
Commissioner's Briefing

Presentation to
Environmental Services
Committee

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Agenda



- ❑ Source Water Protection
- ❑ 2008 Waste Diversion Ontario Results



- ❑ EFW Governance
- ❑ Miller Contract Negotiations
- ❑ Blue Box Legislation and EPR



- ❑ Environment First Symposium
- ❑ Expanded HHW Depot Hours

Source Water Protection

- ❑ Land owners posing a high risk to source water will need to comply with Source Protection Plan
- ❑ **Implications:**
 - ❑ Land owner compliance required
 - ❑ Communications to be sent in February 2010
- ❑ **Ongoing Actions:**
 - ❑ Partnership with Conservation Authorities
 - ❑ Communications and Legal Review
 - ❑ Draft notices to local municipalities

2008 Waste Diversion Ontario Results

- ❑ York Region ranks No. 1 in WDO's category of *Large Urban Municipalities*
- ❑ Overall, York Region's waste diversion ranks No. 2 from a total of 216 municipalities in Ontario

	2006	2007	2008
<i>WDO Diversion</i>	40%	45.7%	53%
<i>Overall Ranking</i>	51	17	2
<i>Ontario Municipalities in Program</i>	201	206	216

EFW Governance

- ❑ Staff are researching alternative governance models:
 - ❑ Co-Owners Agreement between 2 municipal corporations
 - ❑ Public utility Model
- ❑ Duffin Creek WPCP is operated using a Co-Owners Agreement structure supported by a Management Committee
- ❑ We will further investigate the Public Utility model as we move forward with Durham to develop the Co-Owners Agreement in 2010

Miller Contract Negotiations

- ❑ Current contract expires July 2010
- ❑ Completed “Contract Term Extension and Price Recalibration” process
 - ❑ As stipulated in the original MRF operating contract, Miller provided York Region with an update proposal for an additional 5 years
 - ❑ Automatic renewal would occur if Miller’s price was within 4% of a “shadow price”
 - ❑ Third party consultant evaluated current unit prices, staffing levels, and efficiencies from other MRFs in Southern Ontario to establish shadow price
- ❑ Contract was within price margin and renewed for 5 years

Blue Box Legislation and EPR

- ❑ On October 28, 2009, Ministry of Environment released a report on the role of waste diversion in the Green Economy
- ❑ Ministry is proposing policy changes to the waste management framework including making producers responsible for their products and packaging, by:
 - ❑ promoting environmentally friendly product design
 - ❑ investment in innovative technologies
 - ❑ improved waste diversion services.
- ❑ On November 18, 2009, Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) posted two draft reports for the Minister on methods for improving consistency and efficiency of recycling programs

Outcomes

- ❑ Staff with consultation from local municipal partners are preparing written comments for MOE and WDO
- ❑ Due to the timing of the comment periods, staff anticipate reporting comments to Council in February 2010

Environment First Symposium

“The First ‘R’ – The First Discussion” October 21, 2009

- ❑ 95 participants, including representation from Government, Non-Government Organizations, Local Businesses, and Youths
- ❑ 18 businesses showcased in the exhibition
- ❑ 5 presentations and workshop discussions

Outcome:

- ❑ Participants gained broader understanding of life-cycle challenges we all face with waste reduction
- ❑ Feedback from workshop sessions was positive and we were informed of priorities for waste reduction
- ❑ Workshop themes highlight importance of developing an Integrated Waste Management Plan

Expanded HHW Depot Hours

- ❑ York Region has expanded its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) depot hours to better serve the needs of our residents
- ❑ Effective November 30, 2009, the Georgina HHW depot will be open **every** Saturday and the Region's three other HHW depots will be open **five** days a week

