Councillor Janice Wright, Region of Halton

Councillor Gary Burroughs, Mayor, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
1. **Adoption of Agenda:**
   Moved by Councillor D. Eke
   Seconded by Mr. D. Hart Dyke
   That the agenda be adopted as presented.
   Carried.

2. **Approval of Minutes from the January 20, 2005 meeting.**
   Moved by Councillor T. Rigby
   Seconded by Councillor K. Trombetta
   That the Minutes of the January 20, 2005 Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group meeting be approved as presented.
   Carried.

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
   None.

4. **Consultant Team Organization**
   Mr. David Merriman of MacViro Consultants Inc. indicated that MacViro has accepted the assignment of the contract.

5. **Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (ToR)**
   The Working Group was advised that the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference were approved on February 7, 2005.
   The letter from the Ministry of the Environment praises Niagara Region and the City of Hamilton for working together on this initiative.

   The Working Group discussed various avenues for attaining press on this initiative, noting that a ‘stunt’, e.g. Mayor Di Ianni and Regional Chair Partington on a street where two garbage trucks meet in the middle, would bring attention to it, staff was therefore, encouraged to look at visual media rather than print media. Another suggestion was to very cautiously publicize that the Glanbrook Landfill Site will be closing in a set numbers of days, as a result of taking the City of Toronto’s waste.

   Janine Ralph noted that she would speak to Catherine Bianco, Niagara’s Communications Strategist and request that something with Mayor Di Ianni and Regional Chair Partington be organized to illustrate two communities coming together to solve a common problem.

   The Working Group also suggested using the *Places to Grow* document as a possible opportunity to create awareness and to obtain participation.

   The Working Group suggested that an advertisement illustrating what could happen if the public does not participate in the Workshops, e.g. pictures of garbage piled up in someone’s backyard.

   Janine Ralph noted that staff will take all of the suggestions made and bring something back to Working Group at our next meeting.
6. Environmental Assessment Study

a) Facility Impact Management Strategy

The Facility Impact Management Strategy (FIMS) document provides an explanation of what a Facility Impact Management Strategy is, together with a description of various measures and mechanisms that could be included in such a strategy.

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


Carried.


The Workshops being held on April 5th and 6th, 2005 will be focusing on the systems.

The Working Group requested that the term “Environmental Challenge” be used in place of “burden” in the material.

Staff noted that the advertisements will be forwarded to the Co-Chairs for final sign off, prior to the end of next week, so that the advertisements can be placed in the various publications.

7. Communications

a) 2005 Communications Strategy

The Working Group was directed to pages 11-25, the Appendixes of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Environmental Assessment Study Communications Strategy document dated March 7, 2005, which provides the members with the 2005 budget for communication costs that would be shared by Niagara and Hamilton on a 50/50 basis and the Communication Procedures.

The Working Group requested that all costs be tracked even though there is no actual cost incurred by Niagara and Hamilton.

Susan Alexander noted that the printing of additional agenda item documents for guests at the meetings, have to be included on page 20.

The Working Group members suggested that the items being discussed at the meetings, could be placed on the screen from the laptop, this would eliminate the need for printing the items for the guests at the meetings and would not incur any additional costs.

8. Other Business

a) Forum on Waste Disposal Alternatives

The Working Group was advised of AMO’s request for Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group to facilitate a forum on Waste Disposal Alternatives at their 2005 Conference.

Staff are proposing that a municipal representative from a European community that uses an alternative disposal system with the technology in operation, to provide the perspective on how the community was prepared, and what community impacts have resulted; a representative from an academic community, with knowledge of the approach to provide the technological context and a representative of the European Union, to provide legislative and regulatory contact for the development of alternative technologies be invited to speak as part of the agenda.
Staff are also proposing the showcase alternative disposal systems and organic management.

The Working Group noted that AMO will be the municipalities’ avenue for the approval of strong recommendations on Waste Disposal Alternatives, which will enable legislation and put the leadership role on the Province’s agenda.

The Working Group noted that “working together” should be stressed; focusing on a few items would be best; ask for input from some our sister communities by submitting letters with an invitations to participate.

The Working Group agreed that it would work best if a smaller group of the Joint Working Group met in the interim and report back to the Working Group.

The Working Group will be provided with a draft agenda at their next meeting for approval.

Moved by Councillor T. Rigby
Seconded by Mr. D. Hart Dyke

That the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group is pleased to work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on a session on Waste Management at their 2005 Conference, drawing in part from other municipalities.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor A. Samson
Seconded by Councillor D. Eke

That a copy of the resolution be forward to the Ministry of the Environment.

Carried.

b) Update on EA Reform and Draft Correspondence to the MOE

The Working Group was advised that Janine Ralph cannot at this time divulge any of the particulars of the EA Reform and the draft correspondence to the Ministry of the Environment as it is has been made strictly confidential, however, Janine Ralph does anticipate that she will be able to provide the Working Group with some of the details at their next meeting.

c) Draft Article for ‘Municipal World’

The Working Group was advised that the article has not been completed as of yet, however, staff is anticipating its completion for the June/July issue, in advance of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference where the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group will be showcased.

d) Draft Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

The Working Group was advised that Waste Management was not taken into account in the Draft Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe document and that the Working Group should when the document is released for comment make note of lack of comment on Waste Management.

The Working Group noted that this is an opportunity where Mayor Di Ianni and Regional Chair Partington could seize the opportunity and make a comment on the lack of comment on Waste Management in the document.
e) Staffing Change
The Working Group was advised that Ms. Susan Alexander will be leaving the Waste Management Department and that Ms. Cheryl Crawley, will be replacing her on a temporary basis.

9. Future Meeting Schedule
The Working Group was advised that the Niagara representatives on the Working Group may have conflicts with the June 9, August 11 and October 13, 2005 dates as they are Regional Council meeting dates and with Niagara’s Regional Chair’s primary fundraiser, the Regional Chair’s Golf Tournament on September 8, 2005.

The Working Group agreed by consensus with the 2005 Meeting Schedule as presented.

10. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m., to meet again on April 14, 2005 at the Stoney Creek Municipal Services Centre Saltfleet Room.