

# **WDO ROUND ONE PROJECTS**

## **FINAL REPORT**

**Project Name:** Permanent HSW Depot in North Hastings - HSW 01 02

**Municipality/Organization:** Centre & South Hastings Waste Services Board

**Municipal Project Manager:** Jeanne Vilneff

**Total Funding Provided by WDO:** \$25,000

**Total Projected Costs:** \$50,162

**Total Actual Costs:** \$50,505.94

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Subsequent to an earlier “Final Report” that was submitted to the WDO (dated February 7, 2001), please accept the attached final “Final Report” that includes summary information for one year of operation.

The HSW depot located in Bancroft was established in order to service the North Hastings County municipality of Bancroft and the surrounding rural area. Funding was sought and received, from the WDO to assist with the construction of the depot. The depot was completed in December 2000 with the intent to begin operations in the Spring of 2001. The result is a functional HSW facility (see photos submitted previously) that is operated by Quinte Waste Solutions. The facility is intended to provide an environmentally sound and secure location where one-day HSW events can be conducted. In addition, it is the intention of Quinte Waste Solutions to establish commitment from some of the surrounding municipalities for ½ day mobile “satellite” HSW collections. The resulting HSW would be temporarily stored at the centrally located Bancroft HSW depot prior to pick-up for disposal.

#### **Review of Year One Operations**

Two HSW collection events were held at the Depot (May 12 and September 22). Participation at these events was restricted to ratepayers from the Town of Bancroft and the Township of Farraday. In total 120 households participated in the two collection days. Quantities of waste collected during the two days included 900 paint cans, 50 lead acid batteries, 10 labpacks of various waste types, 50 large propane tanks, and 3 bulk drums of motor oil.

The depot functioned well in terms of layout, traffic flow and material storage and no modifications are anticipated. Cooperation from the Town of Bancroft and the Township of Farraday in every stage of development and operation makes for a good partnership.

## **Observations**

Participation by local residents was less than anticipated. Reasons for this low participation may be attributed to:

- HSW is a new concept. Not everyone is aware of the new disposal opportunity available to them.
- Lack of awareness of the importance of proper disposal of certain household chemical products
- The Town of Bancroft scheduled several other events for the same weekend.
- The events took place on either side of the summer holiday season and therefore, may have left out the cottage population

*Quinte Waste Solutions, the Town of Bancroft and the Township of Faraday are committed to increasing the participation level through improved education, promotion and advertising techniques over the coming months and years. A local Environmental group has come forward to assist with “getting the word out”. Quinte Waste Solutions will also propose a third collection day during the summer cottage season.*

It was proposed, in the original request for funding, that some of the surrounding rural municipalities would also benefit from the establishment of this permanent HSW depot by utilizing our “mobile” collection program. Delays with the procurement of a Certificate of Approval for this “mobile” program has meant that this aspect of the northern program has yet to be realized. It is anticipated that this “mobile” component of the HSW Program will be operational by the spring of 2002. One neighbouring municipality has already voiced a definite interest in this program. Other surrounding municipalities, despite repeated attempts to gain their support and interest in holding an HSW event, have yet to commit.

*Quinte Waste Solutions will continue to keep in touch with and convince these northern municipalities of the benefits of becoming involved in the HSW Program. The Environmental group that was referred to in the last item may be of substantial help on this issue.*

## **Conclusions**

There is no doubt that having an HSW facility in the area has great environmental benefits. In an area that survives largely on its natural and recreational attributes, having a means by which to help maintain the environment is of primary concern. Quinte Waste Solutions and the local municipalities and citizens will continue to work together as partners to maximize the use of this facility.