

Office of the Regional Clerk  
CORPORATE AND LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**REVISED AGENDA**

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Committee Room "A"  
Administrative Centre  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, Ontario

March 19, 2003

9:00 a.m.

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**ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2003**

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2003**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham, January 15, 2003, regarding Region of York - Waste Collection Responsibility Review. **1**
  2. Anne L. Mathews, Interim Executive Director, Waste Diversion Ontario and Chris Layton, Media Relations, LCBO, dated January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003 regarding a Media Release, LCBO Assists Municipalities with Recycling Costs. **3**
  3. Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham, February 26, 2003, regarding Region of York Assumption of Waste Disposal and Processing Costs. **9**
- 3(a) *Andrew S. Brandt, Chair and Executive Officer, March 5, 2003, regarding LCBO Bottle Return Program.***

**REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE  
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND WORKS**

4. **Waste Management Planning Overview** **11**  
  
February 18, 2003, recommending that:
  1. The following report be received for information by Committee and Regional Council.

**5. Markham Household Organics Waste Pilot**

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March 11, 2003, recommending that:

1. The Region implement household organic waste processing for material collected in the Town of Markham effective September 2003.
2. The Region sole source Canada Composting Inc. for a period of two years for the processing of household organic waste at a cost of \$75.00 / tonne for 2003.
3. Funding in the amount of \$39,000 for 2003 be approved for this household organic waste processing, funded from the 2003 Solid Waste Management capital budget.
4. Regional Council requests the Town of Markham to include staff from the Region as a full participant in Markham's "Three-stream Implementation Project Team".

**6. Solid Waste Strategy Update**

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March 12, 2003, recommending that:

1. Staff work in co-operation with the City of Toronto and other GTA municipalities to investigate new waste management technologies and report back to Committee and Council.
2. Staff investigate a co-ordinated system wide approach toward household organic waste and yard waste processing with the GTA municipalities and the County of Simcoe, including the technology solutions inherent to this review and report back to Committee and Council in June.
3. Staff report back to Committee regarding the work plan for the Solid Waste Strategy Update and the associated resource requirements.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO PRIVATE SESSION TO  
CONSIDER A LEGAL MATTER**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Note: There may be additional items considered that do not appear on this Agenda. Please refer to the Committee Report to Council for all items considered at this meeting.

# ROUTING & REQUEST

Please...

- Read
- Handle
- Approve

And...

- Forward
- Return
- Keep or Toss
- Review with Me

To: Chair - Skills Initiative Committee  
Kees van der Pijl  
Andy Campbell  
Chris Fisch

From: CAF Office

Date: March 10/03

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March 5, 2003

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Dear Mr. Garret:

Several municipalities have voiced concern about LCBO bottles contributing to the waste stream, and some have passed resolutions calling for the LCBO to set up a bottle-return program like the Beer Store. I share their desire to divert waste from landfill, but an LCBO bottle-return program is not the answer.

Used LCBO bottles would not be refilled with wine or spirits. The LCBO has literally thousands of domestic and international suppliers, many located overseas. It is simply not feasible to sort and return the bottles to their place of origin and expect them to be refilled.

Since we cannot return used bottles to their source for refilling, we must adopt the most effective and economical recycling system possible. There is no question that a lack of ready markets for recycled glass is one of the most significant issues facing the recycling system today. However, spending tens of millions of dollars to set up a new deposit-return system for wine and liquor bottles will not turn recycled glass into a more valuable commodity. Whether we collect LCBO bottles via the Blue Box, at LCBO stores or through some other method, they would still end up at a recycling facility waiting for a market.

However, the challenge is not as great as some might suggest. There are many potential uses for recycled glass, and we can increase the value of the glass we recycle. Therefore, under the Blue Box plan that has been submitted to the Minister of Environment by Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO), some \$5 million over the next two years will be available for an aggressive glass market development program. The goal will be to create a stable market that eliminates the need for you to pay a recycler to take your glass, and substantially reduce the net cost of glass container recycling.

In my mind, this is a much better use of the money the LCBO, and Ontario consumers and taxpayers would otherwise have to spend to set up a bottle-return program – a program that would do nothing to ensure that the glass is recycled into new products.

In addition, an LCBO bottle-return program would not remove all glass from the Blue Box, thereby creating two glass collection streams for recycling – duplicating costs and inconveniencing the public.

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Ontarians are highly supportive of the Blue Box program, and rightly so. Each year, it diverts hundreds of thousands of tonnes of glass, paper, metal and other materials that would otherwise go to landfill. The public has invested their time and effort into making the Blue Box system work. I think we have a duty to make it work for them.

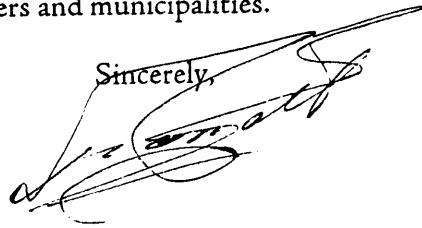
Which is precisely the intent of the Blue Box plan. It will secure stable funding for municipalities, increase recycling rates and develop new markets for recycled material.

Since 1998, the LCBO has contributed \$20 million in direct funding to offset the cost of recycling beverage alcohol containers through the Blue Box program, while a long-term sustainable solution could be found. We will continue this commitment by contributing another \$20 million over the next four years.

The WDO has submitted the Blue Box Plan to the Minister of Environment, with the support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. I am confident that, upon approval, this plan will ensure the long-term viability of the Blue Box program, improve recycling rates and increase diversion of waste from landfill.

I encourage your community to support this Plan that will help Ontario communities meet their waste diversion targets in a way that is practical and convenient for the consumer, as well as cost-effective for taxpayers and municipalities.

Sincerely,



Andrew S. Brandt  
Chair and Chief Executive Officer

- c.c. The Honourable Tim Hudak, Minister of Consumer and Business Services  
 The Honourable Chris Stockwell, Minister of Environment  
 The Honourable David Young, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
 Ms. Sandra Lang, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Consumer and Business Services  
 Keith West, Ministry of the Environment  
 Gemma Zecchini, Chair, Waste Diversion Ontario  
 Terry Cassidy, City of Quinte West  
 Bas Balkissoon, City of Toronto  
 Scott Stewart, City of Hamilton  
 Lionel LaLonde, City of Greater Sudbury  
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