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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Consultation on the Evaluation of Short-List of Sites and Identification of Consultant's Recommended Preferred Site

Durham and York Regions have joined in a Planning Study to address the long-term residual waste disposal capacity requirements of both Regions. This joint Study is subject to the requirements of an Individual Environmental Assessment under the Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) related to municipal waste disposal undertakings.

In accordance with the Province of Ontario's EAA, the Environmental Assessment (EA), completed in consultation with the public and submitted to the Minister of the Environment for approval, must include a record of the public consultation process. This summary report has been prepared as part of the required public consultation record submitted with the EA submission.

#### 1.1.1 Public Information Sessions

Three (3) Public Information Sessions were held between October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 and October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. The purpose of these sessions was to:

- Provide an overview of the Study to-date;
- Discuss the findings of the various studies completed to identify the Consultant's Recommended Preferred Site;
- Present the results of Evaluation of Short-List of Sites and Identification of Consultant's Recommended Preferred Site; and,
- Identify the next steps in the process.

#### 1.1.2 Additional Public Consultation

In addition to these consultation events, the EA consultation process has included several other opportunities for the public, agencies and other interested parties to obtain information on and provide comments to the results of the Evaluation of the Short-List of Sites and Identification of Consultant's Recommended Preferred Site.

These include:

- Posting of Study information on the Durham York Residual Waste Study website ([www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca)) including: a description of the Study background together with key Study documents as they become available; and a Study email address and phone hotline to allow residents to share their comments with the Study Team.
- Development of a government agency and stakeholder contact list so that notices as well as the study documentation and other relevant information could be sent to agencies as well as a request for feedback on future consultation needs.

The results of these initiatives will also be included in the consultation record for the EA.

## 2. Overview

### 2.1 Dates, Times, and Locations

There were three (3) Public Information Session events held - two in the Municipality of Clarington in the Region of Durham and one in Town of Newmarket in York Region. The following Table 2.1 lists the dates, times and locations of these events.

**Table 2.1 Dates, Times and Locations of Public Information Sessions**

Date	Time	Location
<b>Durham Region</b>		
October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007	2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Garnet B. Rickard Complex, 2440 King Street West, Bowmanville
October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Faith United Church, 1778 Nash Road, Courtice
<b>York Region</b>		
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007	4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Roman Palace Banquet Hall, 1096 Ringwell Drive, Newmarket

### 2.2 Notification

Notification of these Public Information Session events was issued through placement of notices in local weekly newspapers and other advertising venues that serve the Regions of Durham and York as identified in Tables 2.2 through 2.6.

**Table 2.2 Technical Advertisement in Durham Region**

Newspaper	Target Area	Date Notice Issued
Metroland Group (Ajax/Pickering, Whitby/Oshawa, Clarington, Uxbridge Times Journal, Port Perry Star)	Ajax, Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington, Uxbridge, Scugog	September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Scugog Standard	Scugog	September 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Canadian Statesman	Clarington	September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Clarington This Week	Clarington	September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007

**Table 2.3 Graphic Advertisement in Durham Region**

Newspaper	Target Area	Date Notice Issued
Metroland Group (Ajax/Pickering, Whitby/Oshawa, Clarington This Week, Uxbridge Times Journal)	Ajax, Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa, and Uxbridge	September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 October 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Metroland Group (Port Perry Star)	Scugog	September 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 October 5, 2007
Metroland Group (Port Perry Standard)	Scugog	September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2007

Newspaper	Target Area	Date Notice Issued
Metroland Group (Brock Citizen)	Brock	October 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Brock This Week	Brock	September 27 <sup>th</sup>
Clarington This Week	Clarington	September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> 2007 October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Canadian Statesman	Clarington	September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007
Orono Times	Clarington	September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Toronto Star	Greater Toronto Area	September 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2007

**Table 2.4 Other Advertising Venues in Durham Region**

Medium	Dates Aired
Local Radio Interview Ads	September 23 <sup>rd</sup> to October 9 <sup>th</sup>

**Table 2.5 Technical Advertisement in York Region**

Newspaper	Target Area	Date Notice Issued
Vaughan Citizen, Era Banner, Richmond Hill Liberal, Markham Economist, Stouffville Sun, Georgina Advocate	Vaughan, Newmarket, Richmond Hill	October 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Vaughan Weekly, King Weekly, King Sentinel	Vaughan, King	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2007

**Table 2.6 Graphic Advertisement in York Region**

Newspaper	Target Area	Date Notice Issued
Vaughan Citizen, Era Banner, Richmond Hill Liberal	Vaughan, Newmarket, Richmond Hill	October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2007
Markham Economist, Stouffville Sun	Markham, Stouffville	October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Georgina Advocate, Toronto Star	Georgina, Greater Toronto Area	October 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Vaughan Weekly, King Weekly, King Sentinel	Vaughan, King	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2007

In addition to the newspaper and radio advertisements, mail-outs were also used to provide notification of the Public Information Sessions. Everyone on the Durham York Residual Waste distribution list, which includes anyone who has attended a previous session or anyone who expressed interest in being on the list, were sent notification of the Public Information Sessions either by email or postal mail depending on the contact information that was available.

Postal notifications were also sent to all of the owners of properties within 1 km of each of the sites. This information was obtained from the property tax departments in Durham and York Regions.



An example of the Public Information Session notices is illustrated in Figure 2-1. In addition to the placement of notices in local weekly newspapers, a Public Service Announcement (PSA) was issued to notify interested parties and organizations throughout Durham Region. A copy of this PSA along with all communication materials is included in Appendix A of this report.

Figure 2-1 Public Information Session Notification

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### Public Information Sessions

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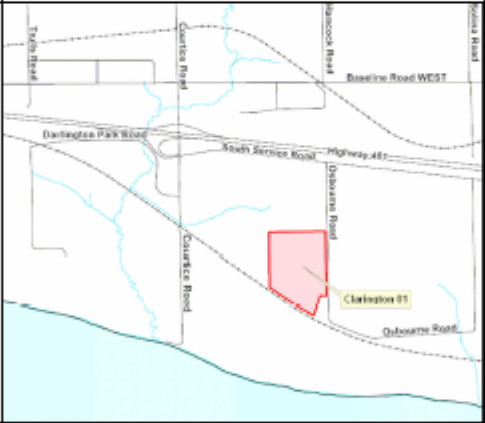
### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**- A Preferred Facility Site has been Identified -**

**Durham and York Regions seek your input on the recommended Preferred site for a new Thermal Treatment Facility to manage the garbage that remains after recycling and composting.**

The Regions of Durham and York are participating in a joint study to find a better way to manage the residual waste (i.e. garbage) remaining after recycling and composting. Through the Joint Waste Management Group, the two municipalities are addressing the social, environmental and financial impacts of this issue by way of an "Individual" Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Provincial EA Act. The Site identification and evaluation process to identify a Preferred site for the proposed facility is now complete. The consultants recommended preferred site has been identified and will be the issue of public and agency review and comment. The site is located south of Highway 401, west of Osbourne Road and north of a CN Rail corridor, in the Municipality of Clarington, as illustrated in the map below. It was arrived at following the evaluation methodology and criteria in the approved EA Terms of Reference which was developed with extensive public consultation and public input.




A Public Information Session will be held in Durham Region on October 3rd, 2007, to present, discuss and receive public input on the recommended Preferred site for the proposed Thermal Treatment facility. The evaluation process followed, and the rationale behind the preferred site identification will be presented. A complete set of supporting documentation can be found on the Study website at: [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca).

The Information Sessions will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
A formal presentation will begin at 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 3, 2007**  
Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex,  
2440 King St. West,  
Bowmanville, Ontario

For more information on the Durham/York Residual Study, please visit: [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca) or call 1-866-398-4423.



## 2.3 Public Information Sessions Format and Information Presented

The Public Information Sessions included a “drop-in” style session in the afternoon followed by a formal presentation and a question and answer period. The drop-in sessions were held in the afternoon and display boards were set up across the room. The display boards summarized the key findings from each of Studies completed. Members from the Study Team were available to discuss content of the display boards and answer questions during each session both before and after the formal presentations. Throughout drop-in session, a presentation on the Identification of the Consultants Preferred Site was being shown on a large screen in time with previously recorded audio.

The display boards available for review at the public information sessions are included in Appendix B and the presentation is included in Appendix C. The display boards included information on the following:

- Overview of the EA Study Process;
- Background on the Durham/York Residual Waste Study and the Proponents;
- A description of the Consultant's Recommended Site;
- A summary of the Generic Health and Ecological Risk Assessment;
- A summary of the Studies completed as part of the Evaluation of Short-List of Sites including:
  - Air Quality
  - Land Use
  - Costs
  - Water Quality
  - Archaeology
  - Infrastructure
  - Ecology
  - Traffic
  - Approvals
- Next steps.

Each of the Public Information Sessions was moderated by an independent public facilitator. Mr. Chris Windsor (Hill and Knowlton) facilitated the first two sessions in Clarington. Mr. Robb Ogilvie (Ogilvie, Ogilvie & Company) facilitated the third session in Newmarket.

For the first two sessions, members of the Study Team recorded the comments, questions, and responses during the question and answer period. These comments, questions and responses are posted at [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca).

For the third session, all questions and answers were keyboarded and displayed electronically. For this session, a verbatim transcript was prepared and posted at [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca) under “Facilitator's Summary Report”. The facilitator also provided attendees with a form entitled “I didn't get a chance to say” which they could fill out later and return with questions/issues that they didn't have a chance to raise or didn't want to raise at the session. The questions and answers were posted on the Study website with the Facilitator's Summary Report for this session.

### 3. Project Team Members in Attendance

Representatives from Durham and York Regions, GENIVAR Ontario Inc., Jacques Whitford Limited and other technical experts attended the Public Information Sessions in each municipality. Tables 3-1 through 3-6 indicate the individual members of the Project Team who were in attendance for each session.

**Table 3-1 Project Team Members in Attendance on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 in the Town of Bowmanville**

Durham Region	GENIVAR Ontario Inc.	Jacques Whitford Limited	Others
Mirka Januszkiewicz, Director of Solid Waste Management Branch	David Merriman, Project Director & Senior Technical Consultant	Jim McKay, EA Planner	Ilya Sher, URS Canada, Transportation Technologist
Angelos Bacopoulos, Project Manager	David Payne, Project Manager	Steve Plaice, EA Planner	Dr. Lesbia Smith, Oncologist
Tania Laverty, Corporate Communications Officer	Betsy Varghese, Technical Analyst	Dr. Chris Ollson, Health Expert	
Joanne Paquette, Works Communication Officer	Andrea Quinn, Project Coordinator	Greg Crooks, Air Quality Expert	
Elizabeth Lockett, Waste Management Technician		Kathleen Easterling, Water Quality Expert	
Elia Mastrangelo, Administrative Assistant			

**Table 3-2 Project Team Members in Attendance on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in the Town of Courtrice**

Region of Durham	GENIVAR Ontario Inc.	Jacques Whitford Limited	Others
Mirka Januszkiewicz, Director of Solid Waste Management Branch	David Merriman, Project Director & Senior Technical Consultant	Jim McKay, EA Planner	Ilya Sher, URS Canada, Transportation Technologist
Angelos Bacopoulos, Project Manager	David Payne, Project Manager	Dr. Chris Ollson, Health Expert	Dr. Lesbia Smith, Oncologist
Tania Laverty, Corporate Communications Officer	Betsy Varghese, Technical Analyst	Ruwan Jayasinghe, Health Expert	
Joanne Paquette, Works Communication Officer			
Elizabeth Lockett, Waste Management Technician			
Elia Mastrangelo, Administrative Assistant			

**Table 3-3 Project Team Members in Attendance on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 in the Town of Newmarket**

York Region	GENIVAR Ontario Inc.	Jacques Whitford Limited
Andrew Campbell, Director of Solid Waste Management Branch	David Merriman, Project Director & Senior Technical Consultant	Steve Plaice, EA Planner
	Betsy Varghese, Technical Analyst	David Payne, Project Manager



York Region	GENIVAR Ontario Inc.	Jacques Whitford Limited
Kelly Spitzig, Policy and Planning Coordinator Neil McDonald, Project Manager Angelos Bacopoulos, Project Manager		Ruwan Jayasinghe, Health Expert

## 4. Public Attendance

The following provides an account of public attendance at each of the public information sessions in Durham and York:

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 (Durham) – 195 registered attendants, 75 (or 38%) of which attended a Study session before
- October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (Durham) – 146 registered attendants, 49 (or 38%) of which attended a Study session before
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 - (York) – 38 registered attendants, 19 (or 50%) of which attended a Study session before
- Total: 379 registered attendants

The list of attendees for each of the public information sessions is included in Appendix D.