

**United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
Projects Committee Minutes**

March 6, 2007

The Projects Committee met on March 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room "A", 25 Central Avenue West, Brockville, Ontario.

Members Present: Bill Thake, Chair, Waste Management
Frank Kinsella, Chair, Economic Development
John Conley, Chair, 9-1-1 Civic Addressing
Warden J. Douglas Struthers
Mel Campbell, Larry Dishaw, Bill Gooch,
Roger Haley, Ron Holman, Jim Pickard

Staff Present: Stephen J. Fournier, CAO
Nigel White, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Vince Germani, Economic Development Coordinator
Lorraine Crotty, Clerk

Also Present: Chris Kroeger, Chair, Landfill Liaison Committee

1.0 Waste Management

1.1 Opening Remarks

Mr. Thake called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Thake introduced Jeff White from Northern Watertek Corporation, who he said was at the meeting to present a gas to energy technology for the disposal of municipal solid waste in the United Counties.

Mr. White distributed copies of the following:

- "Preliminary Investigation Submission With Respect to a Public Private Partnership for Modern Alternative Methods of MSW Disposal" (a document);
- "High Rate Solid Waste Oxidation/Energy Recovery for Solid and Selected Liquid Wastes Using High Temperature Vertical Vortex Oxidation Technology" (hard copies of a PowerPoint presentation); and
- "Advantages to Leeds-Grenville "Service" Solution, not a "System" (a one-page summary outlining the advantages and disadvantage of the proposal).

Mr. J. White described the information he distributed as "homework" for committee members and he said if the committee is sufficiently interested in the technology he will come to another meeting and bring Michael Segal and Ralph Moxness from Phoenix Energy Conversion Industries to discuss the financial and legal aspects of the proposal.

Mr. Gooch, noting that the proposal is marked "Confidential", asked what this means in terms of committee members releasing the document to their respective councils and communities.

Mr. J. White stated that Northern Watertek would be at a disadvantage if the proposal became public and he said if a committee member felt that releasing the proposal to an entity or person would be in the best interests of Leeds Grenville, it would likely be in the best interests of Northern Watertek, and in this circumstance releasing a copy would be acceptable. He said his concern is that the proposal does not get into the hands of a competitor.

Mr. Gooch advised that a Community Solid Waste Advisory Committee has been formed in North Grenville to review all waste to energy proposals received, including one from a competitor. He said following the Committee's review of the technologies, it will make a recommendation to council and unless he can be assured that this group can review the Watertek proposal, in spite of the confidential marking, it will not be presented to the review committee.

Mr. J. White stated he had no objection to the proposal being reviewed by the North Grenville Committee and Mr. Thake, with Mr. J. White's agreement, summarized that it would be alright for members to take the information to their municipal councils.

Mr. J. White advised that the proposal is predicated on the Counties collecting the waste and Northern Watertek disposing of the waste based on equivalent land fill costs. Northern Watetek would provide the design, the funding and address the environmental issues. Northern Watertek would provide a financial guarantee to confirm the Company's obligations and the Company would expect the Counties to guarantee an uninterrupted supply of waste to which the Company would have access on a 24/7 basis. Mr. J. White said the proposal is for a 100 ton/day plant.

Mr. Gooch said he agreed that the technology is the only way to go but the disadvantage is that an uninterrupted supply of waste cannot likely be guaranteed unless the plant is in the vicinity of a large urban centre and import of garbage is a part of the proposal. Mr. J. White said that the daily tonnage requirement and importing waste is negotiable. However, he said he can assure that there is sufficient waste generated in Leeds Grenville for a plant of the size being proposed.

To clarify Mr. J. White's proposal, Mr. Holman asked if we "the county" guarantee a fixed quantity of MSW is delivered to the Company's site, the Company will complete all processing for a fixed amount per ton plus an inflationary factor, with no capital investment by the county.

Mr. J. White confirmed Mr. Holman's summary of the proposal.

Mr. Haley asked what part recycling would play in the proposal. Mr. White responded that Northern Watertek will take responsibility for recycling programs and he added that recycling is not economically viable.

Responding to Mr. Kinsella's reporting of the condition of the landfill site in his municipality, Mr. J. White said it would not take long for Northern Watertek to look at the site and determine if it is worth mining. He cautioned that the value of recyclables degrades after they have been landfilled.

Mr. J. White said that the answers to most questions can be found in the proposal document and he would like to come back to the Committee after members have had a chance to review the proposal. He said he would like to make a plant in Leeds Grenville a flagship for Northern Watertek.

When asked by Mr. Gooch, Mr. J. White agreed to do a presentation for the North Grenville Review Committee.

Mr. White asked members to note that an emission award would be available to the Counties, if a decision to build the proposed plant is made.

Mr. Thake thanked Mr. J. White for the presentation.

Mr. J. White left a number of copies of the Northern Watertek Corporation Company profile for distribution to persons, on request.

The Committee recessed at 10:00 a.m.

The Committee meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Mr. Struthers advised that he is not comfortable with distributing the proposal and other information because of the "Confidential" markings. He returned his copies and said he intends only to discuss the presentation verbally with his council.

1.2 Disclosure of Interest – Nil

1.3 Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2007

Motion

**Moved by Mr. Haley and seconded by Mr. Kinsella
THAT the minutes of the Projects Committee meeting held on
February 6, 2007 be approved, as distributed. Carried**

1.4 Correspondence, Communications, and Petitions - Nil

1.5 Staff Reports - Nil

1.6 Information Items

1.6.0 AMO Member Communication

**“Your Comments and Support Requested Re: the AMO/AMRC
Discussion Paper on Strengthening Extended Producer
Responsibilities to Ontario’s Blue Box “(02-Feb-07)**

1.7 Sub-Committee, Special, and Ad Hoc Committee Reports - Nil

**1.8 New Business – Reports from Warden, Committees, and Members of
Committees**

1.8.0 PVS Wastewater Technology

Mr. Kroeger distributed a number of copies of a document “PVS – Fully Biological Wastewater Treatment Plants for Remote Solutions”. He said he thought this technology might be of interest to those municipalities with small sewage treatment plants and/or the County for consideration in the treatment of septage.

Additional copies of the document will be made for those committee members who did not receive a copy.

1.9 Unfinished Business - Nil

1.10 Other Business - Nil

1.11 Chair’s Announcements - Nil

2.0 Projects/Economic Development Initiatives

2.1 Opening Remarks - Nil

2.2 Disclosure of Interest - Nil

2.3 Correspondence, Communications, and Petitions - Nil

2.4 Staff Reports

2.4.1 Update on IPM Activities

Mr. Germani provided an oral report on the IPM hospitality suite sponsored by George Tackaberry on February 25th, 26th and 27th at the ROMA/OGRA 2007 Conference. He said that over 300 people visited the suite where cookbooks and other IPM promotional items were sold. Printed promotional material was described as being of very high quality. Mr. Germani said he visited a number of other hospitality suites and thought the IPM suite compared very well with other suites. Mr. Germani thanked councillors for their assistance at the suite and said it was also well supported by the IPM Executive.

Mr. Holman thanked Mr. Germani and his assistants for getting the material to the suite and he said, in his opinion, 300 interested attendees speaks to a complete success. Mr. Holman also advised that the Township of Rideau Lakes agreed to contribute 25% of the cost of the hospitality suite.

Mr. Struthers suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to George Tackaberry for covering the cost of the room. Mr. Fournier advised that a thank you letter is in the works.

Mr. Holman questioned the availability of the new IPM brochure. Mr. Germani advised that he had a limited supply of the brochures which became available on March 1st. Mr. Holman suggested that Mr. Germani supply copies to committee members for distribution in their respective municipalities. Mr. Campbell suggested a good time to have the brochures available in the municipalities is when people are paying their taxes.

Mr. Holman apologized, on behalf of the OPA, to those mayors who did not receive an invitation to the OPA banquet event.

Committee members suggested venues for promoting the IPM (e.g. trade shows, AMO Conference in Ottawa, farm shows and the Kemptville Mall).

2.4.2 Update on Economic Development Sub-Committee Meeting of March 1, 2007

Mr. Germani advised that the JSC Economic Development Sub-Committee discussed the following three recommendations on March 1st:

- to dissolve the present regional economic development partnership between the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and the separated municipalities of Brockville, Gananoque and Prescott;
- for the Counties to maintain an economic development desk for the remainder of 2007 and focus its attention on the successful completion of the IPM; and
- that an alternate economic development partnership model be developed by the stakeholders in the Leeds and Grenville region for approval, at the option of each stakeholder, prior to implementation in 2008.

Mr. Germani advised that he will meet over the summer with area economic development officers, Community Futures groups and other stakeholders such as agricultural, industry, tourism and education representations to discuss an appropriate model for the area. A tentative meeting of the Sub-Committee has been scheduled on June 28th and Mr. Germani hopes to be able to present an alternative model at that meeting.

2.5 Information Items - Nil

2.6 Sub-Committee, Special, and Ad Hoc Committee Reports - Nil

2.7 New Business – Reports from Warden, Committees, and Members of Committees

Warden Struthers advised that the EOWC met with the Eastern Ontario Federal Conservative Caucus to discuss financing issues which included items such as the GST and an annual contribution to the Eastern Ontario Development Program. He reported that another \$10 million in funding was announced for 2007-08 for the EODP on March 2nd.

Warden Struthers advised that he had met with Minister Dombrowsky and others at the ROMA/OGRA Conference and had an opportunity to discuss initiatives of the EOWC. In the Bear Pit Session, Minister Dombrowsky was made aware of the Eastern Ontario Opportunities Plan which will be released to the public on March 27. The Plan will identify the key assets of Eastern Ontario (e.g. tourism, agriculture and industry) and can be used as a concept tool to help provide advice to the Province.

On the closure of the Hershey plant in Smiths Falls, Warden Struthers advised that he spoke to Mayor Staples after the news of the plant closure. Since then, he has had an opportunity to mention the closure and the significant impact it will have on Smiths Falls and the region to a number of MPs in Ottawa and again at the OGRA Conference.

Mr. Holman advised that the group of area mayors who got together as a result of the news of the closure of the Rideau Regional Centre will meet in Smiths Falls this evening with John Tory and the Hershey closure and opportunities for the Rideau Regional Centre will be discussed.

Mr. Gooch suggested the Mayor's group should be reminded that there are North Grenville residents who work at the Hershey Plant but he, as Mayor, was not invited to participate in the discussions.

2.8 Unfinished Business - Nil

2.9 Other Business - Nil

2.10 Chair's Announcements

The next meeting of the JSC Economic Development Sub-Committee is scheduled on June 28, 2007.

3.0 911 Civic Addressing

3.1 Opening Remarks - Nil

3.2 Disclosure of Interest - Nil

3.3 Correspondence, Communications, and Petitions - Nil

3.4 Staff Reports

Mr. Fournier advised that a package of information, which will include original reports relative to the 9-1-1 Civic Addressing issue, will be circulated to all members of the committee. He said the 9-1-1 Civic Addressing issue is a work in progress although progress has been slow.

3.5 Information Items – Nil

3.6 Sub-Committee, Special, and Ad Hoc Committee Reports - Nil

- 3.7 **New Business – Reports from Warden, Committees, and Members of Committees - Nil**
- 3.8 **Unfinished Business - Nil**
- 3.9 **Other Business - Nil**
- 3.10 **Chair’s Announcements - Nil**
- 4.0 **By-Laws (Notice of) – Nil**
- 5.0 **In Camera - Nil**
- 6.0 **Adjournment**

The Projects Committee meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Chair, Waste Management

Chair, Projects/Economic Development
Initiatives

Chair, 9-1-1 Civic Addressing