Councillor Gary Borrroughs chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

He expressed his regrets that he didn’t have an opportunity when he attended a recent Hamilton Council Meeting to publicly recognize the efforts of Hamilton’s Councillors and staff who are involved with the WastePlan Working Group.
1. **Adoption of Agenda:**
   Moved by Councillor D. Mitchell
   Seconded by Councillor D. Braden

   That the agenda of the May 19, 2005 meeting of the Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group be adopted as presented.

   Carried.

2. **Approval of Minutes from the April 14, 2005 meeting.**
   Moved by Councillor D. Goulbourne
   Seconded by Councillor D. Eke

   That the Minutes of the April 14, 2005 Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Joint Working Group meeting be approved as presented.

   Carried.

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
   a) **Final Letter from NHJWG to the Province regarding the Growth Plan for the Golden Horseshoe**

   Drew Berketo confirmed that the letter regarding the Growth Plan for the Golden Horseshoe was mailed to the Province and a copy of the letter, dated April 18, 2005, was distributed. He indicated that no response has been received so far.

   b) **Update on ‘Event’ to kick off the EA Study - BG regarding Hamilton, DB regarding Niagara**

   Beth Goodger and Drew Berketo provided brief verbal updates and indicated that the “Events” held in Hamilton and the Niagara region were a success.

4. **“Who Does What” - updated overview of staffing responsibilities**

   Cheryl Crawley pointed out two changes with respect to the staffing responsibilities. On page 2 (under the heading *Niagara*), the words *(through Clerks)* were added to the fourth line under the sub-heading *Administrative*. On page 5 (under the heading *Consultant’s Tasks*), the first line was added and it states “1. lead research”. The Committee suggested that an asterisk be used next time to identify the changes.

   A discussion followed respecting David Payne’s position which will soon be vacant. Beth Goodger indicated that Hamilton staff has offered to help out. The Niagara Councillors have indicated that they have asked Ian Neville to step in until such time as the position has been filled.

5. **Environmental Assessment Study (The following presentations were in reverse order of the agenda.)**
   a) **Presentation on Draft Interim Report on the Formulation of Alternative Waste Disposal Systems**

   David Merriman made a PowerPoint presentation, and provided hard copies which were distributed. A copy of the draft report was also distributed.
The following are some of the topics covered in the PowerPoint presentation:

*Introduction*

- 8 waste disposal system alternatives are being recommended to be carried forward for evaluation
- overview of report content
  *The Report addresses the following System components*
  - Mechanical (Physical Treatment)
  - Biological Treatment
  - Thermal Treatment
  - Landfill

*Assessment of Recoverable Resources and Opportunities*

*Formulation of Alternative Systems.*

- Page ES3 of report has a “Summary of Recommended Alternative Systems” Chart

*Next Steps in the Evaluation of “Alternatives to”.*

David Merriman responded to questions posed by the Working Group.

Co-Chair Burroughs relinquished the Chair at 10:15 a.m. and Co-Chair Braden assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor D. Mitchell
Seconded by Councillor D. Goulbourne


Carried.

**b) Presentation on Draft Interim Report on Additional At-Source Diversion**

Dan Lantz made a PowerPoint presentation and hard copies were distributed. Copies of the Draft Report were also distributed.

The following are some of the topics covered in the PowerPoint presentation:

1. Introduction - overview of Report
2. Current Waste Diversion Programs in the Region of Niagara and City of Hamilton
3. Examination of successful at-source diversion programs
4. The Zero Waste Vision
5. Achieving higher diversion rates in Niagara and Hamilton
6. Characterization and quantities of post-diversion residual waste

Moved by Councillor David Eke
Seconded by Councillor Gord Harry

That the Draft Interim Report Additional At-Source Diversion be released to the Public.

Carried

**c) Updated Schedule of Meetings and Activities May to July 2005**

Cheryl Crawley presented the updated Meeting and Activities Schedule, copies of which were circulated for the information of the Working Group.
6. Other Business

a) Presentation on the FCM Trip to Sweden by Beth Goodger and David Payne

Beth Goodger referred to two hand-outs which were distributed to the Working Group - the Final Report on the August 22-28, 2004 FCM trip to Sweden and a Report entitled Swedish Waste Management 2003. She made a PowerPoint Presentation outlining what the delegates saw and learned from the trip.

Quorum was lost at 12:10 p.m.

The Working Group suggested that a similar presentation be made to the senior levels of Government as it would probably be more influential than the written report. It was also suggested that a presentation package be prepared for viewing by other municipalities. Co-Chair Braden requested that this Item be included as one of the first items on the next agenda in order to ensure adequate time for review and discussion.

Beth Goodger drew the attention of the Working Group Members to copies which were distributed of a Media Release entitled City of Hamilton Wins FCM-CH2M Hill Sustainable Community Award.

Items 6 b) and 6 c) were not considered due to time constraints.

b) Municipal Solid Waste Conference - Toronto - Comments from those who attended

Cheryl Crawley advised the Working Group that the Conference in Toronto was very informative and she offered to prepare a summary for distribution to the members.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m., to meet again on June 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at a Special Public WastePlan Meeting in the Council Chambers at the Stoney Creek Municipal Service Centre.