



Partners in Project Green Resource Reutilization Team

Minutes - Friday, November 12th, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m.

GTAA Administration Office – GTAA Boardroom (3111 Convair Drive, Mississauga)

In Attendance: Sarah Mills (Recycling Council of Ontario), Andy Campbell (Waste Diversion Ontario), Murray Haight (University of Waterloo), Renee Dello (City of Toronto), Karyn Hogan (Region of Peel), Jen Turnbull (Ministry of Environment), Mark Thompson (U-Pak Disposals), Phil Dick (Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs), Dennis Braun (TRCA)

1. Introductions

2. Waste Programming Update

- Provided overview of planned programming to support waste reduction, reuse, and recycling described in Item 2 of the Agenda Package.

3. Results of the Biogas Study completed by University of Waterloo

- Overview of the results of the biogas study completed by University of Waterloo summarized in Item 3 of the Agenda Package.
- It was noted that difficulty controlling quality of organic waste going to secondary feed markets may cause a trend away from that market and new opportunities for anaerobic digestions.
- Depending on organic input, NPK could be removed from the digestate with a higher value.
- Region of Peel's investigation of an anaerobic digester with Yield Energy is continuing, and a potential site is under consideration.
- It is difficult to get meaningful information from business about their waste streams, perhaps because of a lack of knowledge. Training will be important.

4. Zero-Waste Training

- TRCA staff reviewed the RFP and proposals received for Zero-Waste Training and recommended that High Performance Solutions be awarded the contract for "Zero Waste to Landfill" training.
- The team had reservations about using the term "zero waste", and promoting any certification to that term. The team felt that MOE's 3R's regulation and the certification being created by RCO should be the standard in Ontario for waste diversion training.
- RCO is currently developing a certification program that will certify businesses based on their waste diversion practices, to be launched in spring 2011. The Team recommended meeting with RCO in early 2011 to learn more about the program and develop training that is in line with it.

5. Industrial Waste Speed Dating Workshop

- TRCA staff reviewed the RFP and proposals received Industrial Waste Speed Dating Workshop and recommended that Emerald Group be awarded the contract to develop and deliver the workshop.

6. Waste Management Procurement Training

- TRCA staff reviewed the RFP and proposals received Industrial Waste Management Procurement Training and recommended that Emerald Group be awarded the contract to deliver the training.
- Discussed the opportunity to use existing partners, such as waste management service providers, to deliver training at lower cost than hiring consultants. Would need to do this in a way that does not provide waste service providers undue advantage over their competitors. Suggested a meeting with RCO and waste management services providers to explore this.

7. Waste Reduction Consultant Roster

- Provided overview of the Eco-Efficiency Program and opportunity to develop a Waste Management Consultant Roster, described in Item 7 of the Agenda Package.