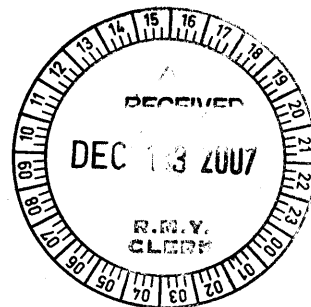


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December 7, 2007

Mr. Denis Kelly
The Regional Municipality of York
Regional Clerk
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Newmarket, ON. L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of November 16, 2007 with regard to York Regional Council endorsing the development of a diversion program for waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) under the *Waste Diversion Act, 2002* (WDA). I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Minister.

As you are aware, on June 11, 2007, the former Minister of the Environment, Laurel Broten, provided direction to Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) on the development of a WEEE diversion program. That direction requires that a phased program be developed to manage WEEE from residential and industrial, commercial and institutional sources (IC&I), and that industry stewards fund 100% of the program costs. When developing the program plan, WDO must also consider how to build upon existing WEEE diversion activities (e.g. by municipalities, retailers or reuse organizations).

WDO is currently developing the proposed WEEE program plan in cooperation with Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES), the WEEE industry funding organization. It is my understanding that WDO and OES are consulting regularly with potentially affected stakeholders, including municipalities and municipal associations, throughout the program development period. Information related to those consultations is available through either Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) at www.wdo.ca or Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) at www.ontarioelectronicstewardship.ca.

In addition, the Ministry of the Environment will be consulting publicly on the plan through the Environmental Registry once it has been submitted to the Minister.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Yours truly,



John Vidan
Director, Waste Management Policy Branch

