

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Regional Council and Solid Waste Management Committee

FROM: Andy Campbell, Director, Solid Waste Management

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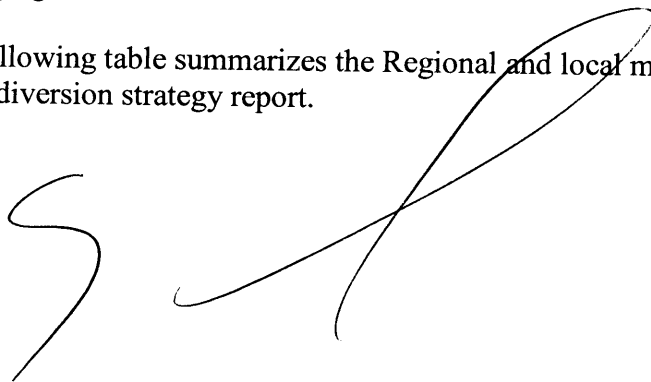
RE: **Joint Waste Diversion Strategy**

In January, 2006, Regional Council directed staff to work with the nine local municipalities to develop a joint municipal waste diversion strategy. Local and Regional staff subsequently formed the Inter-Municipal Waste Diversion Committee (IMWDC). A draft Strategy was developed over the spring of 2006, and subsequently released for public consultation over the summer. The final Strategy consists of 11 waste diversion options with an initial waste diversion target of 65 percent, and ultimate goal of 75% within the 10 year planning period. Council through its consideration of the report requested that the target of 65% diversion be reached by 2010.

The Strategy was broadly supported by local residents and environmental groups. The concern most frequently expressed by the public was the need to lobby manufacturers to reduce packaging waste.

The following table summarizes the Regional and local municipal Council responses to the joint waste diversion strategy report.

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Joint Waste Diversion Strategy - Responses from Local Municipal Councils

Local Municipality	Date of Report/Letter	Comments
Town of Aurora	Committee of the Whole Report No. PW06-048 by adopted by Council September 12/06	"Council endorse the Joint Municipal Waste Diversion Strategy" "... Council endorse the goal to divert a minimum of 65% of its waste from landfill"
Town of East Gwillimbury	Community Programs and Infrastructure Report No. CPI-2006-33 adopted by Council September 5/06	"...Council adopt a common goal ...to divert a minimum of 65% of its waste from landfill..." "...Council support the Region of York's Waste Management Branch's advocacy efforts to lobby manufacturers and senior levels of government on... "over packing" and "extended producer responsibility"
Town of Georgina	Council Report No. EPW-2006-0039 adopted by Council September 11/06.	Referenced as part of the municipalities' report on the Northern 6 collection contract
Township of King	Letter dated Sept. 29/06 to Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk and Committee of the Whole Report No. C.O.W. #2006-225 adopted by Council September 25/06	"Township of King endorse the...Joint Municipal Waste Diversion Strategy". "Township of King adopt a common goal to divert a minimum of 65% of its waste from landfill". "...Clerk to send a letter to the Province of Ontario to request policies and regulations with respect to excessive packaging and extended producer responsibility..."

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Town of Markham	Letter to Dennis Kelly, Regional Clerk dated October 11/06 and Committee of the Whole report agenda Item 19 adopted by Council October 10/06	“Strategy Received” “...Markham encourage equivalent diversion targets ...established by each local municipality to ...divert a minimum of 65% of its waste from landfill” “...Markham continue to participate in the Strategy implementation” “...the initiative to install bag breaking technology at the Region’s recycling facility and the addition of plastic film and polystyrene plastic into the blue box be considered a priority initiative” “...the Region...and Local Municipalities be encouraged to continue to work together to expand upon the...strategy to include long term waste management plan development”
Town of Newmarket	Report No. PWES 2006-75 by Community Services adopted by Special Council meeting October 2/06	“Council endorses...the Strategy...” “...Council adopts a common goal to divert a minimum of 65% of its waste from landfill”
Town of Richmond Hill	Confirmatory By-Law No. 149-06 approved by Council September 25/06	“...the report of the Inter-Municipal Waste Diversion Strategy Committee...be received” “...in conjunction with all York Region municipalities, the Town of Richmond Hill work towards a goal to divert a minimum of 65% of its waste from landfill” “...the Joint Waste Diversion Strategy be endorsed...”
City of Vaughan	Item 58, Report No. 43 of the Committee of the Whole adopted by Council September 25/06	“The Joint Waste Municipal Waste Diversion Strategy be endorsed” “Through ...Greening Vaughan...and ...waste diversion initiatives in partnership with the Region...the City work towards a minimum of 65% diversion of waste from landfill.”

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Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	Report #3 of the Director of Public Works approved by Council September 5/06	“That Council endorse the...Joint Municipal Waste Diversion Strategy” “...that Council adopt a common goal to divert a minimum of 65% of the Town’s waste from landfill”
York Region	Clause 1 of Report No. 6 of the Solid Waste Management Committee approved by Council October 19/06	“Regional Council endorse the...Joint Municipal Waste Diversion Strategy” “Regional Council adopt the goal to divert a minimum of 65% of the Region’s waste from landfill not later than...2010”.