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Canadian Waste & Recycling Expo

What a success Waste Expo was for mwin again this year. Sincere thanks to our generous sponsors who made it possible for session and luncheon attendees to learn better ways to handle daily challenges.



Waste Management –
www.wm.com

Sponsored our luncheon speaker, John Wright, Sr. Vice President, Canadian Public Affairs Division, Ipsos-Reid Corporation who spoke about *What Canadians Think About Almost Everything*. Mr. Wright's presentation was entertaining and interesting.

Thanks to **Tim Murphy** (tmurphy3@wm.com), **Luiza Furtado** (l.furtado@wm.com) and **West Muir** (wmuir@wm.com) for making it possible for mwin to deliver this excellent event.



Conestoga-Rovers & Associates Ltd. (CRA)
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How to "Shorten" the Quest for a Provincial CofA for Waste and Air/Noise under the EPA.

We appreciate **Rick Mosher's** (CRA) (rmosher@CRAWORLD.com) hard work in putting together an excellent panel to cover this challenging topic. Thanks also to panelists: **Diane Freeman** (Dfreeman@CRAWorld.com) and **Doug Robertson** ([drobertson@CRAWorld.com](mailto:d Robertson@CRAWorld.com)) from CRA and **Michael Cant** (mcant@golder.com) from Golder for sharing their expertise.

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What is the "Right" residuals processing technology for your municipality? Lessons learned from large to small municipalities.

Michael Cant (Golder) (mcant@golder.com) did an excellent job of organizing and moderating this session. Panelists included: **Dennis Jackson** (Environment Canada) (dennis.jackson@ec.gc.ca), **Barry Friesen** (Niagara Region) (bfriesen@regional.niagara.on.ca) and **Pam Russell** (Northumberland County) (russellp@county.northumberland.on.ca).



R.J. Burnside

Best Management Practices for Small Landfills session
www.rjburnside.com

Once again, thanks to **Lyle Parsons** (lparsons@rjburnside.com) and his Burnside team for their ongoing support for mwin events. The information shared by **Kent Hunter** (khunter@rjburnside.com) and **Jim Walls** (jwalls@rjburnside.com) was well received by those who attended the session.

The majority of the presentations will be posted on the mwin website (<http://mwin.org/headlines.asp>) and click on CWRE headline.

mwin 2006 Annual Meeting & Conference -
Best Western Hotel, Cobourg, ON
June 12-14, 2007

Managing Change - Perspectives for Waste Management Professionals

Plan to join waste management colleagues in Cobourg to gain insight from change management experts about how you can meet the changes with which you are faced. Conference sessions will examine change from an organizational, technical and societal perspective and include the following:



Conestoga-Rovers & Associates

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Solid Waste & Recycling

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Organizational

- Crisis management (border closure, avian flu, so what's next)
- Inter-governmental policies (provincial programs on municipal shoulders)
- Shifting structure (municipal, provincial and private responsibilities)

Technical

- Resource collection (realities associated with blue box programs)
- Energy from waste (regional initiatives and emerging technologies)
- Source separation (an overview from private sector)

Societal

- Climate change (potential futures for greenhouse gas management)
- Sustainability ('real world' triple bottom line experiences)
- Extended producer responsibility (EPR) (how it does and does not work in Canada)

The planning committee, chaired by Tim Murphy (Waste Management), Steve Plaice (Jacques Whitford) and members of their committee are finalizing the program which will include the above and much more. Watch your mail for more information on this exciting event.

Remember, change is the only constant. So being prepared to embrace and grow with change is critical for everyone. Find out how you can be prepared by attending the 2007 mwin annual Meeting & Conference - Managing Change - Perspectives for Waste Management Professionals.

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Maryanne Hill at **mwin** (mhill@mwin.org) to learn how you can participate by sponsoring, exhibiting or registering for the conference.

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Articles or information

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mwin 2006-2007 Membership Directory

Directory information is now being finalized. If you have any changes, additions or deletions, please make sure they are sent to Maryanne Hill before **January 15th, 2007**.

Industry News

mwin Position on Integrated Waste Management (IWM)

“It is purely democratic”

mwin has been a leader in promoting sustainable waste management planning and systems through its IWM Position Paper and IWM Workshops on the use of Life Cycle Assessment Tools. The Board and IWM Committee are writing this open letter to **mwin** Members to hear your voice of support and your concerns with the IWM Position Paper due to the diversity of views in waste management found in **mwin**'s membership.

More specifically, the Board is soliciting member's opinions on **mwin** having been recently invited to participate and fund a newly formed coalition called “Leaders for Energy Recovery”. This coalition was formed to advance the beneficial uses of Energy Recovery & Energy from Waste.

mwin's Board proposes that its involvement with the Coalition be limited to and focused on:

- *Monitoring and maintaining communications with the coalition through the **mwin** Board and IWM Committee where appropriate;*
- *Provide information and the municipal view to “the Coalition” consistent with **mwin**'s IWM Position;*
- *Provide and maintain networking opportunities between “the Coalition” and **mwin**'s members on this issue consistent with **mwin**'s history and mandate.*

Background on the mwin IWM Position

The **mwin** IWM Position Paper and its “Guiding Principles” for making sustainable waste management decisions has been in place over three years (Link to position: <http://www.mwin.org/pdf/IWMPositionApprovedSep04.pdf>). The key guiding principles address the Triple Bottom Line of Sustainability (social, environmental and economic) and promote the Life Cycle Approach to planning waste systems.

A multi-stakeholder committee developed this position over eight months - representing interests involved in waste management and diversion, municipalities and their associations, waste management industry and brand owners. The **mwin** Board September 2003 and membership at **mwin**'s Annual General Meeting unanimously approved it in 2003.

mwin has actively promoted this position to governments, municipalities, industry and policy makers on behalf of its diverse membership; to the extent we are now seeing municipal waste planners using the guiding principles and life cycle approach to determine the environmental impacts of their future waste management system plans.

To assist members in understanding the issue, it is important to note that our work has moved other key municipal organizations to adopt and promote a similar position to **mwin**'s. In December 2005, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Association of Municipal Recycling Coordinators (AMRC) proposed the triple bottom line position coupled with the use of lifecycle analysis in their “Provincial Integrated Waste Strategy” (link: www.amo.on.ca found under Policy Issues - Waste Management). The AMO Paper goes one step farther by proposing a hierarchy - a step **mwin** does not wish to take. Many municipal members of **mwin** are also members of AMO and AMRC.

mwin IWM Position Respects Individual Municipal Choice

One of the most important principles enshrined by **mwin** in its position paper is the ability of individual municipalities and organizations to plan their waste systems based on their local circumstances and set priorities through their citizens and leaders. The broad and diverse views we are witnessing

on reduction, reuse & recycling, energy from waste, organics, landfills, stewardship and protection of the environment is supported and protected by the position paper in its definition of **Social Sustainability**:

“Takes into account a community’s circumstances and goals, while selecting the particular mix of available management options suitable to its needs and consistent with the concept of community sustainability. This will translate into a community’s willingness to participate in and support for the overall system.”

The position paper is purely democratic by promoting choices that respect individual municipal choices on how they will best meet their environmental and economic priorities. Whether you are pro or anti-energy from waste, pro or anti waste hierarchy or have other views on how to most efficiently manage your waste systems, the **mwin** IWM Position Paper and Guiding Principles support individual choices by not dictating any one waste treatment option, approach or system over another. The only priority to manage waste that is universally supported is to “Reduce”.

It is in this light that **mwin** promotes the use of the IWM Guiding Principles where all sides of the waste issue should respect individual municipal choices made based on priorities set up and approved within their community.

Call to Action

We ask **mwin** Members to e-mail their comments and suggestions on:

1. “Leaders for Energy Recovery and **mwin**’s terms of involvement
2. **mwin** IWM Position Paper

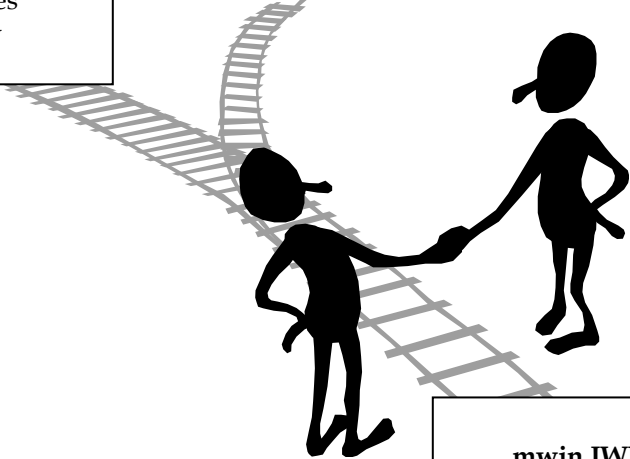
The IWM Committee will review comments and present them to the **mwin** Board at its next Board meeting to determine how best **mwin** can represent its members.

Please send your comments **before January 15th, 2007** to Maryanne Hill at mhill@mwin.org with the following in the subject line:

mwin IWM Guiding Principles Respecting Choice

Sustainable Community A
Reduction
Recycling & Reuse
Composting
EFW & Thermal Technologies
Landfill & Biogas Recovery

Sustainable Community Z
Waste Hierarchy Approach
Reduction
Recycling & Reuse
Organics Management
Landfill



**mwin IWM Position
&
Guiding Principles
For Sustainable Waste Resource
Management**

Industry News

Are we missing the bigger picture?

We continually hear municipalities and regions boast about the achievements of their waste management programs. They make comments such as:

We are very pleased with how well this municipality's waste management program was accepted by the residential community.

The waste diversion rate of nearly 60 per cent indicates the quantity of residential curbside waste being diverted through recycling, source separated organics, and yard waste composting, in place of garbage disposal. This is an enormous change for the better.

The increase in waste diversion is primarily credited to the

achievements of the new Green Bin program, weekly blue box recycling, and biweekly garbage collection service.

The numbers show that the Green Bin and curbside recycling programs work and that our residents fully support them.

The Region's waste diversion plans have decreased the number of residential garbage trucks traveling to Michigan.

These are wonderful accomplishments; however, have we missed the bigger picture?

In June of 2004 the Ontario Government introduced a discussion paper as a possible solution to an expanding economy and a growing population that were placing additional demands on Ontario's natural resources and straining our ability to effectively manage the environmental impact of that growth. The provincial government proposed to take a new comprehensive approach to waste diversion, one that will reduce the amount of waste generated, increase the rates of reuse and recycling, and reduce the amount of waste going to disposal.

Achieving a 60% diversion rate by 2008 was an ambitious goal, but they believed it could be achieved, if everyone, Ontario residents, businesses, industry, manufacturers and packagers, waste management experts, and environmental experts, as well as municipalities and the provincial government commits to finding better waste management solutions.

While the provincial government set the overall goal, it would be up to municipalities and the business and commercial sectors to determine how best to get there.

Currently, waste generation is almost equally split between the residential and IC&I sectors.

Municipality's and the private sector's challenge is to determine how best to manage waste in a way that is sustainable and protective of the health and well being of communities and the environment. Effective ways to increase the waste diversion rate are likely to require new ways of working together, new ways of thinking, and new ways for all of us to participate in finding integrated solutions to our common problem of waste.

There are a number of factors that will help determine how successful municipalities and the private sector will be in

reaching the collective 60% waste diversion goal. Most importantly, everyone must be able to create a sense of ownership of the need to manage our wastes differently than we do now. We will need to effectively address some of the obstacles to waste diversion, including a recognition that all sectors, private and public need to cooperate in an integrated way and to work together to solve regional waste challenges.

The waste that is generated by all sectors within a municipality or a region is the responsibility of that municipality and/or region; all sectors both private and public need to work together.

We need not to boast of our individual accomplishment but rather to work together to find a collective solution to our common problem, waste.

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Manitoba Tire Stewardship Board

The first stage of the revamping of the province's tire recycling program is now in place with the goal of more than doubling the cash the program generates.

The new regulations pave the way for an industry-led organization to run the program. That includes setting the fees to be levied on the purchase of all tires, collecting those fees and paying processors to collect and recycle the tires.

The Manitoba Tire Stewardship Board (MTSB), an arms-length government agency ran the program since it started in the mid-'90s. It had been losing money for several years because it has not increased the levy of \$2.80 per tire for more than a decade and did not charge a larger levy for truck tires.

Last year the province bailed out the MTSB to the tune of \$800,000 after about \$1 million was paid to processors to collect and recycle large truck and industrial equipment tires that were not charged a levy in the first place.

Industry sources said it is likely that environmental levies on the purchase of all new tires, including those on new cars, will increase. A new business plan is expected to be filed in the coming weeks with a new structure -- and new rates -- in place sometime in the spring.

Currently everyone in Manitoba pays \$2.80 per tire, including truck tires. Off road vehicles like agricultural equipment are not charged a levy in Manitoba.

Saskatchewan just announced its first rate increase in more than a decade. As of Feb. 1, 2007 the new levy for passenger car tires will be \$4.00, medium truck tires will be \$9.00, large tires for agricultural equipment will be \$15 and tires for off the road equipment will be between \$35 and \$75 dollars.

Manitoba Minister of Conservation Stan Struthers said the new organization, called Tire Stewardship Manitoba, will submit a business plan in the coming weeks. He said he is in no rush to see it completed.

"We want to make sure it is thorough and sustainable," he said.

David Lamb, an executive with the Rubber Association of Canada is the chairman of the new Manitoba group. He said it is likely a new fee structure will be introduced.

"We imagine the fees will be similar to what they are across western Canada," he said.

Last year the MTSC collected about \$2.3 million in tire levies. Officials have said the goal is to collect about \$5 million.

The money is used to pay processors to either convert the tires into crumb or shred to be used as industrial aggregate or to be further processed into other industrial products.

The two main processors in Manitoba have been pleading poverty for some time. Paul Courteau, owner of Tire Recycling Corp. in Winkler said he is paid \$2.50 per tire when he develops rubber products for industrial and agricultural use, but he claims processors in other provinces are paid a minimum of \$3.25 per tire.

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Throwaway Economy In Trouble

Barry Friesen from the Region of Niagara forwarded this article by Earth Policy Institute posted on the Environmental News Network (<http://www.enn.com/net.html?id=1739>) as it may be of interest to **mwin** members.

"WASHINGTON, D.C. "One of the distinctly unhealthy economic trends over the last half-century has been the emergence of a throwaway economy," writes Lester Brown, President of Earth Policy Institute, in his book Plan B 2.0. First conceived following World War II as a way of providing consumers with products, it soon came to be seen also as a vehicle for creating jobs and sustaining economic growth. The more goods produced and discarded, the reasoning went, the more jobs there would be.

What sold throwaways was their convenience. For example, rather than washing cloth towels or napkins, consumers welcomed disposable paper versions. Thus we have substituted facial tissues for handkerchiefs, disposable paper towels for hand towels, disposable table napkins for cloth ones, and throwaway beverage containers for refillable ones. Even the shopping bags we use to carry home throwaway products become part of the garbage flow.

The throwaway economy is on a collision course with the earth's geological limits. Aside from running out of landfills near cities, the world is also fast running out of the cheap oil that is used to manufacture and transport throwaway products. Perhaps more fundamentally, there is not enough readily accessible lead, tin, copper, iron ore, or bauxite to sustain the throwaway economy beyond another two or three generations. Assuming an annual 2-percent growth in extraction, U.S. Geological Survey data on current economically recoverable reserves show the world has 18 years of reserves remaining for lead, 20 years for tin, 25 years for copper, 64 years for iron ore, and 69 years for bauxite.

The cost of hauling garbage from cities is rising as nearby landfills fill up and the price of oil climbs. One of the first major cities to exhaust its locally available landfills was New York. When the Fresh Kills landfill, the local destination for New York's garbage, was permanently closed in March 2001, the city found itself hauling garbage to landfill sites in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and even Virginia - with some of the sites being 300 miles away.

Given the 12,000 tons of garbage produced each day in New York and assuming a load of 20 tons of garbage for each of the tractor-trailers used for the long-distance hauling, some 600 rigs are needed to move garbage from New York City daily. These tractor-trailers form a convoy nearly nine miles long-impeding traffic, polluting the air, and raising carbon emissions. This daily convoy led Deputy Mayor Joseph J. Lhota, who supervised the Fresh Kills shutdown, to observe that getting rid of the city's trash is now "like a military-style operation on a daily basis."

Fiscally strapped local communities in other states are willing to take New York's garbage - if they are paid enough. Some see it as an economic bonanza. State governments, however, are saddled with increased road maintenance costs, traffic congestion, increased air pollution, noise, potential water pollution from landfill leakage, and complaints from nearby communities.

Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore wrote to Mayor Rudy Giuliani in 2001 complaining about the use of Virginia as a dumping ground. "I understand the problem New York faces," he noted, "but the home state of Washington, Jefferson and Madison has no intention of becoming New York's dumping ground."

The challenge is to replace the throwaway economy with a reduce-reuse-recycle economy. For cities like New York, the challenge should be less what to do with the garbage and more of how to avoid producing it in the first place.

An excerpt of "Plan B 2.0" by Lester Brown is available at www.earthpolicy.org/Books/PB2/index.htm.

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mwin Member News

Moves at Jacques Whitford

There has been some movement of staff at Jacques Whitford to support continued growth of their Waste Services Group. **Steve Plaice** has moved to the position of National Practice Director and after two years dedicated to growing the service in Central Canada will now look for similar success in the Atlantic and Western Canadian regions.

Assuming leadership of the Central Canadian region will be **Jim McKay**. Jim will manage and continue to grow the contingent of waste management professionals operating out of the firm's Burlington, Markham, Peterborough and Ottawa offices.

Finally, **David Walmsley** (dwalmsle@jacqueswhitford.com) has moved from the Markham to Burlington office of Jacques Whitford where he will be working closely with Steve (splaice@jacqueswhitford.com) and Jim (jmckay@jacqueswhitford.com) in the delivery of a range of waste management services. All three can be contacted in the Burlington office at (905) 631-8684.

Anyone wishing to discuss waste management opportunities with Jacques Whitford should contact Steve, Dave or Jim. Jacques Whitford is proud and honoured to have been recognized as one of the *Financial Post's* Ten Best Companies to Work For in 2007; one of Canada's Top 100 Employers in *Maclean's Magazine*; one of Canada's Top Ten Family-Friendly Employers in *Today's Parent Magazine*; and, one of the Maritimes' Top 10 Employers by the *Chronicle Herald*.

Jacques Whitford - Peterborough

To ensure we continue to meet our clients' expectations and in keeping with Jacques Whitford's growth objectives in Ontario, **Mike Lord** is pleased to announce that **Emanuel Mouratidis** will be joining us as a Senior Acoustical Engineer on January 8, 2007.

Emanuel brings over 10 years of experience working in manufacturing (noise control) and consulting, and has a wide assortment of noise-related skills, including noise control design, environmental noise, land-use planning, as well as

architectural acoustics. He is also active in a variety of technical committees, including ASHRAE, ASTM and ISO.

If you need additional information on Jacques Whitford's noise or air quality services, please contact:

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Ministry of the Environment

PROVINCE SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON INNOVATIVE NEW "ENERGY FROM WASTE" PROPOSALS

TORONTO - The McGuinty government is seeking public input on two proposals to use waste to generate energy in York Region, Environment Minister Laurel Broten announced today.

"This government welcomes innovative solutions for managing waste," said Minister Broten. "I encourage the public to learn more about new waste technologies and to comment on the proposals posted today."

Dongara Pellet Factory Inc. and Arbour Power propose to team up to process non-recyclable municipal waste, turning it into pellets which would then be used as an alternative fuel source.

The ministry will carefully review and consider all comments received before making a decision on the proposals. If granted approval, Dongara and Arbour Power would be subject to the ministry's strict standards for air, waste and wastewater emissions.

Earlier this year the ministry gave approval to Plasco Trail Road Inc. of Ottawa to construct and operate a pilot plasma gasification facility to power electricity generators. Alternative proposals such as these support new waste management technologies and energy production that will keep more waste out of landfill and put it to beneficial use.

The proposals have been posted on the Environmental Registry for a comment period of 45 days (until Jan. 14/07). The postings can be viewed at

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envregistry/028766er.htm>.

Proposal Title: Dongara Pellet Factory Inc. (Dongara) and Arbour Power Ajax Gasification Exemption Regulations for the use of the Enerpax Fuel Pellets.

Contact information for the general public:
416-325-4000 or 1-800-565-4923/ www.ene.gov.on.ca

Regional Municipality Of Durham

Region approaches 60 per cent waste diversion

The Region is very pleased that it can now boast that it has surpassed its 50% residential waste diversion and is nearing the 60% Provincial target.

Peter Watson, Durham's Manager of Waste Management stated that they are very pleased with residents' acceptance of the Green Bin Program as well as the increased participation in the Blue Box program that has resulted in such a significant increase in diversion.

The Region's waste diversion plans have helped to reduce the number of residential garbage trucks travelling to a Michigan landfill by 22% since July 2006

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Regional Municipality of Niagara

Barry Friesen is pleased to announce that Ms. Lydia Torbicki is the successful candidate to fill the position of Manager of Waste Policy & Planning in our Waste Management Services Division.

Lydia has over eight years of operations, management and planning experience in waste management in both the Municipal and Regional levels. Most recently she has held the position of GIS Applications Manager within the Region's Corporate Services Department.

Lydia has been with the Region since 1996. Some of you may remember Lydia from her previous position as a Program Manager in our Waste Management Division. Lydia will be rejoining us effective January 2, 2007.

Lydia's extensive knowledge and expertise will be an asset to the Waste Management Team. Please join me in welcoming Lydia and wishing her every success in her new position!

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Industry Meetings & Events

January 30, 2007

[mwin Board of Directors Meeting](#), Waterloo, ON

February 14-16, 2007

AMRC Spring Workshop and AGM

Hockley Valley Resort - north of Caledon, Ont.

<http://www.amrc.ca/events.html>

March 27th, 2007

[mwin Board of Directors Meeting](#), Peterborough

May 22nd, 2007

[mwin Board of Directors Meeting](#), Cobourg, ON

The Compost Report

Watch for the next issue of this newsletter in which Paul van der Werf will discuss **Canadian Composting Technologies - Part 2** as a follow up to Part 1 that was included in the summer issue.

If you wish to speak with Paul on composting related issues, you can contact him at:

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Welcome to New mwin Member

Wastequip Accurate of Canada

In mid-July 2000, Accurate of Canada Inc., a Wastequip company moved its entire operation into a new plant in Innisfil, Ontario. The 40,000 square foot building, sited on 6 acres of land, has been strategically designed to ensure quality and efficiency.

The facility has state-of-the-art technology starting with the assembly style production to ensure employee safety while maintaining our high quality standards. Accurate's custom designed floor flipper is only the beginning of a multitude of technological advances. Its HVLP airless painting system uses only lead and isosynates-free paint to provide excellent coverage on its containers. Wastequip's painting system was designed to preserve its environment and is considered one of many environmental friendly processes.

Wastequip's unwavering commitment to employee safety, high quality standards, and customer satisfaction puts Wastequip, Accurate of Canada above the rest. Its experienced production, engineering, and sales team provide the expertise that allows it to custom manufacture containers to meet customers' specifications. To ensure that it is able to serve its customers quickly, Accurate is continuously building stock.

Wastequip Accurate of Canada manufactures 10, 14, 20, 30, 40 and 50 cubic yard open top, Roll-off containers, Sludge Roll-off containers and Multi-Lifts, Front Load containers from 2 cubic yards to 8 cubic yard - both flat and slanted, and Luggers from 10 cubic yards up to 20 cubic yards. It also stocks self-dumping hoppers ranging in size from 1/2 cubic yard up to 5 cubic yards. Its manufacturing facility in Innisfil recently expanded the product line in March 2005 to include front load compactor containers in an effort to meet the growing customer needs.

The Innisfil facility houses an exceptional production team allowing it to expand its current operations. State-of-the-art technology combined with Wastequip's dedication to quality and customer service ensures its customers receive the level of service and quality they deserve.

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The Last Word

The very busy year is drawing to a close and I know that each of you can look back at the many challenges you overcame and some still to be resolved, positive efforts to streamline regulatory processes that may reduce your workloads.

We may be looking at a new direction at the federal level on issues that concern us. We can certainly see that there has been some positive activity on the provincial level. It will be interesting to see how this all plays out and how soon we can look forward to election campaigns.

It is important that the municipal waste management community champions issues affecting to ensure they are addressed provincially and federally. The new political climate may provide us with some exceptional opportunities.

Please don't forget to send your comments and suggestions to me before January 15th, 2007 on:

1. "Leaders for Energy Recovery and **mwin**'s terms of involvement and the
2. **mwin** IWM Position Paper

January 15th is also the deadline for changes, additions or deletions to your listing in the new membership directory. The directory is an important industry resource so you will want to make sure your information is correct.

Watch your mail for a full description on the LCBO deposit refund system. The article will focus on its effect to various stakeholders including industry, municipalities, and consumers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Autumn 2006 newsletter. Information sharing is so important to each of us.

The next issue will be published in mid-March. If you have an idea for a new column, please give me a call and if you wish to make a submission, please make sure to send them to me before March 10th to ensure its inclusion.

Our committee chairs welcome new members to their committees. If you have an interest in any area respecting municipal waste management and would like to become actively involved with your association, please contact Maryanne Hill (mhill@mwin.org or 519.620.9654) to learn how you can contribute to **mwin**.

Sincere best wishes to you, your family and friends for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

See you in 2007!

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