



**Waste Diversion Task Force 2010
Toronto City Hall
March 27, 2001
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Meeting Notes

Participants:

Jon Van Oostveen	Susan Horsfall
Tom Smarda	M. Root
Fred Gardiner	Fong Tsang
Gary Morton	M.J. Morrison
E.C. Morrison	Jen Sanich-Harvey
Heather Whetstone	Matthew Spencer
Douglas Counter	Kevin Sasaki
Jean Blais M.	Celine Forent
Tom Stevens	Sophia Kooman
Ian Burns	F. Carvalha
Bergmann	Michelle Kwong Hing
Frank Pepenella	Steve Loretta
Andrea Barker	Margaret Armstrong
Katrina Miller	Martha McKinnon
Carine Chartier	Andrew MacDonald
Gord Perks	Pat Laceby
Rhonda Hustler	Antonio Leo
Rory Finlayson	John Thorpe
H. Wilson	Sheila Kornhauser
Cheryl Arndt	Lyn Adamson
Michelle Fruendt	Norman McKinnon
Joe Hruska	Carena Hernandez
Anne Cartwright	Doug Paton
Jean Paton	Gilda Dailey
Wendy Strickland	Sara Campbell
J. McGregor	Frank Andre
Fiji C. Robinson	Dave Marshall
Armando Valene	Abel Silva
J. MaccLeod	Jaime Orfao
Jose	Pat Ciufu
Joan Hayes	Richard Brault
Patricia Maitland	Glenda Stein
T. Gomberg	Robert Richardson
Paul T. Hellyer	Brigitte Roussel
T. Hatzi	Ian Calvert
Nicole Hillock	Jim Bridle

Approximately 70 people attended the event.

Councillors:

Councillor Disero (Chair)

Councillor Rae

Councillor Layton

Staff:

Fred Hendriks, Toronto Works and Emergency Services

Lawson Oates, Toronto Works and Emergency Services

Ann Marie Weselan, Toronto Works and Emergency Services

Councillor Disero thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and introduced the councillors present. Staff then made a presentation.

Participants were then invited to ask questions and provide comments. The following represents a summary of those questions/comments and responses:

Questions/Comments/Suggestions	Response
Landfill	
T. Stevens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look to the consumer to reduce landfill material 	
H. Wilson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put all recycling into one area on a street and combine with traffic calming measures 	
Programs	
F. Nelson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On a block/neighbourhood basis get people to reduce the amount of garbage and give them a \$5 voucher off taxes if they do 	
C. Gardner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find a manufacturer to donate hemp shopping bags and each store gets 25 bags with free advertising 	
Organics	
S. Loretta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an on-site composting demo at City Hall in Nathan Phillip's Square to show the different modes of composting Use the compost at City Hall as a "show of faith" and to educate people 	City Hall has a worm composting program
J. McGregor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to make composters mandatory for apartments and give people a place to put it Build a composting site in Toronto 	

<p>R. Brault</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage everyone to recognize that all waste must become food Use creativity to get nutrients/material back to nature Work with industry to ensure nutrients are healthy that go back into the system Send message to industry that we will buy service but that they're responsible for recovering original materials 	
<p>T. Gomberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put compost/gardens on the raised walkway around City Hall 	
Reduction/Packaging	
<p>F. Nelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get people to stop buying things with a lot of packaging and to buy locally 	
<p>C. Gardner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require labelling that tells how much packaging costs people Banks should be encouraged to ask people if they want a receipt 	
Reuse	
<p>J. Blaismathieu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottles should be returnable 	
<p>J. McGregor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need a mandatory bottle/glass return system 	
<p>H. Wilson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain, repair and reuse building materials 	
Recycling	
<p>B. Bergmann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring items such as TV's and other smaller electronic equipment to recycle depots then take them to companies like EPR who recycle such things Make depots more user-friendly Would like to get involved with setting this up 	
<p>F. Nelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A shredder should go around to parks or follow garbage trucks 	

<p>J. Blaismathieu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to recycle at source • We should look at Newmarket's recycling with Canada Composting and build similar plants in Toronto • A "secret" report said recycling was more expensive than landfilling 	<p>We're using that technology at Dufferin now</p> <p>Recycling is becoming more competitive</p>
<p>J. McGregor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a standard plastic that we can recycle • Recycling should be privatized 	
<p>H. Wilson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't run the Sheppard subway – put the money into recycling 	
<p>L. Adamson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need local school inspection teams to inspect garbage; City should work with Board of Ed to promote recycling 	
<p>T. Smarda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put recycling bins in TTC stations 	
<p>C. Gardner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of money TTC collects from renting space to "free" newspapers should go to recycling 	
<p>Other Technologies</p>	
<p>H. Wilson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recover the energy from the brakes on garbage trucks to power hydraulics on the trucks 	
<p>General Comments</p>	
<p>F. Nelson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move up the deadline to implement targets given what is happening with legislation in Michigan • People need to see a connection between taxes and garbage – make a video of the Brock Rd. landfill so people can see what a mess it is 	
<p>A. Macdonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste management should not work in isolation ie. grow food in the city using greenhouses on brown-field sites, thereby reducing fossil fuel usage in transporting it 	
<p>G. Dailey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to have engagement of the human spirit - need to make it uncomfortable for people to throw away garbage 	

<p>G. Perks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 keys to achieving targets: - introduce “quick starts” such as: a voluntary take-back program as in Regional Municipality of Ottawa; each ward should have an apartment building on a recycling program (need to look at apartments on an individual basis); free door-to-door compost delivery - budget commitment from City for composting facilities; need to assign staff and funding to programs - need “extended producer” legislation so producers plan on how to deal with recycling parts from electronic equipment 	
<p>H. Wilson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OMG bins promote consumption – take back messages to promote recycling 	
<p>T. Gomberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to make recycling easier than disposing of garbage • Implement asap – we don’t need pilot projects 	<p>The pilot projects had poor results/weren’t efficient. We would implement city-wide projects and will stop doing pilot projects that are not productive.</p>
<p>L. Adamson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to motivate people; have neighbourhood to neighbourhood challenges; give rewards to businesses for recycling, reusing • Put funding into education • Use more volunteers eg. Waste Watchers • Get kids involved 	
<p>T. Smarda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have environmental inspectors (like health inspectors) and give passes/fails similar to the restaurant inspection program 	
<p>F. Gardner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every store should have a box where people can immediately return recyclables or “garbage” to the producer so the city doesn’t have to handle it (will save money) 	
<p>M. Route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Boards must make an issue about recycling – will spread through kids to parents • Need to educate kids and get schools more involved • Educate in all languages 	