

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Councillor M. Ferri, Chair and
Members of Solid Waste Management Committee

FROM: Bruce, Macgregor, Commissioner of Transportation and Works

DATE: June 5, 2006

RE: **AMO request to support designation of Household Hazardous
Waste/Household Special Waste (HHW/HSW)**

The June 7, 2006 agenda includes correspondence from AMO seeking endorsement of a draft proposal to request that the Provincial Minister of the Environment designate HHW/HSW under the Waste Diversion Act, 2002.

The Waste Diversion Act, 2002 established Waste Diversion Ontario as an agency responsible for developing and maintaining diversion programs for wastes designated by the Minister. There are currently only four waste streams designated in the Province of Ontario:

1. Blue box waste
2. Used oil
3. Used tires, and
4. Electrical and electronic equipment

Household hazardous waste programs have been in place in York Region for many years. Intercepting this waste stream, which includes paints, pesticides, cleaning agents, etc. is an important component of overall environmental protection. Designating these wastes will introduce vendor responsibility in the form of program funding and lessen the impact on tax supported funding. Annual expenditures for HHW programming in York Region alone is approximately \$650,000 annually.

The attached resolution, endorsing the AMO proposal, is offered for Committee's consideration.

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Attachment 1 – Resolution

Copy to: Members of Senior Management Group
A. Campbell, Director, Solid Waste Management