Councillor Powers and Mayor Goulbourne co-chaired the meeting.

Councillor Powers invited everyone to introduce themselves.

1. Adoption of Agenda

   The agenda was adopted as presented.
A PowerPoint presentation was made by Pat Parker, Beth Goodger, and Andrew Pollock and copies were distributed. A copy of the presentation is hereto attached as Appendix A.

The introduction included a review of the motion which established this meeting and the presentation covered the following topics:

2. **Update on Alternative Disposal Projects**

   Staff provided an overview of the following facilities:
   
   - Durham/York
   - Dongara Pellet Plant (York Region)
     - Staff indicated that they were invited to visit this facility. The Group requested they be circulated on the invitation.
   - Ottawa,
   - Vancouver
   - Europe
   - United States

3. **Niagara/Hamilton Sustainable Financial Options Study**

   A joint study will be undertaken and research that is relevant to the two municipalities will be shared. Separate reports will be prepared for the Niagara and Hamilton Councils.

4. **Other Niagara-Hamilton Initiatives**

   Other joint initiatives identified were:
   
   - Compostable liners/bags for household organic waste programs
   - Multi-residential diversion working group
   - Information sharing – plastic grocery bags; plastic water bottles
   - Commercial organic program
   - Other advocacy opportunities

5. **Government Waste Management Initiatives**


   Regional Pubic Works Commissioners of Ontario – one of a number of organizations within the Province

   Councillor Powers noted that the Province is promoting a cookie cutter solution to waste management which has also been accepted by AMO and which is advantageous to smaller communities but not to all municipalities. He has been trying to influence the AMO board with information provided by City staff.
6. Waste Diversion Act Initiatives

Minister Gerreston has expanded the initiatives beyond the blue box program and these additional plans are listed below:

6.1 Blue Box Program Plan
6.2 Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Plan
6.3 Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Plan
6.4 Used Tire Plan – problems dealing with used tires

Discussion/Questions

A brief discussion followed regarding:

- Thermal recovery
- The requirements for establishing a landfill versus a thermal recovery facility
- The Green Energy Act
- New options available other than incineration
- What the Province should do: i.e. take the lead and establish a provincial waste-to-energy site rather than letting the municipalities deal with this issue on a one-to-one basis
- The model in Europe is for municipalities to form consortiums.

7. Other Business

None

8. 2010 Meeting

It was noted that, as per Council’s resolution, one more meeting is required. It was agreed that it should be scheduled for the same time next year.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Goulbourne adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.