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# **Commissioner's Briefing**

Presentation to  
Environmental Services  
Committee

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# Agenda

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- Source Water Protection
- 2008 Waste Diversion Ontario Results



- EFW Governance
- Miller Contract Negotiations
- Blue Box Legislation and EPR



- Environment First Symposium
- Expanded HHW Depot Hours

# Source Water Protection

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- ❑ Land owners posing a high risk to source water will need to comply with Source Protection Plan
- ❑ **Implications:**
  - ❑ Land owner compliance required
  - ❑ Communications to be sent in February 2010
- ❑ **Ongoing Actions:**
  - ❑ Partnership with Conservation Authorities
  - ❑ Communications and Legal Review
  - ❑ Draft notices to local municipalities

# 2008 Waste Diversion Ontario Results

- York Region ranks No. 1 in WDO's category of *Large Urban Municipalities*
- Overall, York Region's waste diversion ranks No. 2 from a total of 216 municipalities in Ontario

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b><i>WDO Diversion</i></b>	40%	45.7%	<b>53%</b>
<b><i>Overall Ranking</i></b>	51	17	<b>2</b>
<b><i>Ontario Municipalities in Program</i></b>	201	206	<b>216</b>

# EFW Governance

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- Staff are researching alternative governance models:
  - Co-Owners Agreement between 2 municipal corporations
  - Public utility Model
  
- Duffin Creek WPCP is operated using a Co-Owners Agreement structure supported by a Management Committee
  
- We will further investigate the Public Utility model as we move forward with Durham to develop the Co-Owners Agreement in 2010

# Miller Contract Negotiations

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- ❑ Current contract expires July 2010
- ❑ Completed “Contract Term Extension and Price Recalibration” process
  - ❑ As stipulated in the original MRF operating contract, Miller provided York Region with an update proposal for an additional 5 years
  - ❑ Automatic renewal would occur if Miller’s price was within 4% of a “shadow price”
  - ❑ Third party consultant evaluated current unit prices, staffing levels, and efficiencies from other MRFs in Southern Ontario to establish shadow price
- ❑ Contract was within price margin and renewed for 5 years

# Blue Box Legislation and EPR

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- ❑ On October 28, 2009, Ministry of Environment released a report on the role of waste diversion in the Green Economy
- ❑ Ministry is proposing policy changes to the waste management framework including making producers responsible for their products and packaging, by:
  - ❑ promoting environmentally friendly product design
  - ❑ investment in innovative technologies
  - ❑ improved waste diversion services.
- ❑ On November 18, 2009, Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) posted two draft reports for the Minister on methods for improving consistency and efficiency of recycling programs

## **Outcomes**

- ❑ Staff with consultation from local municipal partners are preparing written comments for MOE and WDO
- ❑ Due to the timing of the comment periods, staff anticipate reporting comments to Council in February 2010

# Environment First Symposium

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## **“The First ‘R’ – The First Discussion” October 21, 2009**

- ❑ 95 participants, including representation from Government, Non-Government Organizations, Local Businesses, and Youths
- ❑ 18 businesses showcased in the exhibition
- ❑ 5 presentations and workshop discussions

### **Outcome:**

- ❑ Participants gained broader understanding of life-cycle challenges we all face with waste reduction
- ❑ Feedback from workshop sessions was positive and we were informed of priorities for waste reduction
- ❑ Workshop themes highlight importance of developing an Integrated Waste Management Plan

