1. **Approval of the Minutes from July 20th, 2005**

The Task Force received a copy of the minutes from the July 20th, 2005 meeting.

The minutes were approved.

(Moved by Dorienne Cushman, seconded by Ron Joice)

2. **Administrative Items**

There were no administrative items to look at. Brooke Ryan felt that the minutes of the July 20th meeting did not reflect his questions with regard to the enforcement strategy. David Hart Dyke responded that Brooke’s comments were taken into account and that the Task Force’s resolution covered the major concerns.

3. **Recycling Materials Marketing - Presentation by Atul Nandu**

Atul Nandu of ReMM presented on the City’s recycling markets. ReMM has over 15 years experience in recycling markets. They not only market domestically but also internationally. The City contracted ReMM in the last half of 2002 to improve their recycling revenues. During this six month period, ReMM helped the City increase revenues by $900,000. During 2003, Hamilton had the highest per tonne revenue for blue box materials in Ontario. Atul showed the Task Force where current blue box materials are marketed and explained that Hamilton has one of the most extensive programs in Ontario for materials collected and marketed. In the future, ReMM will explore alternative markets for glass and mixed plastics to maximize revenues and will work with the City to increase commodity revenue through heavier loads and increased capture rates. Discussion took place with respect to marketing of different items such as carpet. Atul explained that currently they are marketing what goes in the blue box, but added if they were asked by the City they could investigate markets for other materials. Brooke Ryan asked how ReMM was compensated. Atul responded that compensation is by the tonne. Discussion took place as to odd shaped plastics and why they are not acceptable in the blue box. Atul explained how plastics that are both considered HDPE might have different melting points and different methods of molding which make them very different and therefore not acceptable.
for recycling. He added that glass is very difficult to recycle because it is often broken and is a hazard to both the collection vehicles and processing equipment.

4. **Report on Income and Poverty**

Rena Marie Cornelius discussed the Report on Income and Poverty and stressed how important it is because it shows that 20% of households are low income in Hamilton. Rena feels this is important especially if we are looking at user pay systems. She informed the Task Force that the report, census data along with the market basket measure is available online through Brock University. Rena commented that she heard that the City would be looking at bulk user pay. Pat Parker responded that this was not the case. Peter Hutton asked if the group would be willing to meet at 6:30 p.m. in September to discuss the report and take part in a questionnaire. The Task Force was agreeable with this request. Rena pointed out that many residents do not own cars and have difficulty taking items to a reuse centre.

5. **Financing Strategy Presentation**

Pat Parker presented the Financing Strategy to the members of the Task Force. There was discussion around the amount of impact waste services will have on the 2006 budget. Currently we are looking at a 2.4% increase just for waste. Pat explained this is because 2006 is the start up for the green cart system. Michael Caruso asked if the increase would be for 2006 only. Pat Parker responded that it will continue to increase gradually. Peter Hutton commented that multi-residential units are a problem and asked if the City was looking into this. Pat Parker responded we are aware of the problem and will formulate a scenario based on average disposal quantities for multi-residential facilities. Mary Lou Dickson remarked that the bag tag is an economic disincentive as opposed to an incentive. Rena Marie Cornelius pointed out that a user pay system would create a problem for non-profit agencies. Colleen Brakewell informed the group that there is a grant system in place for non-profit agencies. Peter Hutton indicated for the media information sessions that we would need to provide the media with the options and communicate the idea to them. He asked if some members of the Task Force could have a roll in the media launch. Pat Parker asked the Chair to bring this up at the next Steering Committee. Pat Parker asked the Task Force for comments with David Hart Dyke asking the Task Force to review the information. The September Task Force meeting will include a ½ hour discussion period. Rena Marie Cornelius asked Pat Parker about amnesty days. Pat Parker responded that the City has always said they will look at this and asked Rena to include this in her comments. Brooke Ryan questioned whether user-pay would increase illegal dumping in rural areas. Pat Parker advised that after discussions with other municipalities, illegal dumping occasionally increases for a short period but then goes back to normal. Pat Parker advised that the By-Law now allows us to enforce this problem.

6. **Standing Agenda Items**

a) **Glanbrook Landfill Committee**

Brooke Ryan advised that the next meeting of the Glanbrook Landfill Committee is August 29th, 2005. Discussion will take place on the 3rd phase of the leachate collection system. Brooke informed the group that there have been few complaints which is good.

7. **Solid Waste Management Master Plan Initiatives**

a) **WastePlan**

Pat Parker informed the group that the current issue of Municipal World includes an article written by the two chairs of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan committee. Pat distributed a brochure entitled Air Emissions of Thermal Waste Treatment Plants which the WastePlan committee had drafted for the public.

Pat Parker reported that the AMO conference was held in Toronto on August 14-17th and included three presenters from Europe who spoke about the importance of higher level government policy. Steve Plaice of Jacques Whitford was on a panel that discussed the EA process which WastePlan is
going through. Pat Parker advised that all presentations will be available on the AMO website @ www.amo.on.ca.

Pat Parker informed the Task Force that public meetings on alternative systems will be taking place in the fall and will be advertised. She advised the group that if a delegation wished to address the Niagara-Hamilton Joint Working Group, they must first submit a request to the Joint Working Group. David Hart Dyke mentioned that individuals are allowed to attend the delegation meetings.

b) Composting Facility

The Task Force was informed that the Composting facility is moving along. The tunnels are under construction and the building will be arriving next week. All services are complete from the street to the site. Pat Parker advised the Task Force that a media event will be held as construction continues. Members were asked to contact Craig Murdoch at ext. 4490 if a site visit is requested. David Hart Dyke asked staff to advise the Task Force of upcoming openings of Waste facilities. The cart tender for the green carts has closed and will be evaluated next week and awarded in September. The collection truck tenders have closed with the rear loaders being awarded to Eastgate Ford. The side loaders are scheduled to be awarded by the end of the month.

c) Communications Update

Dennis Guy will update the group on communications at the September meeting.

d) CRC’s

The Mountain CRC is nearing completion and is scheduled to open on September 14th. Thompson Metals, The Association for Community Living and Hotz will be running the facility. Construction at the Dundas CRC site will begin shortly while the Kenora CRC is in the design phase. David Hart Dyke asked if the Kenora site was on schedule. Pat Parker responded that there had been delays due to the decommissioning of SWARU but advised that we are moving forward.

e) Enforcement Strategy

Pat Parker informed the Task Force that the Enforcement Strategy will go to PWIE in September. Brooke Ryan asked what had been revised before sending it back to Council. Pat Parker responded that it was referred back to the Steering Committee for further consideration not revision. She noted that we have additional information to provide Council with. Peter Hutton asked if the Task Force could be informed when the report will go to Council so members could come out and support it.

8. Other Business

Michael Caruso asked if the Task Force would be able to see the CRC before it is open to the public. Pat Parker responded that it may be possible and would contact Craig Murdoch to see if this can be arranged. Michael Caruso wanted to know if the materials to be recycled have been decided upon. Craig Murdoch and staff are negotiating a contract with Thompson Metals and when a final list is completed the Task Force will be advised. The contract allows the City to add additional items.

Rena Marie Cornelius reported that Shad Valley thoroughly enjoyed their tour of the City’s waste facilities.

Peter Hutton asked members of the Task Force if they would be interested in meeting to discuss multi-residential problems. Pat Parker advised the group the City is undertaking a multi-residential diversion strategy.

Peter Hutton mentioned that local growers are looking for baskets and pint containers and will reuse them.

Mary Lou Dickson pointed out that the calendar states that acceptable containers are ones with a small neck and a twist off cap, however, motor oil containers meet those requirements but are not acceptable.
9. Public Discussion

Donna Robinson asked why the Task Force is named the Waste Reduction Task Force when we talk more about recycling than reduction. David Hart Dyke explained that the group was formed to implement the Solid Waste Management Master Plan and needed a name that encompassed that.

Edgar Rogalski asked if all of these steps are putting more of a burden on not-for-profit agencies that end up having to pay to dispose of items that are unusable. Colleen Brakewell informed Mr. Rogalski of the grant process for waste management and offered to email him additional information.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17th, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Moved by Mike Caruso and seconded by Brooke Ryan.

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