

The Regional Municipalities of Durham and York

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007

A meeting of the Joint Waste Management Group for the Durham/York Residual Waste Study was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, in the Seminar Room, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario, beginning at 1:00 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
B. Mersey, Resident, Town of Markham, Markham Conservation Committee
S. Perrella, Resident, City of Vaughan, Vaughan CARES
- Alternates Present:** Regional Chair B. Fisch, York Region
Councillor P. Morris, Town of Aurora
Councillor N. Pidwerbecki, City of Oshawa
Councillor V. Spatafora, Town of Richmond Hill, York Region
- Absent:** L. Burt, Resident, Township of Scugog, DEAC Representative
M. Evans, Resident, Township of Brock, with regrets
I. Gray, Resident, Town of Newmarket, Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee, with regrets
J. McGinnis, Resident, City of Pickering, Durham Conservation Centre, with regrets
- Others:** Mayor J. Abernethy, Municipality of Clarington, Durham Region
Councillor A. Foster, Municipality of Clarington, Durham Region
Councillor C. Herrington, City of Northumberland
Councillor R. Hooper, Municipality of Clarington, Durham Region
Councillor M. Novak, Municipality of Clarington, Durham Region
Councillor B. Rand, County of Peterborough
Mayor D. Ryan, Town of Pickering, Durham Region
Mayor B. Shepherd, Township of Uxbridge, Durham Region
F. Wu, C.A.O., Municipality of Clarington, Durham Region
P. Madill, Regional Clerk, Durham Region

C. Bandel, Committee Secretary, Durham Region

Staff

Present: A. Campbell, Director, Solid Waste Management, York Region
P. Casey, Director, Communications, York Region
C. Curtis, Commissioner of Works, Durham Region
M. Januszkiewicz, Director of Waste Management Services, Durham Region
T. Laverty, Works Communications Officer, Durham Region
S. Love, Legal Counsel, 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.
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

MOVED by Councillor Johnson,
"THAT the minutes of the Tuesday, March 6, 2007 Joint Waste Management
Group meeting, be adopted."
CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE CONSULTANT'S CONCLUSION ON THE SHORT-LIST
OF SITES

J. McKay provided an overview of the Facility Siting Process. The following steps
have been completed to date:

Step 1 – The finalization of the evaluation methodology, criteria and priority rankings identified in the approved EA Terms of Reference.

Step 2 – The development of criteria for the area screening process to eliminate lands considered unsuitable.

Step 3 – The development of criteria to meet proposed facility requirements to determine site size.

Step 4 – The site identification process was followed to determine a long-list of sites. This included the identification of publicly owned sites and a Request for Expressions of Interest for Sites from “Willing Sellers”. Twelve sites were identified. The criteria in Steps 2 and 3 eliminated five of the “Willing Seller” sites. A long-list of seven sites remained for further consideration.

Step 5 – The “long-list” evaluation process and “short-list” identification considerations were applied to the seven sites. Fives sites remained after this process and were identified as the “short-list”: four sites in Clarington and one in East Gwillimbury.

The members of the Group raised questions relating to the evaluation priorities of the short-list. J. McKay advised that these priorities were rated by the public and that they will be re-evaluated through Committee and Council through the final consultation process.

Questions were also raised as to why all five sites are being studied when there appear to be many similarities. The members were advised that there would be no additional costs or time involved to evaluate all five sites and that it would be better to include the sites from the beginning in the event one of the sites became unavailable.

The members were also advised that detailed monitoring will be conducted including air quality, site specific water quality, detailed land use assessments and preliminary traffic impact assessments, among others.

5. ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

J. McKay presented the recommendations to be considered by the York and Durham Regional Waste Committees.

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler,

THAT the following recommendations be forwarded to the York and Durham Regional Waste Committees and Councils for consideration and adoption:

1. Regional Council receive the consultants' short-list of alternative sites on which an energy-from-waste facility could be developed.
2. The staff and consultant team for the Durham/York Residual Waste Environmental Assessment Study be directed to:
 - a. Consult with the public, agencies and stakeholders through a number of different forums to solicit feedback on the short-list of alternative sites.
 - b. Complete the next step of evaluation of the short-list of alternative sites in accordance with the approved Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.
 - c. Identify a preferred site in accordance with the approved Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.
 - d. Report the results of the analysis and public input on the short list of sites to Committee and Council.

CARRIED

6. CONSULTATION PLAN FOR THE SHORT-LIST OF ALTERNATIVE SITES

A. Campbell advised that following the adoption of the resolution by the Regional Councils the following steps will take place:

- a. Release of Media advisories, public service announcements and newspaper ads;
- b. Distribution of letters to neighbouring properties;
- c. Public Information Sessions will be held April 10 in Newmarket and April 12 in Bowmanville;
- d. Other communications materials including notifications to be sent to residents in the study database. Additional site specific meetings will be scheduled to discuss issues such as the host community agreement and health risk assessment.

Councillor Trim requested that since four of the five sites on the short-list were in Clarington, an additional public meeting be held in the Municipality of Clarington, on Saturday, April 14, 2007 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. to allow as many people from the area as possible to attend.

7. PROJECT SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED EA REFORM

D. Merriman informed the Group that following the consultations with the public and various agencies, a detailed analysis will be prepared. The presentation of the consultants' conclusion on the preferred site should be available by late summer or early fall 2007. A public consultation will then take place on the recommended site in late fall 2007, assuming no significant issues arise during the short-list and preferred site consultation activities.

D. Merriman advised that a new regulation has been passed by the Ministry of the Environment to streamline the Environmental Assessment approvals process for energy-from-waste facilities. The Regions could switch to this new process. Meetings are currently being scheduled with the Ministry to discuss implications for this project. Recommended options will be brought to the next meeting of the JWMG. A decision from the Regional Councils is required by May 24, 2007. If time is an issue, staff will look into the rescheduling of the next meeting.

Staff was requested to provide information relating to the new Regulation to the public meetings.

8. NEXT MEETING: APRIL 24, 2007

The next meeting of the JWMG is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the Region of Durham.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The JWMG members expressed their appreciation for moving the process along in a timely and efficient manner and thanked the staff and consultants for their hard work.

MOVED by Councillor Johnson,
"THAT the meeting be adjourned."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

M. Ferri, Chair
Joint Waste Management Group