



Plastics Project Municipal Conference Call #3 – December 16, 2009 Minutes

Attendees:

Anne Winning, City of Hamilton
Bonnie Ballam, City of Toronto
Brent Marissen, York Region
Catrina Switzer, Peterborough County
Daina LeBourdais, Region of Peel
Francis Veilleux, Bluewater Recycling Association
Geoff Love, Love Environment
Guy Perry, StewardEdge/Stewardship Ontario
Herb Lambacher, HGC
Jake Westerhof, Canada Fibres
Janis Cumin, City of Owen Sound
Jerry Biersteker, Region of Waterloo

John Baldry, City of Toronto
Karl Allen, Northumberland County
Keith Bechard, Entropex
Ludwig Biliko, WSI
Margot Beverley, To the Point Communications
Martin Vogt, EFS Plastics
Mike Birett, CIF
Nicole Levie, Halton Region
Peter Veiga, Durham Region
Randall Roy, City of Sault Ste. Marie
Rob Rennie, Region of Peel
Sue McCrae, OVWRC
Wesley Abbott, City of London

1. Introduction

Mike Birett (CIF Manager) welcomed participants and completed a roll call (participants listed above). He reminded callers that minutes from the Oct. 28 meeting had been posted and requested comments/clarification. Hearing none, the minutes will be posted as final.

Mike reported that he had received three responses to his request for sample bales at the October 28 meeting. The bales have been received and shipped for testing. T

2. Update from Last Call

Jerry Biersteker (Waterloo) reported on the Region's experience in thermoform cup recycling with NAPCOR. The Region of Waterloo has recovered cups from events in Halton; while they are supposed to be all thermoform there are significant volumes that are not. The intent was to have NAPCOR investigate issues concerning recycling with the ink on the cups.

The project had anticipated receiving loose cups; those that came in were stacked and with considerable non-thermoform materials. There were challenges making the 2 bales which may be resolved by placing cardboard at either side of the bale; the region is awaiting results.

Concerning markets: lower quality bales (i.e. with 20 to 30% non- PET Thermoform) were shipped to NAPCOR and some to Husky for overseas processing (Gemini Corp. in Belgium) at 4¢ per lb. NAPCOR reported approximately 5% contaminations levels (there is no clear answer as to what kind of contamination was involved).

The Region negotiated 6 to 8 ¢ per lb. for thermoforms (likely to be processed in Sweden). To date, the region has sent off four truckloads of material (approximately 120 bales).

Action:

Mike Schedler will be invited to provide a NAPCOR update at next meeting and to clarify the contamination issue.

Geoff Love will report back on stacking issues from event materials.

Martin Vogt, EFS Plastics Inc provided follow up information to his report on October 28, to clarify that the EFS line is seeking film and mixed rigid plastics (i.e. not 100% film); operating 2 processing lines in an integrated project.

3. Entropex Plastics Presentation

Keith Bechard (Entropex) provided information about its Mixed Rigid Recovery initiatives. The presentation is not available online; for more information, contact:

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4. Roundtable Discussion

A roundtable discussion followed the Entropex presentation. Conversations focused on the Entropex presentation and cannot be publicly reported.

5. Next Conference Call

A next call is likely to be planned for February or early March. The CIF welcomes your thoughts as to topics to address. NAPCOR is likely to be able to report on detailed results and issues raised by reprocessors.

Mike Birett (CIF) asked for comments on the CIF's role in due diligence and investigation of other markets, suggesting that if this work is required, the CIF will look into it.