

**Ontario County**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**April 13, 2016**

**Committee Members:** *RUSSELL*, Baker, Evangelista, Singer, Venuti, and Wickham

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**Attendees:** Supervisors Russell, Baker, Singer, Venuti, and Evangelista,

**Staff:** Mary Krause, Mary Gates, Tim Jensen, Linda Frasca, Regina Connelly, Carla Jordan, Gary Curtiss, Holly Adams, and Kris Thorsness

**Consultants/Guests:** Supervisor Vedora, Halle Stevens, Jerry Leone, Matt East - Casella Waste Management, Dave Shaw – FLT, and Tom Bourne.

**Call to Order:** Chair Russell, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., and declared all members present except for Supervisor Wickham who was necessarily absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chair Russell stated that the March 23, 2016 minutes and the April 6, 2016 Special Meeting minutes would be held over and presented at the next scheduled EQC meeting on May 4, 2016.

**2. Solid Waste Management Plan**

**A. SWMP 2016 Implementation Strategy Update:** Carla Jordan stated that committee members had the updated regular checklist that showed what items are in process. Staff continues to work on the website – discussion has taken place regarding a soft launch date of it, how it works, the portability of it (ability to run on different platforms), etc. Supervisor Russell asked about the analysis of the existing framework for the local laws matter which was expected to be completed by 5/1/16, and asked if Ms. Jordan or Ms. Connelly had an update they could share with the committee. Ms. Jordan shared that Tom Harvey has done some research in reviewing any local law that he felt was applicable – laws that historically that the County has passed relevant to waste management. It is her understanding that is as far as he has gotten at this time. Mary Krause shared that there had been an initial meeting regarding the matter and that they would be meeting again to discuss the matter further – they are looking for another date on the calendar that works for everyone. Supervisor Russell questioned the waste diversion number anticipated stated in the schedule. Ms. Connelly shared that she had spoken with Casella and that would like to go through another month so they can verify the number and they will provide the County with a report by the beginning of May.

**B. SWMP – County Agency Waste Diversion Progress Report:** Mary Krause, County Administrator shared that there had been a meeting with planning staff regarding the Eco Hero project. To date six (6) employees have agreed/signed up to be the “Eco Hero” for the facility/building they are located in. Planning and Human Resources staff will continue to look for others to volunteer to be the eco hero in their respective building/facility and hope to have one for each location by Earth Day.

**C. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Update:** Staff reported that they had received a message from Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) regarding the HHWC event. To date, 325 households have signed up to participate in the event. They anticipate that 250 flyers regarding the event will be sent out to all the municipalities and will be sent out via US postal mail. Supervisor Baker questioned what/how were the flyers sent to the Cities as they had been overlooked in the past. He requested that staff follow up with CCE to see how they were sent and to whom they were sent. The committee was informed that there had been a brief on the event in the local Messenger Post newspaper as well as a large ad in last night's paper. The FLT had done a full length news article. Supervisor Baker noted that there are 800 spots available for county residents to sign up – it seems to him that sign up is slower than last year. Mr. Jensen responded that yes, it may be thought that county residents are used to the event being held in September. Committee members questioned how many years we have run the HHWC event – was informed that it has been held annually since the lease signed with Casella and that the County sponsored it in years prior to that.

**D. Presentation on Municipal Solid Waste Operations:** Tim Jensen facilitated discussion regarding the 2015 Ontario County Planning Unit Recycling Report. One (1) element missing from the report is how much yard waste is diverted.

Supervisor Russell questioned the corrugated cardboard figure in the report. Mr. Jensen stated that he will correct it in the report.

### **Landfill Operations:**

**3A. Operations Report** – Supervisor Russell requested Jerry Leone provide an update on the accident that took place at the landfill yesterday, 4/12/16. Mr. Leone reported that he had discussed the incident with the General Manager and had learned that the one vehicle operator had broken toes as well as serious leg injuries but is in stable condition. He will require a couple of surgeries in order to keep his leg.

Matt East stated that the accident did not involve any County or Casella employees. He shared that he had met with every contractor and employee on the site to go over what took place. Casella is doing everything they can to ensure that this will never happen again. They are actually purchasing a radar gun for a 15 mile/hr. speed limit or less and everyone had been told of the new policy. If you exceed the limit you will be removed the landfill. Mr. East stated that it is spring time and the volume of MSW being received is consistent with this time of year – nothing major expected on the horizon. Residents may see trucks queuing as they have moved the stop signs because of the construction. Previously, prior to the permit, the DEC was on site one time a week now they are there Tues – Fri every week. This is part of the new 360 permit requirements.

Mr. Leone also reported that they no longer need permission to work extended hours to move a gas line. They had found a way to complete the work without disrupting normal truck traffic hauling MSW. He thanked the committee for their consideration of the request.

Tour groups continue to go through the landfill. On 4/1/2016 they had a group from a congregational church and a second church group on 4/4/16. First graders from Victor will be starting tours the week of 4/25 – 4/28 with Victor fourth graders to tour in June.

B. Discussion of Gas Line RE-location and Evening Work – no additional discussion – see above.

C. DEC Inspection Reports – No questions.

**Landfill Expansion:**

Hiring On-demand Landfill Consultant: Mr. Jensen quickly shared that the proposed on-demand consultant is the same firm that assisted the county previously on landfill gas management issues (SCS Engineers). Mr. Jensen briefly explained the proposed resolution and stated that staff recommends that the committee forward a recommendation to approve a contract with SCS Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. The funds to pay for this would come from the payments received from Casella for excess tonnage received in 2015 as specified in the OML. This would be an on-demand contract, with SCS brought in on a specific issue as direction was given by the committee to the Director of Planning. Mr. Jensen answered all questions presented by the committee. Chairman Russell tabled consideration of this resolution until Supervisor Wickham could be present to participate.

**Executive Session:** *Motion to enter in to executive session to discuss legal matters with counsel made by Supervisor Baker, seconded by Supervisor Evangelista. Motion carried. The 4/13/16 EQ Committee entered in to executive session at 4:00 p.m.*

*Motion to exit executive session made by Supervisor Evangelista, seconded by Supervisor Venuti. Motion carried.*

**Privilege of the Floor:** Chairman Russell offered Privilege of Floor for those present. There were no requests.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the committee, a *motion was made by Supervisor Singer seconded by Supervisor Evangelista to adjourn at 4:45 pm; motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda R. Frasca*

Senior Clerk