

ADDED ITEM 10.1
CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: February 15, 2012

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR R. POWERS.....

**Ministry of the Environment Direction to Waste Diversion Ontario
– February 9, 2012**

Whereas the Waste Diversion Act was enacted in 2002 to foster Extended Producer Responsibility and compensate municipalities for waste diversion programs;

And Whereas, regulations have been approved for producer responsibility programs for the blue box program, used tires, waste electronics and municipal hazardous and special waste;

And Whereas, the Minister of the Environment has given direction to Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) to improve oversight of Ontario's waste diversion programs in his letter to the WDO of February 9, 2012, through a review of WDO governance; full cost recovery from stewards; methods to ensure effective program delivery; policies and procedures on Industry Stewardship Plans; and review of incentive plans for service providers.

And Whereas, the funding approach for producers of municipal hazardous and special waste (MHSW) has not been successful:

And Whereas, the Minister of the Environment has issued a new regulation respecting MHSW to:

- (i) ensure producers pay actual cost of waste disposal,
- (ii) protect consumers,
- (iii) control municipal costs, and
- (iv) keep more waste out of landfills and waterways;

And Whereas the Minister has directed Waste Diversion Ontario to undertake program changes that implement the regulation; and

And Whereas, the Minister has issued extremely tight timeframes for Waste Diversion Ontario to respond to the directions, including consultation with municipalities:

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That the directions of the Minister of the Environment to Waste Diversion Ontario, as outlined in his letter of February 9, 2012 to Waste Diversion Ontario, be supported;
- (b) That staff be directed staff to work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RPWCO), Municipal Waste Association (MWA) and Ontario Waste Management Association (OWMA) to respond to the proposals from Waste Diversion Ontario; and to provide updates to the General Issues Committee when necessary;
- (c) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, all area MPPs, AMO, RPWCO, MWA and OWMA.