



Plastics Project Municipal Conference Call #2 – Oct. 28 Minutes

In attendance:

Anne Winning, City of Hamilton
Bonnie Ballam, City of Toronto
Brent Marrison, York Region
Craig Bartlett, Region of Durham
Daina LeBourdais, Peel Region
Dave Gordon, Peel Region
Janis Cumin, Owen Sound
Jerry Biersteker, Region of Waterloo
John Dixie, StewardEdge
John Giles, City of Kingston
Karen Fraser, Armour Township
Martin Vogt, EFS Plastics
Margot Beverley, To the Point
Communications

Francis Veilleux, Bluewater Recycling
Association
John Baldry, Toronto
Geoff Love, Love Environment
Herb Lambacher, HCG Management
Jake Westerhof, Canada Fibers Ltd.
Mark McHugh, City of St. Thomas
Mike Birett, CIF
Mike Schedler, NAPCOR
Phil Zigby, Guelph
Rick Clow, Quinte Recycling Services
Sue McCrae, OVWRC
Wesley Abbott, City of London

Introduction

Mike Birett (CIF Manager) welcomed participants and completed a roll call (participants listed above). He summarized the minutes and reported on feedback from the September 30th meeting, which indicated positive response to this forum. Topics offered for consideration for future calls include an update on optical sort installations, reclaimer test results from current plastics projects, trends in packaging and other issues. Mike noted that some of this information is best presented in a format like ORW, but we will be alert to make sure each call is as useful as possible for all interested participants.

Business from previous call

Mike Schedler responded to comments raised at previous call with updates on:

- The Par-Pak announcement is likely to be one of several announcements that will begin to create more demand for a thermoform PET, but contamination remains the central issue
- Halton Region's thermoform cups will be included in one of Waterloo's shipments to reclaimers in the US
- NAPCOR is interested in hand-sorted thermoform materials but hand sorted materials are still too contaminated for most reclaimers.
- Recent thermoform shipments from Waterloo have shown contamination levels at or below 5%; bale-breaking has been an issue due to the high density of the incoming bales, so Waterloo is trying to compact with less pressure

Information on EFS Plastics Inc. Processing Operations

Martin Vogt (EFS President) provided background information on EFS, the materials he is seeking, current capacity for post consumer mixed plastics (2,900 tpy) and film (2,500 tpy), its products (PP, LD-PE and MD-PE pellets) and end markets. EFS is focusing on increasing film capacity through the remainder of 2009 and planning to install a second processing line in 2010, with capacity up to 14,000 tonnes when fully commissioned. To view details of his

presentation, please see: October 28 slides ([LINK TO COME TO](#) print version). To contact Martin: martin.vogt@efs-plastics.ca

Questions/comments

During and following the presentation, callers were invited to ask questions and provide comments. A summary of some of the questions/comments follow:

EFS Project

Q: Can you explain how the CIF funding will be used for EFS? How much funding from CIF / SO and how much is EFS required to invest?

A: *The funding is about 1/3, 1/3, 1/3. Half of CIF and SO funding is in the form of grants and half as forgivable loans (ie forgivable against meeting milestones.*

Q: Is there any recent waste audit data on the quantity of PET Thermoform in the Ontario residential waste stream?

A: *No – we know its increasing but we don't have good data on the breakout of thermoforms by resin type from waste sorts*

Q: Par Pak: will they be looking for mixed bales of PET (thermoformed mixed with bottles)?

A: *Yes – ParPak is looking for clean flake that contains as much thermoform material as is technically possible.*

Click to view: [Par-Pak announcement](#)

Q: What type of materials will EFS be seeking (resins and format)?

A: *Mixed plastic bales and plastic film: all post-consumer materials*

Q: Can you provide a copy of EFS specs?

A: *Please contact Martin Vogt to discuss specifications: martin.vogt@efs-plastics.ca*

Action Items:

Mike Birett invited those on the call to contact him if they had mixed plastics bales available for testing by another potential mixed plastic processor the CIF is working with. The company is prepared to pay for shipment.

Next Conference Call:

Wednesday, December 16 at 9 am (tentative, to be confirmed by invitation and posted to web)

Topic: Entropex plastics processing
Invitation to be sent by December 9