which presents the comparison of the final pair of systems (the preferred landfill based system 1 and the preferred thermal based system 2B).

The Joint Working Group was assured that all interested groups, individuals and agencies will be made aware of the draft report and the dates of the meetings when the Joint Working Group will be receiving delegations, through direct mail and advertisements.

Those in attendance were reminded that there are public members on the Joint Working Group to facilitate fairness, clarity and transparency in the process and in the reporting of results.

The Joint Working Group was advised that all delegations are to be submitted in writing at each of the meetings and that the minutes of those meetings and copies of the submissions will be made available to the Joint Working Group members and all interested parties.

Moved by Mr. D. Hart-Dyke
Seconded by Councillor D. Eke

That the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group recommends the approval of the report respecting the WastePlan Environmental Assessment Study - Draft Report on Evaluation of “Alternative To” and Selection of a Preferred Disposal System:

a) That the report by MacViro Consultants Inc. and Jacques Whitford Limited, dated December 5, 2005 and titled ‘Draft Report on Evaluation of “Alternatives To” and Selection of a Preferred Disposal System’, be received for the purpose of seeking public consultation.

b) That the report be released to the public and government review agencies for a period of 60 days commencing December 9, 2005 and ending on February 6, 2006.

c) That notification of the availability of the draft report be undertaken immediately by way of direct contact with the established public, stakeholder and government review agency list and by way of the website and local media for the general public.

d) That copies of the draft report be forwarded to the public, stakeholder and government agencies on the established contact lists and that copies be placed in the local libraries and municipal offices for public review.

e) That the Joint Working Group advertise and hold meetings to receive delegations from interested parties on the draft report and its results on the following dates and times:

   January 11, 2006, 9 am to 11 am - Stoney Creek Council Chambers
   January 16, 2006, 7 pm to 9 pm - Hamilton City Hall
   January 17, 2006, 7 pm to 9 pm - Niagara Regional Headquarters

f) That comments received during the draft report review period be documented and included in the final report and that comments received be considered and addressed, as appropriate, during finalization of the report.

Carried.

7. Other Business

a) U.S. Legislation Re: City of Toronto’s Waste to Michigan

The Joint Working Group was advised that the legislation respecting the City of Toronto’s waste going to the State of Michigan is presently going through their legislative process. There was nothing additional to report.

b) Next Regular Meeting - January 11, 2006

The Joint Working Group was advised of the next scheduled Joint Working Group meeting, will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 in the Stoney Creek Council Chambers, Stoney Creek Municipal Service Centre.

c) Schedule of Regular Meetings for 2006


d) Upwind Downwind: Cities, Air and Health Conference
The Joint Working Group received information on an upcoming conference, the Upwind Downwind: Cities, Air and Health Conference, being held on February 27 & 28, 2006 at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

Members of the Joint Working Group were asked to contact their respective staff, if they are interested in attending, so arrangements can be made.

e) Article - The Neighbourly Approach to Waste Management Planning

The Joint Working Group received a copy of an article that appeared in the November 2005 issue of Property Management Report entitled “The Neighbourly Approach to Waste Management Planning” which was written based on an interview with Beth Goodger and Drew Berketo.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am to meet again on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 in Stoney Creek Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.