

The Regional Municipalities of Durham and York

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2006

A regular meeting of the Joint Waste Management Group for the Durham/York Residual Waste Study was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, LL-C Boardroom, Durham Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 10:04 a.m.

Present: Councillor Brunelle, Chair, Region of Durham
Councillor Clarke, Region of Durham
Councillor Crawford, Region of Durham
Councillor Ferri, Chair, Region of York
Councillor Heath, Region of York
Councillor Johnson, Region of Durham
Councillor Self, Region of Durham
Councillor Shier, Region of Durham
Councillor Wheeler, Region of York
L. Burt, Resident, Township of Scugog, DEAC Representative
I. Gray, Resident, Town of Newmarket
J. McGinnis, Resident, City of Pickering, Durham Conservation Centre
B. Mersey, Resident, Town of Markham, Markham Conservation Committee
S. Perrella, Resident, City of Vaughan

Absent: M. Evans, Resident, Township of Brock
Councillor Pidwerbecki, Region of Durham
G. Rye, Director of Utility Services, City of Peterborough
Mayor T. Taylor, Town of Newmarket

Also

Present: C. Herrington, Mayor, Town of Brighton
B. Pyatt, CAO, County of Northumberland

Staff

Present: B. Boffey, Project Co-ordinator, MacViro Consultants Inc.
C. Bradley, Public Works Director, County of Peterborough
A. Campbell, Director, Solid Waste Management Branch, York Region
C. Curtis, Commissioner of Works, Durham Region
R. Gerow, Chairman, County of Peterborough Waste Management
Steering Committee
M. Januszkiewicz, Director of Waste Management Services, Durham Region

B. Karczmarzyk, MacViro Consultants Inc.
J. McKay, Jacques Whitford
D. Merriman, MacViro Consultants Inc.
S. Munns-Audet, Director of Corporate Communications
L. Riviere, Planner, Planning Department, Durham Region
K. Spitzig, Policy and Planning Coordinator, York Region
C. Bandel, Recording Secretary, Durham Region

Councillor Brunelle assumed the position of Chair.

1. PROPOSED EA TERMS OF REFERENCE - RECAP

C. Curtis advised that the Proposed Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference were submitted to the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and that the review and commenting period is from January 6, 2006 to February 6, 2006. He attended a meeting with representatives from the MOE on January 23, 2006 and, although the lack of examination of a straight landfill option was a minor concern, the Proposed EA Terms of Reference were generally well received and he is anticipating approval.

2. YORK/DONGARA AGREEMENT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

A. Campbell informed the Committee of a project that York Region would be taking part in regarding the pelletizing of waste materials. He advised that 100,000 tonnes of waste from York Region is to be pelletized and he distributed samples of the waste pellets. The pellets can be used as an alternative fuel source and can replace the burning of coal. He stated that this is a good example of another project to diversify the options regarding waste reduction.

General discussion ensued and D. Merriman advised that the use of pellets is uncertain and this is an issue since these pellets would still have to be shipped to Michigan, still leaving an export of materials. Further, there is little understanding on the emissions from burning the pellets, and there is no adequate data on this subject. Discussion also ensued on the impact this project would have on the Durham/York Residual Waste Study, and there were questions whether this method was economically viable.

3. PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR 2006

D. Merriman provided an overview of the project schedule for 2006 and requested approval of the schedule by the Committee. The question was raised regarding consultation events for site selection being held in September. As there is a municipal election in November of 2006, this has the potential to cause some problems with candidates. D. Merriman clarified that they would not be going public with any of the proposed sites until early 2007, after the elections and after the new Council and Committees have

been formed. In keeping with the discussions, it was requested that a background document be provided to the elected members of the Committee, which would outline some of the key issues associated with this Study so everyone was consistent with the information they provided to members of the public.

D. Merriman also requested direction from the Committee regarding the dates for public delegations. He advised that these would be information sessions to gather and record the opinions of the public, which would be incorporated into the recommendations. Staff from both Regions can attend meetings in both Durham and York and the dates can be adjusted to accommodate both staff and the public. A consensus was reached with the dates of May 16 and May 17 for the public delegations.

It was the consensus of the Committee to approve the proposed schedule for 2006.

4. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

4.1 DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY DOCUMENT INCLUDING SPEED PROMOTIONS PROPOSAL

B. Karczmarzyk, MacViro Consultants Inc., provided the Committee with a brief overview of the Draft Communications Strategy Document.

4.2 DURHAM/YORK COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT ADVERTISING PROPOSAL

M. Januskiewicz, Region of Durham, provided the Committee with a brief overview of the Advertising Proposal, which is part of an aggressive advertising campaign to reach all members of the community aimed at increasing the number of people attending the public meetings. She outlined some of the proposed methods for communicating key messages which includes advertising on buses, news releases, radio advertisements, posters being sent to the schools, and running ads in the AMC Theatres. She also stated that the advertising would result in an additional cost of approximately \$96,000, which is currently not in the budget.

A. Campbell, Region of York, also outlined some of the advertising campaigns they would be utilizing, which are similar to the methods used by the Region of Durham, such as newspapers ads, updating the Regional website, news releases and advertising on buses. He advised that the Region of York would remain within budget with this additional advertising.

General discussion ensued regarding the content of the ads and if they were going to catch the public's interest. It was explained that there are mandatory ads that have to be put in the paper as part of the EA process, however these are supplementary ads designed to catch the public's attention and hopefully result in increased public participation at the open houses. A handout of a sample advertisement was provided to the Committee for their information.

5. VISITS TO WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

D. Merriman provided information to the elected members of the Joint Waste Management Group (JWVG) on options for visits to waste management facilities similar to those being considered by Durham and York. This would allow the members to gain a good understanding of these facilities and be in a position to explain this information to their fellow Councillors and citizens. A copy of a memorandum outlining the following three options and the associated costs was made available to the members:

- 1) Visits to Northern European facilities
- 2) Visits to South Eastern U.S. facilities
- 3) Visits to Local facilities

It was stated that the visit to the northern European facilities would be the most beneficial and that approval would be required from both York and Durham Regions for their members of the JWVG to attend this site visit. Councillor Ferri advised that York Region was prepared to support their Council representatives participating on this trip. Councillor Brunelle advised that he would inform D. Merriman of Durham Region's decision on this issue by the end of the week.

It was also stated that it would be beneficial to arrange a bus tour to have the members visit the local sites and that one or two members should visit the Florida locations, as well.

6. ATTENDANCE OF LOCAL MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES AT JWVG MEETINGS

General discussion ensued regarding local municipal representatives attending the Joint Waste Management Group meetings. It was stated that these were open meetings and that anyone who wanted to observe was encouraged to do that. It was also suggested that if possible the number of people attending the meeting be provided to the respective Regions so the additional numbers could be accommodated.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a) AGENDA MATERIALS

It was requested that the agenda and background materials be provided to the members at least a week in advance of the meeting to allow the members to review the agendas. As well, any large attachments should be mailed to those members who do not have high speed internet connections to avoid tying up their computers.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Joint Waste Management Group is scheduled for April 18, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with the location to be determined.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Crawford,
"THAT the meeting be adjourned."
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

M. Brunelle, Chair
Joint Waste Management Group
(JWVG)