Attendance:

Hamilton Contingent:
Councillor David Braden
Councillor Phil Bruckler
Councillor David Mitchell
Councillor Art Samson
David Hart Dyke, Chairperson, Waste Reduction Task Force
Beth Goodger, Director, Waste Management Division, Public Works Department
Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Public Works Department
Adrienne Press, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division, Public Works Department
Ida Bediou, Legislative Assistant

Niagara Contingent:
Councillor Gary Burroughs, Lord Mayor, Town of Niagara on the Lake, Chair, WMPSC
Councillor David Eke
Councillor Damian Goulbourne, Mayor, City of Welland, Vice Chair WMPSC
Councillor Gord Harry, Mayor, Township of Wainfleet
Barry Friesen, Director, Waste Management Services, Public Works Department
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, Public Works Department

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

Observers:
Councillor Janice Wright, Region of Halton
Shirley McLean, Senior Waste Management Coordinator, Region of Halton
Councillor D. Braden, who chaired the meeting, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:**
   
   Moved by G. Harry  
   Seconded by D. Hart Dyke  
   That the agenda for the February 9, 2006 Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group meeting, be adopted as presented.  
   Carried.

2. **Delegations**
   
   None

3. **Approval of Minutes/Meeting Notes from the December 8, 2005 meeting, and January 11, 16 and 17, 2006 meetings.**
   
   Moved by D. Goulbourne  
   Seconded by D. Mitchell  
   That the Minutes of the December 8, 2006 meeting be approved.  
   That the Minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting be received.  
   That the Clerk’s Report and Meeting Notes of the January 16, 2006 meeting be received.  
   That the Minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting be approved.  
   Carried

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**
   
   a) **Municipal Waste Management Issues Roundtable**

   Beth Goodger advised that this roundtable initiative was requested by Councillor Braden. The purpose is to involve politicians from other municipalities in discussions about waste management issues. She circulated a draft agenda for March 23, 2006 which is the proposed date for this event and indicated that staff has consulted with Councillor Braden with respect to the items. She recognized that the date may be a problem for the Niagara contingent as it is the same day as the Niagara Council meeting. After briefly discussing other dates, Chair Braden asked the Working Group members to make this date work as there weren’t many other options.

   Beth advised that the Saltfleet Room which would be used for the break out sessions and the Stoney Creek Council Chambers which would be used for the workshop have been reserved for the roundtable. The attendees will be politicians and waste plan experts and will be by invitation only.

   The Committee discussed the following with respect to the proposed workshop:

   **Invites:**
   
   - send 100 to 125 invitations to municipalities in the Golden Horseshoe area including “small towns” (Haldimand and Norfolk)
   - The target is to have at least 75 attend that will include two elected officials from each municipality plus one staff representative.
   - Invite representatives from the Province and the Federal Government
   - Invite a representative from FCM
   - Invite the media
Structure of Workshop
- displays, presentations, and break out discussion sessions

Outcome
- possible motion to send to Senior levels of government and a press release at the end of the day

Costs
- implement a $50.00 charge per person
- the Consultants indicated that they would sponsor the lunch

The Working Group expressed concerns that there are many items on the agenda to cover in a short period of time and suggested the presentations be brief.

D. Braden would like to see more interaction and more break out sessions. He hopes serious committed people to attend. The Working Group should provide parameters for the Provincial and Federal representatives. A motivator is required to help interaction. The session needs to be action oriented.

5. Summary of Comments Received on the Preferred Disposal System

Steve Plaice provided a hand out entitled Inventory of Comments Received on Draft “Alternatives to” Report. He indicated that the consultants are looking for direction to make copies of the comments as there is extensive copying involved. The hand out provided a break down of the comments with respect to where they were from and the nature of the comments (i.e. supportive, critical, etc.). He said that he will provide a more detailed table at a later date.

D. Merriman provided a summary of the comments received. He indicated that most comments were supportive.

He advised that the following were some of the types of concerns expressed and comments received:
- Environmental concerns - i.e. - air emissions, contaminants in the ash, fly ash is toxic,
- A thermal facility would discourage recycling - a big facility needs to be fed
- 65% diversion - it’s too low - it’s too high
- criteria - concern of application of criteria - energy recovery is inappropriate to be included
- Gracia’s DVD of a stabilized landfill (Halifax) - a stabilized landfill should be in an industrial and not a rural area
- Zero waste - role of stabilized landfill
- A stabilized landfill is not completely benign but more benign than a conventional landfill
- Over simplistic rather than scoring weighted average approach
- Concern of use of professional judgment
- Technologies and sites together
- Public consultation has been ineffective
- Concerned with economic and financial aspects
- Basics and rigor of cost aspects
- Concerns with reliability of energy stream assumed
- Concerns with elimination of process 2c
- 2c was better than 2b
• 2c was eliminated because of lack of proven technology
• Preference for mechanical, biological treatment followed by stabilized land fill
• Comments re: next step (site selection)
• In facility siting avoid compromised air quality area.
• Establishing criteria sets you on a certain course
• Confirm size (size facility accordingly) and service area first

David Merriman advised the Working Group that they (the Consultants) will address the various concerns. He indicated that they were pleased with the public input.

A discussion followed respecting how flexible the process is and can the Working Group reconsider a stabilized land fill as an option? Can the Working Group reconsidered option 2c?

The Consultants responded that yes, the options are still available. The RFP stage will identify ultimately the system to chose.

The Councillors requested that clear information be provided to the public so they can come to the right conclusion on the preferred option. They emphasized that the public needs to be involved.

They also agreed that the public has provided some good input which the Working Group should review and asked that the preferred option and the diversion target rate (65%) be revisited.

B. Goodger indicated that staff will review the comments respecting the stabilized landfills with the consultants and will prepare options for consideration by the Working Group (i.e. additional studies, etc.)

6. Staff Report re: Impacts of Possible Border Closure - Revised

Pat Parker reminded the Working Group that the report respecting the impacts of a possible border closure was on the January 11, 2006 meeting agenda but the meeting did not have quorum. Staff made some changes to the report based on comments made by the members at the meeting. She indicated that the words “in principle” were removed and the reference to the legislation on page 2, paragraph 2 was corrected.

She acknowledged that the Federal Government has been successful in delaying U.S. legislation to close the borders to imported garbage. However, she added that with the recent changes in government after the election, she doesn’t know what affect that will eventually have on the situation.

Pat Parker advised that the Senior government has the opportunity to decrease waste and a paper has been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment with respect to that issue.

The Working Group approved the following staff recommendation:

Moved by D. Hart Dyke
Seconded by D. Mitchell

It is recommended that the Joint Working Group support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Waste Management Strategy and that the Niagara and Hamilton Councils be requested to pass a resolution to:

(a) Request the Province to revise the Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and adopt the recommendations of the Environmental Assessment Review - Waste
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Sector Sub-Panel as an interim step to facilitate the development of disposal capacity for Ontario.

(b) Support the creation and implementation of a provincial waste management strategy that will enable self-sufficiency in Ontario.

7. Staff Report re: Hamilton Council Motion from Social and Public Health Committee

Pat Parker provided background information with respect to this issue. The initial motion from Hamilton's Social and Public Health Committee was that an incinerator not be sited in Hamilton. Council referred the motion back to Public Works staff for report to the Social and Public Health Committee. This Item is concerning the subsequent staff report and amendment to the original motion.

The Working Group approved the staff recommendation as follows:

Moved by D. Mitchell
Seconded by D. Eke


2. That, following the public consultation process to confirm the criteria for site selection, that the criteria be forwarded to the Councils of Niagara Region and the City of Hamilton for approval.

3. That staff be requested to review the public consultation process for the site selection component of the Environmental Assessment Study to ensure that there are sufficient opportunities for public input and report back to the Joint Working Group.

Carried

8. Other Business

a) Next Meeting - tentative March 9, 2006 - to be confirmed

The Working Group expressed no objections to this date.

b) Updated Schedule of Meetings and Activities 2006

Pat Parker referred to the schedule in the agenda and advised that this is a fluid document which will probably change from time to time and will be updated.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am to meet again on March 9, 2006 at the Stoney Creek Municipal Service Centre at 9:00 a.m.