
ORGAWORLD ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Date: December 15, 2009
Time: 8:15 p.m.
Location: Greely Community Center

In Attendance:

- Doug Thompson - City of Ottawa
 - Peter Filipowich – City of Ottawa
 - Ryan Lauzon, Orgaworld
 - Greg Mariotti, Orgaworld
 - Ward Janssens, Orgaworld
 - Scott Berquist – R.W. Tomlinson
 - Clay Crepin – Power Road Business
 - Steve Vamosi – Representative Ward 10
 - Andrew Black – Representative Ward 22
 - Theresa Boucher – Ramsayville Road
 - Dale Harley – Member at Large
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Regrets:

- Randy Thompson – Woodland Mobile Home Park
 - Giesel Gavin – Hawthorne Road
 - Carmen Forrester – Greely Village
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Introduction of participants

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Participants introduced themselves

Doug Thompson said that he was working on new participants from Hawthorne Road and Greely Village

Ward Janssens from Orgaworld introduced himself and his role

Review of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed

Moved by Doug Thompson

Review of November 17th Minutes

Minutes reviewed

Moved by Peter Filipowich

Review of revised Terms of Reference

Reviewed

Moved by Clay Crepin

Discussion of Compost Marketing

Ryan Lauzon explained marketing of compost through Killins Farms.

Meet MOE AA Standards for compost that includes diaper and plastics from London plant

Resulted in 15% increases in yields in the London area.

Travis Woolings has sold all of the anticipated Ottawa product

First batches will be available 3 weeks after plant commissioning which will be shipped to farms and stored there.

Anyone can receive the compost

The City of Ottawa gets 10% of the product for its own use

External labs are responsible for testing every batch and perform maturity tests

MOE makes unscheduled visits and sees all the records

Soil doctors work with OrgaPower to work with farmers to test soil and make recommendations for what goes into the soil in terms of compost

The NPK rating varies a lot depending on yard waste

Sells for \$16/tonne

Includes yard and leaf waste

Plant Status Report

Structure of the Biofilter is complete

Stack has arrived and installation is complete

Precast is installed on T1 and T2 today

Electricity Activated early next week.

Modular office between X-mas and new year

Modular Office onsite December 18th

Asphalt around the facility has been placed

Site water management pond is under construction

All floors will be completed by Dec 31st

Control system wiring is underway

Fans, Ducts, Spigots, Trenches, door rails, VFD's in place for T-1 & 2 also Bio 1 & 2

Mechanical rooms floor complete

Tunnel Door Assembly is taking place

Having equipment has arrived and coordination for January placement has been arranged

Engineers reviews have started and schedule for engineer's sign off is produced

Commissioning Schedule for the City of Ottawa delivered tomorrow

Interior partition walls for vestibule and Compost Shelter to be installed between Christmas and New Years

Line-x Sealant is being applied to the wall liner to prevent dripping

4 Painting companies bids arrived today for interior columns to be painted safety yellow

Septic system installation is near complete only final inspection and test remains

All fencing and gates are in place

Overhead doors are currently being installed

Signage and logo's are ordered and installation before New years

All Tanks are in place with mechanical hook ups

Ammonia Scrubber and Bioscrubber's frame work are complete. Main structures complete controls to follow
January 27th is the intended start-up date.

Round Table Q's & A's

Andrew Black asked about the negative media coverage. Doug stated it was a City problem with how they said the Green Bin program was to be paid for. It is not as bad as it seems. Andrew asked how it works in London. Ryan said it comes from other communities and is well received. Doug said he has heard nothing but praise from the people in Toronto. Programs in Toronto and York are growing and needs more plant capacity.

Andrew asked about smell in the summer. Ryan said they control the smell internally.

Steve Vamosi asked about the impact of removing organics from the landfill sites. Peter Filipowich said there is plenty of methane in the sites. Calm, cold conditions create more smell issues at landfills.

It was pointed out that only 5% of the material is residual, which will go to landfills. Orgaworld is looking at using it in cement kilns.

With respect to the use of plastic bags, Doug stressed that the City was in the driver's seat in terms of what goes

into the plant. Peter said it made sense to appeal now since it takes 8-12 months to change it later.

Peter talked about the contingency plan to deal with material until the plant is up and running. Moose Creek and Kingston will handle the material up to March 15th

Clay Crepin asked if the City has to pick up their 10% themselves. Peter said the city needs the material themselves and says that the residents want it.

Doug Thompson asked Steve Vamosi and Andrew Black to get the message out to their community groups and Councillors.

Ryan volunteered to offer tours to small groups even though they are very busy.

Theresa Boucher was concerned about truck traffic. Are WSI trucks exempt if they are collecting waste? Peter will get information for her. Truck routes are a concern for her. Peter said that they should see 15 trucks a day going to the plant.

Peter Filipowich wanted to know where the scales were. Ryan pointed out that they were outside on the north-east side and that the scales were managed through the office. Peter said that the City is encouraging the ICI sector to talk to Orgaworld and mentioned Tim Horton's.

Greg Mariotti encouraged people to look at the web site. He said the doors are always open – come and see. He wants Orgaworld to be part of the community.

Next meeting

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m. at the plant, 5123 Hawthorne Road

Update tour of the facility
