1. Approval of the Agenda

Staff added an item under Other Business – WRTF Candidate Selection Process.

(Moved by David Hart Dyke, seconded by Mary Lou Dickson)

2. Approval of the Minutes from the July 16, 2008 Meeting

The Task Force received a copy of the minutes from the July 16, 2008 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

(Moved by Dan Rodrigues, seconded by David Hart Dyke)

3. Administrative Items

There were no administrative items discussed.

4. Projects

a) Sub-Committee Updates

Business and Government Liaison Sub-Committee

The sub-committee met this evening before the WRTF meeting. The sub-committee would like the WRTF to have a discussion on what the Business and Government sub-committee’s role should be at the October meeting.

Education & Communication Sub-Committee

The sub-committee suggested nominating the Burlington Ribfest and Walmart (Upper James and Fennell) for letters of recognition. A Task Force member was reluctant to award a festival that is not located in Hamilton (Burlington Ribfest) and suggested nominating a local festival such as Ancaster Lobsterfest.

A member of the public representing the Fix our World Festival spoke. The festival is a very green and environmentally conscious event. The organizers have contacted the City to obtain green carts and were
told there were none available. Staff indicated that, unfortunately, Waste Management does not have the resources to provide organics collection to all festivals and special events this year. However, they are planning to offer a comprehensive waste management system (recycling, organics, garbage) to eligible festivals and special events in 2009.

Multi-Residential, Commercial and Institutional Waste Sub-Committee

This item will be discussed under agenda item 6 d.

b) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee

Staff gave an update on the GLCC meeting held on August 25.

The 2007 Glanbrook LF Monitoring Report is available on the City website.

A new C of A for the landfill has been received and the City has appealed 21 conditions and applied for a stay for 7 conditions. The change in slope from 1% to 5% at the top of the landfill is the main issue and results in the loss of landfill space. A Public Information Session regarding slope change was held on September 8 and one person was in attendance.

The Gas to Energy project is progressing. The City is now waiting for Hydro One to connect to the grid which should be some time in November.

c) SWMMP Steering Committee

The Task Force’s Steering Committee representative gave an update on the last meeting. There was a discussion on hazardous waste that is going to the Community Recycling Centres. There are currently more stringent regulations on the types of containers that gas and oil can be disposed in.

The issue of the joint Steering Committee and WRTF meeting was discussed. It was suggested that the October 15 date may be an option.

5. Operations

Staff let the WRTF know that they are moving away from bulk collection into leaf and yard waste collection next week. The Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) container line has been commissioned and is working well. There has been an increase in material quality and an increase in revenue. October 15 is the MRF container line media event.

6. Solid Waste Management Master Plan

a) Waste Management Division Multi-year Work Plan

Beth Goodger gave a presentation on the Multi-year Work Plan for the Division. The work plan spanned from 2008 to 2020 and indicated diversion milestones, master plan activities, collection systems, diversion processing facilities, and disposal facilities.

b) WastePlan and Long Term Disposal Options

This item was reviewed under agenda item 6 a.

c) Proposed Collection Pilot

An overview of the proposed collection pilot was provided by staff and the WRTF was asked for feedback. The WRTF will discuss at the October meeting.

d) Multi-Residential Diversion Program

Staff circulated the most recent Multi-residential Diversion progress report dated August 26, 2008. There have been approximately 516 buildings and 9046 units implemented to date.

e) Communications Strategy

Dennis Guy gave a presentation on the Waste Management Division’s communication strategy.

Staff indicated that the advertisement containing the phrase “no food packaging” has been corrected.
A WRTF member asked how staff is planning to communicate the one garbage bag plus one clear garbage bag issue and staff answered that promotionally they are communicating “one bag of garbage”. The details of further outreach on the “one bag” message will be formalized later this year.

A Task Force member asked how many times glass is actually placed in the green cart and if it is necessary to run the “Take a Pass on Glass” ad as often as it is run. Staff indicated that the CCF is operating double screens to screen out glass when they should only be using one screen. Therefore, the ads are important in conveying the message that glass does not belong in the green cart.

A member let staff know that the signs on the garbage trucks are still reading “65% by 2008” and should be updated.

7. Other Business

Staff informed the Task Force of the five (5) members whose terms are ending at the end of 2008. These members are Mary Lou Dickson, Dave Hart Dyke, Angela Pastorius, Betty Hay Lambeck and Rose Killey.

Peter Hutton volunteered to chair the “New Member Appointment Sub-committee”. Two additional members will be appointed at the next WRTF meeting.

Angela Pastorius gave a presentation on the WRTF Selection Process which included the selection criteria and selection process. The Task Force decided to finalize the process at the October meeting.

Staff indicated that the advertising for new members is planned to begin October 3 and close October 31. The decision on the new member appointments will be made at the November WRTF meeting. The new member appointments will go to the Public Works Committee for approval in January.

8. Public Discussion

A member of the public indicated that the City of Toronto is considering a possible ban on beverage cups and coffee cups. Staff will send the link from the Toronto Star to the WRTF.

A public member who lives in a multi-residential building received green carts recently and would like to commend staff on the presentation they made to her building.

A public member commented that cat and dog ownership has increased therefore there is more pet waste having to be disposed of. Staff indicated that unfortunately pet waste is garbage and cannot be placed in the green cart.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2008 at 7 p.m., Hamilton Convention Centre, Room Webster Room C.

Moved by Dan Rodrigues and seconded by Betty Hay Lambeck that the meeting be adjourned.

Copies to: All present
Regrets
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Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee c/o Craig Murdoch, Waste Management Division
City Clerks Division, c/o Carolyn Biggs, Lisa Barroso