Present: Edward Kaczmarczyk, Co-Chair, Welland
Gary Bruno, City of Port Colborne Councillor
Beatrice Greenizan, Welland
Allan Labatt, Welland
Diana Wiggins, Port Colborne
Jim Larouche, City of Welland Councillor
Barry Friesen, Niagara Region
Drew Berketo, Niagara Region
Donna Eckhart (recorder), Niagara Region

Regrets: Pat Shore, Dan O’Hara

1.0 Introductions
Drew Berketo will be the facilitator for Humberstone and Elm St. PLC’s and David Smith will facilitate the Niagara Rd 12 and Bridge St. PLC’s.

2.0 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – March 1, 2006 and February 1, 2006
Deferred, as one member didn’t receive minutes.

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes
No business general discussion only.

4.0 RWDI Comments on (Ortech’s) Peer Review (Attached)
PLC: Not a final report as expected and it has taken a long time to compile. PLC state only had 2 meetings with consultant so the reference to PLC’s meetings are inaccurate, specifically, abatement plan and acceptable odour levels; sample locations were not in agreement with PLC. No indication this was a draft report being submitted to MOE. Odour impact predictions were understated.

Region: That report was undertaken under requirement of MOE. Final recommendations for a larger buffer or different technology will be moving forward with to continue to meet CofA. New site for new facility - RFQ process is underway.

Action: Will request RWDI final report include a copy of Ortech’s report as an appendix.

PLC did not agree to the 3-5 odour units as stated in report.
PLC would like a public statement from Region that there is a problem with the facility and provide a target date for closure.
Question for clarification on the odour study. Now that we are going to look for a different facility is the odour abatement plan being put aside?
A: A plan is in place and it’s being followed and will continue to be followed. Any specific exceptions with the report should be forwarded to Drew.

MOE response has not been received.

Odour assessment report: no comments have been received to date.

Discussion: PLC want to contact the MOE with their issues based on the Ortech review.

Region: Recommendations in the report will remain the same and we are bound by the MOE to meet requirements.

PLC: Any changes to section 4 of odour abatement plan of action?

The Region is in compliance with the CoF/A with MOE. Without a response from the MOE, no changes are required.

Further discussion by PLC wanting to meet with MOE, Mr. Dobroff – MOE Hamilton (air) to review air report and exceeding limits and learning what the guidelines are. Without a final report, how can PLC respond and how the issue be resolved.

Region: The final report will be returned to correct errors and add missing information. The PLC was encouraged to wait for the final report. Ortech’s comments can be added but their recommendations won’t be implemented. Important to remember that recommendations are not going to change and we are moving forward with it unless the MOE instruct us differently. Our goal is to remain in compliance.

**Motion:** PLC will ask to meet with MOE and Mr. Dobroff to present our views on the two reports, Ortech peer review versus the RWDI in regard to one odour unit guideline in report as they relate to section 4.2 of odour abatement plan of action.

**Moved by:** G Bruno
**Seconded:** J Larouche
**Carried**

PLC asked: Is the money being paid for the Ortech report coming out of last year's money, do we have the $6000. for this year's budget?

Region will accept that and ensure there is $6000 this year unless otherwise ordered by Council, for this one time only. Specific budget requests for 2006 should be submitted.

Discussion on possible budget items: QA/QC, responses, air sampling, trees, grasses. Budget submissions from PLC can be made via emails through Drew.
5.0 Request for Information:
PLC – Appreciate getting the information.

a. Joint Working Group Members list of the Niagara - Hamilton Waste Plan
No discussion.

b. Appendix 6 of the 2005 Annual Report prepared by CMA and memo of March 27/06 regarding the missing pages.
No discussion.

c. Letter of Feb. 7/06 to MOE regarding RWDI response to MOE comments.
No discussion.

d. CAEAL Directory of Laboratories regarding lab accreditation.
No discussion.

e. Memo of March 29 to PLC re chemical testing procedures
No discussion.

f. Memo March 28/06 to MOE regarding Odour Management Study, Aug. 31/05
No discussion

g. Finished compost quality, Table 7.1 and Table 3.1
No discussion

h. CRA June 2005 Progress Report re PCB results
No discussion

i. Procedural By-Law No. 120-2005
No discussion

j. Certificate of Approval No. 0571-6KWL2Y
No discussion

k. Application to amend Certificate re compost pond backfill (Copy to Co-Chair Ed K. only)
Ed stepped out of chair to comment. Much larger project than expected. Expected to add a layer to the bottom of the pond and received a package showing a large project.

Region: There is one meter of dead water in the pond. The plan is to fill in that lower portion, rejig the outlet and additional sediment filter. It is a large pond with a large quantity of soil required and extensive pump work will be required.
Cost is not available.

PLC: Looks like a total regrade at a high cost and why spend it if indeed facility is being closed in 2 years.

Region: Standard practice requires full sets of drawing to apply to MOE for amendment to CofA.
Region: Will return to PLC with information on degree of work required to confirm whether it is a major works project.

PLC: Is it a benefit even with a closure plan impending? Tells us what is being done to it in layman’s terms and the price tag.

Cannot submit budget to potential bidders.

6.0 Other Business

Returned to business arising item from minutes: Stopping the misting system. Do we have any status on the misting system at this point?

PLC was copied on an email from Silvio to Paul Taylor requesting the system be shut down and a two week timeline for response.

PLC – misting system should be used for an odour event. It ran all summer so is that how many events there were?

Region: Misting system is to prevent odour events.

Action: Region will look at what the requirements are and will provide details of misting system.

PLC Discussion: Only one third of the area was under the misting system last summer and this year’s plan was to cover the entire area. Is MOE aware it’s being used 24/7 and perhaps should be notified. Are they going to continue with the other 2/3 of the area?

1 Waiting on reply from MOE re misting system.

2 Minutes from February and March were not satisfactory to PLC.

A good summary, not verbatim is the intent. In the past the minutes were too detailed and lengthy. PLC is welcome to provide their own notes for additions before finalizing. We want to produce minutes to bold action items. Committee can assist recorder by asking specific questions.

3 Elm St capacity is in question, is it doable, at what cost and what increased capacity.

Theoretically, more capacity is possible if contours could be changed, if composting facility where not there more landfill capacity would be possible. Landfill utilization plan has to be completed. Anything is possible but it is not a direction we are pursuing. A final decision is anticipated this year. Each landfill reaches capacity at different times. Any decision to include expanding capacity would involve EA.

Q. Does it include material found outside of site?

A. Don’t know at this stage. Options are submitted to MOE. A lot of it was there before approval. In some cases it is better not to disturb it. If this was added to the land it could impact when it reaches capacity. Landfill utilization plan’s many recommendations include Region’s garbage to Grimsby club.

Can it be stopped?
Existing agreements between municipalities are in place and currently under review to see if legal options exist.

Drew – Appendix one from table one missing document was submitted.

7.0 Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 9:00 p.m.
Moved by: D Wiggins
Seconded: B Greenizan

Carried