



**Waste Diversion Task Force 2010  
L'Amoureux Community Centre  
April 4, 2001  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

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**Meeting Notes**

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**Participants:**

Lynne Johnston	Theresa Urquhart
Edward Urquart	Helene Gyslinch
J. Williams	Farace
Jason Lynes	J.V. Dobis
A. Rodrigues	Kelly Hartshorne
Ruth Herrington	Vic Agfasi
Mary Mc.	Peter Lewis
Ray Scott	Lars Henriksson
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**Councillors:**

Betty Disero  
Sherene Shaw

**Staff:**

Lawson Oates  
Robert Davis  
Eva Boyd

Introduction by Betty Disero. Explained background of process and history of process for Task Force 2010.

Lawson made his presentation.

Most people came as a result of Sherene Shaw's flyers. One person came as a result of the Star - about 6 as a result of the community newspapers.

Councillor Disero reviewed the \$90 cost and talked about the difference between residential vs. business and how the costs will rise due to the closure of Keele Valley.

The \$190 is a worst case scenario - it is up to the public to take action. Over the long-term it is less expensive to divert rather than disposal.

If we actually take your Kitchen waste alone we can do it for \$15 to \$25 less than landfilling costs.

Participants were invited to ask questions and provide comments. The following represents a summary of those discussions.

Questions/ Comments/ Suggestions	Response
Mary Macintosh until recently chaired creative committee on waste diversion for 8 years at condominium. Have done great deal to make sure that blue bins from contamination including notices, signs and meetings.	

<p>In spite of this, we still have contamination from non-recyclable items. People seem too busy to follow these rules. We need tougher rules to make sure that people recycle. Since we have been effective with smoking, why not the environment?</p> <p>Follow the Guelph example, make companies responsible for their waste, let any company know that you are happy with environmental initiatives, encourage community composting (our condo was not too sure about this) A composter in a park might do the job.</p> <p>We strongly suggest that we use Edmonton as an example.</p> <p>The residents of condo deliver craft materials to a local day care. Have also initiated a swap program. Thanked Sherene Shaw for her environment day. Need more hype about it all - get the media working on this.</p> <p>Do something special on April 22 for Environment Day.</p>	
<p>Ray Scott I am president of Scarborough SW Riding Association for Family Coalition Party. It is important to the health of our environment. I can give the average person's opinion.</p> <p>The new garbage by-law will help divert waste from by-law. We need fewer bags allowed at curb. 6 bags seems pretty high for families. Success has been made in other municipalities to reduce amount at curb.</p> <p>Relation to BB/GB program - it seems like the right thing. But there are examples of other systems like the City of Guelph successes. Wet/dry system seems like a doable idea. When Guelph moved from system like ours they reduced costs and diverted more wastes. The wet/dry system pre-sorts the waste and clear bags make it difficult to cheat and also deal with hazardous waste. If Guelph can do it, so can Toronto. As the programs continue, the costs are reduced and revenues increase. They are attempting to get waste from other areas because the system is so successful.</p> <p>The issue is greater than government and needs to be placed on our shoulders. All levels of government think that someone else should look after the waste.</p>	
<p>Ian Johnson - Here as a homeowner and the ideas seem like a good idea. I have a concern with the kraft bags - I have found they don't hold as much as plastic bags and that I put out over 50 bags per year. They are half the size of plastic, they don't seal up,</p>	<p>BD- We are looking for better communications and cheaper bags.</p>

<p>they tip over, they cost more. Some houses in area use blowers to blow leaves onto street and they are not picked up and blow around. Trees are noise barriers and provide oxygen.</p> <p>When the notices came out wife called the City - one of the suggestions made would be to have a large container with deposit rather than kraft bags. We are cutting down trees to put leaves in (applause from audience)</p>	
Where can you get bushel baskets?	flea markets.
Why not vacuum up leaves?.	It was very expensive to operate
<p>Man - Waste we manage today - 100,000 tonnes from ABCs does any of that get diverted? LJO - We will start charging for waste and will help them with 3Rs programs. We've have good successes such as the Zoo with ZooPoo and Metro Hal Vermicomposter. When I look at boxes put out for garbage and emptying boxes - what about businesses that put out boxes</p>	<p>BD - We would like buildings mandatory recycling for buildings before 1994.</p> <p>BD - We will look at charging businesses for disposal, and free recycling</p>
What is the purpose of 2010?	DB - So we can find ways of dealing with waste away from any landfill. TF will send report to council at end of TF meetings.
What about pesticides?	BD - we are looking into it. The City cannot ban use of pesticides it is a national issue. Woman - we have never heard what actually when through. SS-Banned from Parks and some Golf Courses. It is a provincial issue - MOE We'll get back to you about that.
<p>I am a resident and landscaper and all for recycling. When we first started - greenbags, then clear bags, now paper bags which will mean that people will use the paper bags for garbage. Not in favour of kraft bags due to cost to customers (12-15 vs. 55-70 per bags, open bags an do not hold as much, near school they will be flipped, will blow in the wind (the answer my friend - rbd) , more labour putting into trucks</p>	
<p>there is a bag that other cities that use compostable bags</p> <p>- I have to pay for grass disposal at transfer station.</p>	please bring me a bag that lasts 18 months
why can't environment days take place at permanent location throughout the year for things that can't be accepted at landfill	
<p>Debate about lack of plastics in recycling program. Size of Toronto when compared with Halifax and Guelph. Why can't we build our own plant?</p>	We need a plant to produce the volumes that Toronto's creates
is it possible to expand OMG boxes to accept #6 plastic.	they are now focussing on food courts first
<p>I noticed that a lot of you are concerned about yard waste - it would be great if City promoted hemp bags that would help a wonderful industry. - packaging at its source needs to be addressed - on internet you can se that there are all sorts of issues - What about NZ with their zero waste society - In NZ they make</p>	

industry responsible for their waste - make big companies pay for their packaging which has made industry responsible and ultimately reduced waste going to the curb. Participation must be supported - labelling warning on packaging that is not recyclable vs. recyclable. Why are companies using a certain plastic that can't be recycled? (applause)	
At one time grocery stores had to stock returnable bottles - now there were none	BD - The province decided to go with a system that included both systems and finally the province cancelled the system
we are behind most other jurisdictions who have deposit return.	
Discussion with people about role of Province	
I am supporter of source control. McDonalds changed from paper to plastic. Corporate power is very important. Kitchen garbage should not go to the street. Is there a plan to get industries to change the status quo.	BD - there are things that the city can do. We have major spending power in this city - we can force people from whom we buy things to do recycling. We can ask the convenience store to take material back or be charged - domino effect. We are in preliminary steps to do things legally. This will come out in final report of task force.
Mary - is there a place for a materials exchange program	BD - We are looking at it> BB - some of the places that take clothes will take fibre - on Tapscott Road in Scarborough - talk to those who will take clothing if they take clothing fibre.
OCA also takes fibre for their fibre art program	
Are there plans to make recycling information available in more places?	
When was there a prohibition from people burning leaves?	BD - 1960s because of risk.
What is the history of incinerators in Toronto?	BD- Commissioners Sheet was closed because it is had poor emissions. Refuel appears to be better than older incinerator. Will be looking at Tulsa to see a gasefier. Also looked at incinerator in Brampton. All of these solutions coming out - we plan to meeting about this with industry.
What about plant in Newmarket?	BD - going there on Friday Aerobic in Guelph, anaerobic in Newmarket.
is 100% diversion possible?	BD - you can have 100% diversion from landfill, you can find other areas and processes like incineration.
reduction is the only solution rather than looking for other solutions - we need to find a life of sustainability	