

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Municipal Council

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	June 10, 2016				Report Date	May 18, 2016			
Decision Required		Yes	X	No	Priority		High	x	Low
Direction		Information Only		X	Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

REPORT TITLE
Administrative Assistant's Report – Information Only # 10/06/16/804

MWA Spring Workshop - Huntsville, ON

I toured a Hazardous Waste transfer station operated by Brendar Environmental Inc. I was able to see how they receive, process, pack and send the hazardous waste that they receive from different municipalities in the area.

An important issue that was brought up, and would have to be considered if we begin to house HHW, is that there would have to be a receiving area which could be closely monitored in order to control what type of material is brought in so that those materials not designated as HHW can be refused immediately at the site. Otherwise, it could cost the municipality a lot of money to dispose of materials that are not classified as HHW, as our MHSW contractor would not pick up this material.

Bill 151 was heavily discussed over the two day conference. The third reading will take place at the end of May 2016 and the Act is set to be in effect January 2017. There was a lot of speculation at the conference on how exactly producers will be solely responsible for the end of life of materials, but because there is not a lot of specific detail yet, it is difficult to say exactly how this will affect our municipality. We discussed the municipality's role in the waste business and how to position our program during the transition.

There was a P&E contest and award ceremony. It was good to see new ideas and what other municipalities are doing. P&E is becoming even more important for us as we are looking at changing our waste contractors and programs.

There were presentations on food waste control, curbside battery collection, market rates and trends and LCBO container returns.

Life after landfill: some municipalities use their landfill sites after closure for solar farms, recreation and sports fields, farming etc.

Overall, it was a good workshop. I learned a lot about different waste programs, what other municipalities are doing and met a lot of new people.