



## Partners in Project Green Resource Reutilization Team

### Conference Call

Minutes – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

*In Attendance: Dennis Braun (TRCA), Jennifer Taves (TRCA), Phil Dick (OMAFRA), Aaron Stauch (University of Waterloo), Karyn Hogan (Region of Peel), David Hanson (Recycling Council of Ontario), Brent Wisken (MOE), Paul Welsman (Wasteco)*

*Regrets: Sarah Mills (Recycling Council of Ontario), Andy Campbell (Waste Diversion Ontario), Murray Haight (University of Waterloo), Renee Dello (City of Toronto), Jen Turnbull (MOE), Jonathan Abrams (BFI), Howard Goldby (BFI)*

#### 1. Introductions

#### 2. Waste Management Procurement Training

The team reviewed the staff report (see Agenda Package, Item 2) and made the following comments:

- RCO's 3R Certification Program places an emphasis on procurement practices, so this workshop supports that emphasis.
- Businesses will get the best waste management services if their procurement documents are well specified. Particular attention should be paid to clear identification of materials, units, and available rebates and markets for those materials. This should have added emphasis in the workshop.
- Businesses should be aware of the cost benefits of removing solid waste from the wastewater stream and managing it separately to avoid sewer surcharges.

**ACTION ITEM:** TRCA to review comments with the Emerald Group to incorporate into training materials.

#### 3. Industrial Waste Speed Dating Workshop

The team reviewed the staff report (see Agenda Package, Item 3).

**ACTION ITEM:** Team members to distribute event posters to their contacts and distribution lists, as appropriate.

#### 4. Industrial/Commercial Waste Reduction Ideation Charrette

The team reviewed the staff report (see Agenda Package, Item 4). Potential waste management topics include:

- Potential Waste Management topics include: education within facilities, waste management of a wider variety of materials, implications of the border closing to waste transfers, KPIs to manage waste at point of production, and the role of syngas in the Pearson Eco-Business Zone.
- Enbridge and Union Gas were identified as key stakeholders for a discussion surrounding syngas.
- It was recommended that innovative local case studies be presented to stimulate discussion. Weston Bakeries' use of KPIs to manage and respond in real-time to waste production was identified as a possible case study.

***ACTION ITEM:*** TRCA to develop terms of reference for a charrette and secure a facilitator.

#### **5. Recycling Council of Ontario's 3R Certification Program**

- The program is currently being tested. It is expected to launch in spring/summer for certification starting late summer 2011.
- RCO is working on costs to provide a price point that is accessible to small businesses and all stakeholders. While the program is based on Regulation 102, it will be available to businesses of all sizes and types.
- RCO is certifying waste auditors to complete the audit required for certification. A list of certified waste auditors is expected to be published later in 2011.
- Partners in Project Green will refer interested businesses to the certification program and this list of waste auditors.