



Resolution of The Solid Waste Management Committee

Moved by:

Whereas ensuring the proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste/Household Special Waste (HHW/HSW) is a public health and safety issue;

And whereas municipalities have a vested interest in the operation of an effective HHW/HSW management system in the Province of Ontario;

And whereas the Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment announced on April 20, 2006 that she will be designating HHW/HSW under the Waste Diversion Act, 2002 in the near future;

And whereas the Waste Diversion Act, 2002 requires Waste Diversion Ontario to develop waste diversion programs for designated wastes;

And whereas wastes currently designated for diversion include only (i) blue box waste, (ii) used oil, (iii) used tires and (iv) electrical and electronic equipment,

And whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario/Association of Municipal Recycling Coordinators (AMO/AMRC) has developed a position paper on the management of this waste entitled "AMO and AMRC Proposal for a Provincial Household Hazardous Waste and Special Waste Strategy";

And whereas AMO believes that in order for the Province to meet its goals of designating HHW/HSW that it must provide clear direction in respect of the following:

1. Recognition that HHW/HSW is a public health and safety issue and that municipalities have a vested interest in an effective HHW/HSW management system as it transcends all environmental boundaries due to its potential impacts on air, soil, municipal landfills, water, storm drains, sanitary sewers and waste water treatment facilities;

2. Recognition that the principles of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Design for the Environment (DfE) places the responsibility for product residuals and packaging on industry;
3. Industry funding to operate, maintain and expand, as needed, HHW/HSW collection infrastructure and public education programs;
4. Utilize the CSA HHW standard and specify a short list of HSW that includes latex paints and coatings, oil containers, oil filters, propylene glycol, alkaline batteries and pharmaceuticals, and to further stage in residential generated used motor oil as part of the overall program;
5. Recognize that the current municipal level of service offered across Ontario is varied and that it cannot be reduced but must be improved to an acceptable standardized provincial level of service to be determined in association with municipalities and industry;
6. Require industry to fund and establish HHW/HSW related research that provides scientific and verifiable data that can be used to further enhance the system for uniform program delivery for all residents across Ontario;
7. Support industry in its efforts for reduction, reuse and reformulation initiatives via eco-labelling, procurement, outreach and education programs;
8. Empower Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) by ensuring that it has sustainable funding, full authority to develop an HHW/HSW program and the necessary policy and approval support from the Minister of the Environment.

And whereas the AMO Executive has approved this position paper in principle and requests its support by municipalities in Ontario;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council support in principle this position paper prepared by the AMO/AMRC Waste Management Task Force and seek the endorsement of this resolution by the local municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the local municipalities for consideration and endorsement.