

The Regional Municipalities of Durham and York

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

A meeting of the Joint Waste Management Group for the Durham/York Residual Waste Study was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 in the Seminar Room, York Region Administrative Centre, 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, Co-Chair
Councillor J. Heath, Town of Markham, York Region
Councillor G. Landon, Town of Markham, York Region
Councillor C. Trim, Municipality of Clarington, Durham Region, Co-Chair
L. Burt, Resident, Township of Scugog, DEAC Representative
M. Evans, Resident, Township of Brock
I. Gray, Resident, Town of Newmarket, Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee
B. Mersey, Resident, Town of Markham, Markham Conservation Committee

Alternates

Present: Councillor N. Pidwerbecki, City of Oshawa, Durham Region

Absent: Councillor R. Johnson, City of Pickering, Durham Region, with regrets
Councillor D. Wheeler, Town of Georgina, York Region, with regrets
J. McGinnis, Resident, City of Pickering, Durham Conservation Centre
S. Perrella, Resident, City of Vaughan, Vaughan CARES, with regrets

Staff

Present: C. Curtis, Commissioner of Works, Durham Region
G. Anello, Manager of Waste, Planning and Technical Services, Durham Region
T. Laverty, Communications Officer, Durham Region
S. Love, Legal Counsel, York Region
E. Mahoney, Commissioner, Environmental Services, York Region
L. McDowell, Director, Environmental Protection, York Region
J. McKay, Jacques Whitford
C. Ollson, Jacques Whitford
D. Payne, Jacques Whitford
K. Price, Committee Secretary, York Region

Regional Councillor M. Ferri, York Region, chaired the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Crawford,
"THAT the minutes of the Tuesday, October 7, 2008 Joint Waste
Management Group meeting be adopted."
CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. PRESENTATION OF AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE PRACTICES

Dr. Chris Ollson, Jacques Whitford, provided an update on the review of International Best Practices of Environmental Surveillance for energy-from-waste facilities. The study protocol has been finalized and has undergone a peer review by Dr. Lesbia Smith, who was retained by Dr. Kyle, Medical Officer of Health, Durham Region, to provide an independent review of the monitoring program. The Study Protocol document was provided to the Members of the JWVG today and is also posted on the Residual Waste Study website. The Study Protocol will also be provided to the Durham Health and Social Services Committee on November 6, 2008.

Dr. Ollson noted that he had no significant changes to report since his update to the JWVG on October 7, 2008. The review is on schedule and on budget at this point in the project.

Dr. Ollson reviewed the schedule of deliverables noting that the screening of scientific literature has been completed and that external contact information gathering (best practices discussions) is making good progress and is to be completed by the end of November.

Dr. Ollson stated that over 30 emails and initial contacts have been made to date with the international community. Responses are coming in and interviews are being scheduled with additional contacts being made throughout November.

Dr. Ollson stated that the Grey Literature search has been completed and data abstraction and understanding of current practices of environmental surveillance surrounding EFW facilities is underway. A meeting will be held in early December to talk about the options analysis once the best practices have been summarized.

Regional Councillor Heath requested a presentation be made to the York Region Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee once the results are available.

6. PRESENTATION OF AN UPDATE REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL BIOMONITORING PROGRAM

Dr. Ollson provided an update on the Environmental Biomonitoring program. He noted that the purpose of the baseline environmental study is to characterize baseline environmental parameters in the area. Sampling of the following media has occurred: soil; surface water; sediment; soil invertebrates; vegetation; small mammals; produce; fish and agricultural products (beef, dairy, poultry and eggs – to be collected). Dr. Ollson noted that samples of fresh produce from local farmers' markets in the area throughout the season were also obtained. A map of the produce sampling locations was provided in the presentation.

Dr. Ollson noted that permits for sampling had to be obtained from various land owners and that some delays in sampling were generated by re-location of the sample locations if permission could not be obtained.

A table identifying the samples collected within a one kilometer radius of the proposed site was provided.

Dr. Ollson stated that all farmers' market produce, soil, vegetation, surface water, sediment, fish and small mammals sampling has been completed. No analytical analysis will be conducted on soil invertebrates due to limited size samples. The agricultural produce (beef, chicken, eggs and dairy) collection process is in cooperation with DAAC. The samples are being analyzed for chemical concentrations and a draft report is expected in January 2009.

7. PRESENTATION OF AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE SITE SPECIFIC STUDIES

Mr. Jim McKay, Jacques Whitford, reviewed the site specific study timelines with completion estimates for the following studies currently underway:

Air Quality Monitoring and Reporting - continue through 2008

Air Modeling – winter 2009

Site Specific Risk Assessment – spring 2009

Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment – spring 2009

Traffic Impact Assessment – spring 2009

Visual Impact Assessment – spring 2009

Geotechnical Investigation – complete

Surface Water Study and Stormwater Management Plan – spring 2009

Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment – November 2008

Mr. McKay noted that spring timelines were considered to be March or April 2009 in order to have the studies incorporated into the EA.

8. PRESENTATION OF AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE EA PROCESS AND THE OCTOBER 24, 2008 MEETING WITH THE MOE

Mr. McKay noted that an addendum has been issued to the RFP extending the closing date to February 19, 2008 at the request of the vendors who needed more time to respond to the RFP.

Mr. McKay advised the JWMG that a meeting was held with MOE staff on October 24, 2008. Discussions included submission timelines, timelines for review, overall EA content, supporting technical documents and the Record of Consultation.

The JWMG requested clarification regarding the process for submission of documents. Mr. McKay stated that the submission of a draft EA was preferable to allow the Government Review Team members to familiarize themselves with the documentation in a less formal manner and then once the final EA is submitted it should be reviewed within the regulated timeframe of 12 weeks.

The JWMG requested staff provide updates on the progress of the EA during the review period.

Councillor Heath requested staff provide a revised schedule reflecting the new dates for meeting the timelines for the EA as a result of the extension of the RFP.

MOVED by Councillor Landon

"THAT the presentations be received and the comments made by the JWMG members be received and referred to staff and the consultants for consideration and a response to the Committee at a future meeting."

CARRIED

9. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence regarding the Durham/York Energy from Waste Facility was presented:

- a. Matt Drury – Undated
- b. Jay and Judy Lennox – Undated
- c. Wendy Bracken – October 7, 2008
- d. Linda Gasser – October 21, 2008
- e. Linda Gasser – October 29, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Pidwerbecki,
"THAT Correspondence Items a. to e. inclusive be received for information."

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. 2009 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Regional Councillor Ferri stated that he had conflicts with some of his municipal council meetings and suggested a revised schedule be circulated.

MOVED by Councillor Landon,
"THAT the 2009 Proposed Meeting Schedule be recirculated with revised meeting dates for consideration at the next meeting on December 9, 2008."

CARRIED

(NOTE: Subsequent to the November 4, 2008 meeting, the December 9, 2008 and January 6, 2009 meetings were cancelled. A revised 2009 meeting schedule was to

be circulated with the next meeting scheduled for February 17, 2009 at the Durham Region Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 1:00 p.m.)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

K. Price, Committee Secretary

M. Ferri, Chair
Joint Waste Management Group