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JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING
Thursday, October 20, 2005
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
Saltfleet Room, Stoney Creek Municipal Service Centre
Highway No. 8 and Jones Road, Stoney Creek

Attendance:

Hamilton Contingent:
Councillor David Braden
Councillor Phil Bruckler
Councillor Art Samson
David Hart Dyke, Chairperson, Waste Reduction Task Force
Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Public Works Department
Adrienne Press, Policy Analyst, Public Works Department

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

Consultants:
David Merriman, MacViro Consultants Inc.
Steve Plaice, Jacque Whitford Limited

Observers:
Tracy Annett, Environmental Engineer, Waste Management, Region of Waterloo
Linda Churchill, Senior Environmental Engineer, Region of Waterloo
Joe Hruska, President, Downstream Waste Recovery Inc.
Councillor D. Braden, who chaired the meeting, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:**

   Moved by Mr. D. Hart Dyke
   Seconded by Mr. A. Cavasin

   That the October 20, 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 the Previous Minutes**

   Moved by Councillor P. Bruckler
   Seconded by Councillor G. Harry

   That the Minutes of the September 15, 2005, Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan, Joint Working Group meeting, be approved as presented.

   Carried.

   Moved by Councillor T. Rigby
   Seconded by Councillor D. Eke

   That the Minutes of the October 11, 2005, Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan, Joint Working Group pre-meeting, be approved as presented.

   Carried.

   Moved by Councillor T. Rigby
   Seconded by Councillor D. Eke

   That the Minutes of the October 11, 2005 and October 13, 2005, Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan, Joint Working Group Public Meetings, 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. Environmental Assessment Study
   a) Review of the October 4th and 5th Public Information Centres

   Mr. Plaice advised the Joint Working Group that the Public Information Centre were well attended with approximately fifty-three (53) individuals in attendance in Hamilton and seventeen (17) in Niagara from a good distribution of areas within the Niagara and Hamilton.

   Staff have received only two comment sheets back from Hamilton and Niagara and are still waiting for them to come in, there were a lot of questions asked at the Public Information Centres.

   b) Review of the October 11th and 13th Joint Working Group Public Meetings

   Mr. Plaice advised the Joint Working Group that the comments received at the Public Meetings are contained within the minutes with written submissions attached.

6. Other Business
   d) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Correspondence

   The Joint Working Group was provided with a copy of the correspondence from AMO to the Minister of the Environment, respecting the looming waste management crisis in Ontario, requesting that the Ministry develop a plan to address the closure of the international borders.

   e) Ontario Waste Management Association (OWMA) Workshop re: Border Closure

   The Joint Working Group was provided with a copy of an e-mail from Ms. Winning, Supervisor of Policy & Planning, Waste Management Division, City of Hamilton to Ms. Parker, respecting the OWMA Workshop she attended to discuss the border closure issue.

   The Joint Working Group requested that staff prepare a one-page information sheet on the export issue that details the municipalities who are shipping their waste across international borders at a future meeting.

   The Joint Working Group discussed the process being followed by the City of Toronto, which will see the selection of the team that will address their Environmental Assessment by the end of 2005.

   The Joint Working Group discussed that a suitable approach to deal with the City of Toronto, would be to forward a letter prepared by Councillors Rigby and Goulbourne that notes our concern for their situation and the need for them to address the issues.

   The Joint Working Group noted that the message to advise the public that once we reach the 65% diversion target, we will move forward to divert more, is not reaching the public. The message of what Niagara and Hamilton is doing to achieve the diversion target and more is a good news message and it has to get out to the public.
Ms. Parker noted that the timing of such a message has to be considered, such as the message that was sent out at AMO, it was a successful step, we have to evaluate the next best opportunity to get a message out and that would be the finalization of the report on the alternatives, therefore there will be milestones to be taken advantage of.

5. Environmental Assessment Study (Continued)

**c) & d) Relative Priorities for Evaluation of “alternatives to” and the Process to Select Preferred “alternatives to”**

Mr. Plaice provided the Joint Working Group with a presentation that detailed the eight (8) steps to the selection of the preferred long-term Disposal System and an overview of the Environmental Categories, being taken into consideration.

The Joint Working Group discussed the Public Workshop held on April 5th and 6th, that developed the Priority of the Environmental Categories noting the concerns raised respecting the level of response at the Public Workshops and the reliability of the results on the priorities, which resulted in the initiation of a Public Opinion Survey.

Mr. Plaice provided the Joint Working Group with an overview of the Public Opinion Survey that was conducted and the results of the survey.

The Joint Working Group noted that the reference to “Technical” should be elaborated upon to refer to the “Technical Reliability / Flexibility” of the system, to ensure that it is interpreted correctly by the public.

The Joint Working Group requested a summary of the public consultation events by date, the group was advised that it is on the website, however, staff will put together an updated one-page summary at each Joint Working Group meeting for the group’s information.

Moved by Mr. D. Hart-Dyke
Seconded by Mr. A. Cavasin

That the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group (JWG) adopt the following Relative Priorities of Environmental Categories for evaluation of “alternatives to”.

The Recommended Relative Priorities of Environmental Categories is as follows:

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; and,
That the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group direct the evaluation process to consider the alternative system advantages and disadvantages and select a preferred “alternatives to” using the relative priorities described in the Recommended Relative Priorities of Environmental Categories above.

Carried.

The Joint Working Group was provided with a Schedule of Activities for the Selection & Approval of the Preferred Long-Term Disposal System that details the dates for the Evaluation of Alternative Systems and the Selection of the Preferred System will be dealt with October 20 to November 3, 2005; the Draft Report on the Results of “Alternatives To” Evaluation will be dealt with at the December 8, 2005 Joint Working Group meeting and the Public and Agency Review of the Draft Report will be dealt with from December 10 to January 27, 2005.

Staff noted that the media will be made aware of the schedule and that the presentations to the respective Councils will be reviewed by the Chairs of the Joint Working Group to ensure that the presentation is acceptable for their respective Councils, if necessary, minor changes will be made, however, the presentations will remain basically the same for both Councils.

6. Other Business

   a) Next Meeting

      The Joint Working Group was advised that the next meeting will be held on November 10, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Saltfleet Room, Stoney Creek Municipal Service Centre in Stoney Creek.

   b) Updated Schedule of Meetings and Activities (October 2005 to March 2006)

      The Joint Working Group was provided with an updated schedule of meetings and activities to March 2006.

   c) New Regional Niagara Director, Waste Management Services

      Mr. Berketo advised the Joint Working Group that Mr. Barry Friesen has accepted the position of Director, Waste Management Services for the Niagara Region and will be starting with Niagara on November 14, 2005.

      The Joint Working Group noted that Mr. Barry Friesen comes from the Province of Nova Scotia, where they have lead us by leaps and bounds, they are all very keen and progressive and proud of their work, he will probably be in inspiration.

      Councillor Braden on behalf of the Joint Working Group noted that they look forward to meeting him at the December 8, 2005 meeting.

7. Adjournment

   The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. to meet again as indicated above.