

**The Regional Municipality of Durham**

**MINUTES**

**ENERGY-FROM-WASTE SITE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2009**

A meeting of the energy-from-waste Site Liaison Committee was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, in the lower level boardroom (LL-C), Regional headquarters building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, ON, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: R. Walli, Chair  
M. Clayton  
G. James  
T. Ali  
K. Coupland  
C. Wedge  
M. Ashcroft  
J. Vinson  
Councillor C. Trim  
Councillor M. Novak  
Councillor A. Foster  
L. Carvalho, Project Manager, Environmental Services, Region of York  
F. Langmaid, Manager, Special Projects, Municipality of Clarington

Absent: R. Yates, with regrets (called in via teleconference)  
C. Curtis, Commissioner of Works, Region of Durham, with regrets  
M. Januszkiewicz, Director, Waste Management, Region of Durham, with regrets  
G. Borchuk, Project Manager, Waste Management, Region of Durham, with regrets  
T. Lavery, Communications Officer, Region of Durham, with regrets

Staff

Present: G. Anello, Manager, Waste Planning and Technical Services  
M. Smart, Administrative Assistant, Works Department (Recording Secretary)

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Richard Walli, Chair of the Site Liaison Committee (SLC), welcomed everyone and advised that the protocol for the meeting will be that following any presentations, the SLC members will first ask questions, provide comment or discuss the presentations and/or reports brought forward. Following this, members of the public will then be invited to ask questions at the end of the meeting.

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Moved by Clarence Wedge that the minutes of March 4 be accepted, seconded by Margaret Clayton and carried.

Tracey Ali advised that at the end of the last meeting held March 4 that it was not noted in the minutes that she had posed a question concerning Dr. Ollson's studies on incinerators, asked if new studies were long enough in duration and questioned whether there was a quality difference between Canadian and European Union (EU) waste.

The above noted omission was noted and carried.

**DELEGATIONS**

Jeremy Woodcock, 461 King Street East, Newcastle

Jeremy Woodcock requested to appear as a delegation but was not present.

Louis Bertrand, 124 Liberty Street North, Bowmanville

Louis Bertrand requested to appear as a delegation but at the time of delegations, he was not present.

Richard Walli continued to the next item on the agenda, correspondence.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from Kerry Meydam, email and letter dated March 18, 2009, an article from The Detroit News dated March 13, 2009 and an article from Detroit Metro Times dated April 30, 2008. Moved by Margaret Clayton that the correspondence from Kerry Meydam be received for information and forwarded to the consultant for a reply, seconded by Geoff James and carried.

Roger Yates commented on the objectivity of the above correspondence and noted that the process discussed is outside the scope of the SLC. He also commented on the consultant, Jacques Whitford, having belonged to a coalition of waste Canadian Energy from Waste Coalition (CEFWC) and how it is being considered a conflict of interest by some. Richard Walli also commented that Tracey Ali had outlined total membership of

the coalition in one of her email strings amongst the group and that personally, he did not have a problem with the coalition and that it is often mandated by the type of profession. Clarence Wedge commented that Jacques Whitford is a professional firm with a professional reputation. Margaret Clayton advised that she had visited the CEFWC website and read aloud their mission statement bringing attention to the fact that diversion within the waste management system comes first and after that process, leftover residual waste is then treated.

Correspondence from Linda Gasser, copy of her delegation presented to the Joint Waste Management Group held on March 10, 2009. Moved by Clarence Wedge that the correspondence from Linda Gasser be received for information, seconded by Kathy Coupland and carried.

Correspondence from Wendy Bracken, email dated April 6, 2009, copy of her delegation presented to the Joint Works and Health and Social Services Committee meeting held on March 24, 2009 and a copy of her delegation presented to Regional Council on April 1, 2009. Clarence Wedge requested that Dr. Ollson of Jacques Whitford comment on the review by Dr. Pengelly of which Wendy Bracken has previously mentioned. Gioseph Anello advised that he would present this request to the consultant. Gioseph Anello also provided clarification regarding the Joint Waste Management Group (JWVG) recommendations concerning additional monitoring. Tracey Ali presented concerns about the consultant not having recommended additional monitoring and wanted to recommend heightened monitoring. Richard Walli requested the type of additional monitoring she was requesting to which she wanted the SLC to consider heightened public concern regarding ambient, environmental and human biomonitoring. Clarence Wedge considered this motion vague and the motion was later withdrawn. Discussion ensued with regard to using European waste stream models on Canadian waste streams including air pollution control. Councillor Novak commented on motions that were put forward on the preferred vendor at Regional Council on April 1. Councillor Novak advised that although she was not able to quote official phrasing of recommendations from Regional Council, it was carried that the opportunity to review and add to the environmental surveillance program and monitoring was to be determined at the end of the process and that a peer review of the Site Specific Risk Assessment be conducted. Tracey Ali withdrew her first motion with a request that it be reworded and presented that the SLC support Council's decision regarding the possibility of extra monitoring options open if change need be during process. Margaret Clayton seconded this motion. Councillor Foster advised that this committee could provide advice to the Region of Durham (Region) on behalf of the committee and not just endorse what the Region is doing. He also advised that Clarington Council requested environmental and ambient be included in the proposal. Discussion ensued concerning the wording of the motion and it was carried that the motion includes the possibility to recommend additional surveillance such as air monitoring and human biomonitoring at a future date.

Moved by Mark Ashcroft that the correspondence from Wendy Bracken be received for information, seconded by Kathy Coupland and carried.

Correspondence from Linda Gasser, email dated April 6, 2009, copy of Joint Works and Health and Social Services Committee reports 2009-J-16, 2009-J-17 and minutes held March 24, 2009; and, Joint Waste Management Group minutes from meeting held March 10, 2009. Councillor Novak advised on this correspondence that she was not a member of the Works Committee nor the Health and Social Services Committee. Moved by Kathy Coupland that the correspondence from Linda Gasser be received for information, seconded by Clarence Wedge and carried.

Louis Bertrand arrived late and was permitted to delegate.

Louis Bertrand, 124 Liberty Street North, Bowmanville

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Louis Bertrand presented on his concerns about opportunities for public input through the EA process. He requested that his previous delegation of March 5 be officially included as SLC correspondence and that the public information centre (PIC) that has been discussed for May 12 be posted on the project website. He also requested that the PIC be held similar to previous information sessions with a presentation followed by questions and answers.

Discussion about the role of the SLC and liaising with the public followed. Tracey Ali commented that a PIC is a good way to liaise with the public as this project will affect all within Region but that May 12 was not enough. Richard Walli requested input from other members of the SLC. Margaret Clayton thought that it good that the SLC host the PIC on May 12 and suggested that the SLC could recommend a second information session, even if it is in Clarington again. Kathy Coupland inquired as to how only one PIC in Clarington was decided to which Richard Walli replied that he understood the request was forwarded to Council. Tracey Ali inquired if funding is available from the SLC budget to pay for another information session. It was clarified that this would need to be approved at Council. Moved by Mark Ashcroft that the SLC act as host to a public meeting on May 12 and that notification of the meeting be posted,,seconded by Kathy Coupland and carried.

Richard Walli requested comments from the members of the SLC with regard to the draft final reports as presented. Moved by Geoff James that the Draft Natural Environment Impact Assessment Report be received for information, seconded by Kathy Coupland and carried.

Moved by Kathy Coupland that the Draft Geotechnical Investigation Report be received for information, seconded by Clarence Wedge and carried.

Moved by Jim Vinson that the Draft Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment and Built Heritage be received for information, seconded by Geoff James and carried.

Councillor Foster inquired about whether the members of the public who were waiting for an update from the consultant had been contacted. Gioseph Anello advised that the consultant did commit to providing updates. Moved by Clarence Wedge that the Draft

Environmental Baseline Study be received for information, seconded by Kathy Coupland and carried.

Councillor Foster inquired as to how the new proposed emission limits would affect the request for proposals and how this issue was being managed. Gioseph Anello advised that the Region is aware of the proposed revised limits and that the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR) sights a 60-day comment period. Also, within the Environmental Assessment (EA), a statement of commitment will be made to abide by the A7 Guidelines.

Details concerning the Final Report – Review of International Best Practices of Environmental Surveillance for Energy-From-Waste Facilities were discussed. Margaret Clayton moved that the above report be accepted with a provision that further recommendations can be made with regard to environmental, air surveillance and biomonitoring as required at a future date, seconded by Clarence Wedge and carried.

Richard Walli confirmed with the members of the SLC that their discussions were complete and proceeded to advise the members of the public in attendance at the meeting that they were invited to speak for a maximum of five minutes upon being called up by him.

The first speaker was Michael Kutchurian. He commented on the draft site specific reports being considered without the consultant present. He also suggested that more public information sessions should be considered. Richard Walli advised that this meeting of April 8 was an additional meeting that he had called.

The second speaker was Ashley Bridgeman who advised that she did not have any questions but wanted to comment on the need for public information sessions across the Region and also wanted to advise that the SLC is not an acceptable public information session. Discussion ensued about previous public meetings that were held, how they were publicized and attended. Also discussed was the EA public comment process.

Kerry Meydam was the third speaker who although very much appreciated the last meeting, asked that the committee request that another public information session be planned for Clarington and one public information session be held in each municipality of the Region and that all information sessions be “education” sessions to include the consultant. Further, Kerry Meydam advised that she had written to Dr. Domingo who had replied with comment on human biomonitoring and its importance. Tracey Ali asked for a copy of this letter.

The fourth member of the public to speak was Louis Bertrand. He spoke to the rapid quench incinerator flue gases from flame cooling process. He advised that he would forward the study paper which discusses enrichment of PDCCs/PCDFs in the cooling system of municipal solid waste incineration plants by Kim Sam Cwon.

Linda Gasser was the fifth member of the public to speak at the SLC. She advised that she felt it inappropriate that the project team, consultants who promote EFW, make recommendations. She requested that the upcoming public information meeting be included in the meeting schedule on-line and that the format of the information session be formatted to have a presentation followed by a question and answer period. Further, Linda Gasser commented that it was within the SLC's mandate to make recommendations to the Joint Waste Management Group (JWVG) and that this should include a format for public productivity. Public notification within the EA process was also discussed and included comment on the amount of public advertising in every paper for the Region's change in service levels and Ontario Power Generation's upcoming works at Darlington. Gioseph Anello clarified that the service level changes were advertised only in the two municipalities where they were being implemented.

As other business, Richard Walli requested that the committee formalize the EFW public open house that would be held at the Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex on May 12 from 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. It was presented to the SLC that they act as host to the EFW public meeting of May 12. Tracey Ali inquired into who would be paying and the cost of hosting a public meeting. It was estimated around \$30-40,000 and explained that the Region would be paying for the meeting as the SLC would be only acting as host. Councillor Foster noted his concern for the panel concept of the open house and that the answers provided in this format would only touch on the surface of this project. Margaret Clayton suggested that the session from 4-6 p.m. be set up as panels and the 7-9 p.m. have a presentation providing an overview of the project followed by questions for the last hour. Gioseph Anello advised that the last of the draft reports of the site specific studies would be brought forward on May 8 and they would be included in the public meeting on May 12.

Richard Walli presented a request to the committee that the meeting previously scheduled for April 29 be cancelled and that the next meeting be held on May 7. Discussion ensued concerning possible meeting dates and the topic of presentation for the next meeting. Clarification was requested concerning the issues on hand and Gioseph Anello advised that the consultant's presentations coming forward would provide maximum exposure to the reports that are to be released. Gioseph Anello also confirmed that all questions can be recorded at the public meeting and included in the EA as record of consultation. Further discussion followed concerning the timing and format of a public open house. On behalf of the SLC, Kathy Coupland formally requested that the last session of the public meeting be moderated and hold a question and answer period. The committee discussed a member's suggestion of an introduction to the question and answer period. Councillor Foster suggested that the next meeting of the SLC be held in a different location if the Region is in agreement. The EFW SLC Terms of Reference were reviewed and in them it states that the meetings were to be held in the evening at the Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters. It was moved by Mark Ashcroft that the SLC make a motion to JWVG that one more public meeting be held, and that should the JWVG not agree to this request, that it be hosted by the SLC at a future meeting at a location to be determined by the SLC.

Due to scheduling conflicts and the original agreement that all meetings would be held on Wednesdays, it was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 6 and that the meeting previously scheduled for April 29 would be cancelled.

Tracey Ali also requested that the minutes be forwarded earlier to the group.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.