

Toronto CEAT

Community Environmental Assessment Team

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Public Works & Infrastructure Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
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c/o: Ms. Ros Dyers, Committee Administrator, City Clerk's Office

Dear PW&I Committee members:

Re: Staff Report by Solid Waste Management, "Residual Waste Planning Study"

The Community Environmental Assessment Team (CEAT) has been working with Solid Waste Management Services (SWMS) and the citizen's of Toronto on developing a proposal for a Terms of Reference (TOR) to allow The City to undertake an "Individual Environmental Assessment" on the long term residual waste plan since March 2006.

Over the course of that time a number of changes have taken place to the original assumptions of the project; for example:

- a) the agreement with the Province and Michigan to stop shipments of waste by 2010;
- b) the successful acquisition, by The City, of a landfill site within Ontario;
- c) significant provincial legislation changes in environmental assessments regarding municipal solid waste;

After careful consideration and discussions with SWMS staff of these and other factors, the CEAT members voted unanimously at our June 6th, 2007 meeting to support the recommendations of not proceeding with a submission of the TOR to the Province at this time and to proceed with "Residual Waste Planning Study" as outlined the SWMS staff report.

CEAT further agrees with the report's recommendations that CEAT be split into groups:

- a) the 3Rs Working Group recommended in the report entitled "Proposed Initiatives and Financing Model to get to 70% Solid Waste Diversion by 2010"
- b) and a Residual Waste Working Group as described in Attachment B of SWMS report entitled "Residual Waste Planning Study"

CEAT also agrees with the reports recommendations to create an "Integrated Solid Waste Stakeholder Group", which will be a discussion forum attended by staff and the chairs and vice chairs of the city's various solid waste working groups for the purposes of sharing information. CEAT feels that this type of proactive citizen, stakeholder and City collaborative model will help bring forward the best ideas to help deal with reaching The Cities solid waste challenges now and in the future.

Yours truly,

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