

The Regional Municipalities of Durham and York

**MINUTES
of the
JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP (JWMG)
for the
DURHAM/YORK RESIDUAL WASTE STUDY**

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

A special meeting of the Joint Waste Management Group for the Durham/York Residual Waste Study was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in the Seminar Room, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario, beginning at 1:10 p.m.

- Present: Councillor S. Crawford, Town of Ajax, Durham Region
Councillor G. Emm, Town of Whitby, Durham Region
Councillor M. Ferri, City of Vaughan, York Region
Councillor J. Heath, Town of Markham, York Region
Councillor R. Johnson, City of Pickering, Durham Region
Councillor G. Landon, Town of Markham, York Region
Councillor C. Trim, Clarington, Durham Region
Councillor D. Wheeler, Town of Georgina, York Region
L. Burt, Resident, Township of Scugog, DEAC Representative
I. Gray, Resident, Town of Newmarket, Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee
B. Mersey, Resident, Town of Markham, Markham Conservation Committee
S. Perrella, Resident, City of Vaughan, Vaughan CARES
- Alternates: Regional Chair R. Anderson, Durham Region
Present: Regional Chair B. Fisch, York Region
Councillor G. Rosati, City of Vaughan, York Region
Councillor V. Spatafora, Town of Richmond Hill, York Region
- Absent: M. Evans, Resident, Township of Brock, with regrets
J. McGinnis, Resident, City of Pickering, Durham Conservation Centre, with regrets
- Others: Mayor J. Abernethy, Municipality of Clarington, Durham Region
Mayor W. Emmerson, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, York Region
Councillor B. Hogg, Town of Richmond Hill, York Region
Councillor M. Novak, Municipality of Clarington, Durham Region
Mayor D. Ryan, Town of Pickering, Durham Region
Mayor J. Young, Town of East Gwillimbury, York Region
C. Bradley, Public Works Director, County of Peterborough

Staff

Present: C. Curtis, Commissioner of Works, Durham Region
M. Gaskell, Legal Counsel, Durham Region
M. Januszkiewicz, Director of Waste Management Services, Durham Region
T. Lavery, Works Communications Officer, Durham Region
S. Love, Legal Counsel, York Region
N. MacDonald, Project Manager, York Region
B. Macgregor, Commissioner of Transportation and Works, York Region,
J. McKay, Jacques Whitford
D. Merriman, MacViro Consultants Inc.
S. Munns-Audet, Director of Corporate Communications, Durham Region
D. Payne, MacViro Consultants Inc.
S. Plaice, Jacques Whitford
T. Smith, Communications, York Region
K. Spitzig, Policy and Planning Coordinator, York Region
K. Price, Committee Coordinator, York Region

Regional Councillor Ferri chaired the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Wheeler,
"THAT the agenda, as presented, be approved."
CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councillor Ferri advised that item 7.b) of the February 20, 2007 Minutes should reflect that the March 27, 2007 meeting will be held at the York Region Administrative Centre.

MOVED by Councillor Johnson,
"THAT the minutes of the Tuesday, February 20, 2007 Joint Waste Management Group meeting, be adopted, as amended."
CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

A. Campbell reviewed the purpose of the Host Community Agreement and the key roles of the Host Community and the Facility Owner. He also outlined some additional draft general principles. Draft principles for a Host Community Agreement were provided to the JWMG.

Mr. Campbell advised that reports will be presented to the March 20, 2007 Durham Region Works Committee and the March 21, 2007 York Region Solid Waste Management Committee setting out the details.

5. HEALTH IMPLICATIONS IDENTIFIED FROM THE GENERIC HUMAN HEALTH AND ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

J. McKay advised that a Generic Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment is currently underway. The results will be used to answer questions related to what the health impacts of this facility are. The assessment will, among other things, assist in establishing separation distances between the facility and neighbouring land uses and/or identifying potential concerns that may require mitigation.

The documentation will be reviewed by both Regional Health Departments, subjected to independent peer review and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for review and comment.

6. COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SHORT LIST OF SITES

J. McKay outlined the communication plan for the announcement of the short list of sites. The decision for acceptance and authorization to consult on the "Short-List" of the List of Sites would be given by Durham Region Council on March 28 and by York Region Council on March 29, 2007. A media release would be prepared for release following the March 29, 2007 Council meeting with a "Short-List" of Sites for Public Consultation with public consultations to take place earlier in April.

The JWVG requested staff re-examine the timelines and attempt to move the Public Consultations to consult on the Short List to the beginning of April, following the March 28 and 29, 2007 Council meetings.

7. FACILITY SITING

The JWVG questioned why the release of the Short List of Sites could not be made public immediately following the meeting today. Legal staff advised that the terms of reference required that the JWVG report its recommendations to the respective Regional Committees and Councils. This would require the information to remain confidential until the Council meetings held on March 28 and 29.

Staff also informed the JWVG that the background material to support and validate the Short List of Sites was in its preliminary stages and needed to be assimilated into a formal report. In light of this advice, the JWVG made the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Landon,

“THAT the JWMG not go in-camera today for the purpose of receiving the Short List of Sites, and

THAT the Short List of Sites be presented with a background report to the next public meeting of the JWMG to be held on March 27, 2007 in conjunction with the Durham Region Works Committee and the York Region Solid Waste Management Committee, in open session, and

THAT the recommendations of the JWMG, the Durham Region Works Committee and the York Region Solid Waste Management Committee be presented to their respective Regional Councils for adoption at meetings to be held on March 28 and March 29, 2007 respectively, and

THAT public consultations be held as soon as possible thereafter.”

CARRIED

8. NEXT MEETING: MARCH 27, 2007

The next meeting of the JWMG will be held on March 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at a location to be confirmed in York Region. All members and alternate members of the JWMG are requested to attend.

Special meetings of the Durham Region Works Committee and the York Region Solid Waste Management Committee will be scheduled as well for the same time and place.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Heath,

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

M. Ferri, Chair
Joint Waste Management Group