



**Waste Diversion Task Force 2010**  
**Annette Recreation Centre**  
**April 19, 2001**  
**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

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**Meeting Notes**

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**Participants:**

Rob Roberti	Deanne Levicki
Mary Oniszezak	Phyllis Fischer
Antonio Leo	Sufiya Mary Reid
Liz Lines	Katrian Miller
John Leeson	Allan Crawford
Deborah	Rick Ciccarelli
Pete O'Brien	E Jenson
June Pinkney	Roy Fischer

Approximately 20 people attended this event.

**Councillors:**

Councillor Miller  
Councillor Disero

**Staff:**

Lawson Oates  
Robert Davis

Introduction and welcome by Councillor Miller.

Lawson Oates presents to the group.

The intent of this is to give people opportunities for input. The following represents a summary of the discussions.

<b>Questions/Comments/Suggestions</b>	<b>Response</b>
What plastics will you take?	All plastics that have a bottle. This helps us capture all of the plastics of the number one a two type.
What about the yoghurt and margarine tubs?	We don't have a market that would take all of the material produced.
The simpler the better for the blue box so that people don't have to spend time sorting and wondering what they should put in.	
With the grey box, why should the paper be sorted?	It helps in the separation at the plant.

What is the real impact on this plan due to the budget pressures?	DM - The Dufferin facility is still funded. The budget committee took an axe to all of the environmental programs. The Environment is an easy political target. The City is not showing the leadership that is required. 30% is realistic and 60% is a goal. LJO - Environment Days are still funded. We partner with Sally Ann and Goodwill to ensure that diversion takes place. However, the long-term funding must take place.
What about recycling styrofoam?	This often resides in the private sector in food plants. There is one small plant in Mississauga but they can't take all we have.
I like the idea of mandatory composting. We should have curbside composting programs.	
Where are we at in getting the Provincial Government undertaking mandatory packaging to reduce waste.	DM - Things are going nowhere with the province. They are completely hopeless.
What is the timing for wet waste?	LJO – Dufferin facility will open in fall to handle 25,000 expanded to 125,000. We are also in process of discussions with private firms to undertake other projects. We are concerned about the metals content of some of the materials produced.
What about special containers for wet waste?	
For immediate action, is it only the blue box?	yes, put it in a open top container. We are also considering bags for recyclables
NY doesn't use blue boxes - but bags in cans.(She also explained about system in Taiwan where they have special decomposable bags for recyclables. She also talked about compulsory recycling and different types of bags and sizes.	
Vancouver has deposit return and also some stores accept materials - cans 5 cents, over 1 litre 10 cents. She also provided an overview of programs in other parts of Canada including Markham and Toronto.	
Concerned about "preaching to the choir". I am not sure that we are getting to youth. Are combining exciting outdoor activities - including an event on the Humber.	
We need to think about communications - including to kids. Kids can ask well-informed and focused questions.	
I remember when we had a garbage strike we noticed how high the garbage piled up on the tennis courts. A new strike would impress people about this.	

Where does all of the organic waste from retail stores go?	Some of the downtown towers have their organics picked up by pig farmers. With this and other programs, Commerce Court is at 80%.
The penalty system seems to be very effective in having an impact on behaviour.	BD - talked about both sides of the issue re: user-pay. BD - We need to look at how we can go beyond the existing volunteer programs.  DM - Position is that charging won't work until people have real options. Before that, you will see people dumping all over the place.
What is the administrative cost of bag limits? What about the problem with green glass? Can the city get a revenue from this?	LJO - provincial legislation requires us to run a blue box program We don't have a market for green glass. Glass is heavy, contamination is problem, and causes problems at MRF.
the main source of green glass is France - how do we do things internationally.	
TEA would like to get involved in the public engagement process for the waste diversion plans.	
There is still waste that can't be recycled or composted- what do you plan to do?	BD - we are looking for a non-combustible process to make energy - Portlands with Enwave and at Scarborough Transfer Station.
We seem to want the most perfect solution possible - we seem to be trying to be too careful trying to get this perfect system.	DM - JUST DO IT
We need to educate people about what is better. We have material that is available.	