



Roundtable topics: May 4, 2015 Business and Policy Forum

Each year, ONEIA convenes a series of roundtables with executives from the environment and cleantech sector and senior policymakers from a range of different ministries. These groups can then discuss issues of mutual concern, upcoming policy initiatives and other areas that would benefit from information sharing and collaboration. The following are the topics for the 2015 roundtables:

Is water getting lost in the discussion of climate change?

As Ontario responds to climate change, our investment and policy priorities will have a tremendous impact on companies in this sector. Progressive water initiatives have been a central plank of Ontario's environment and cleantech policy over the past several years – but will this continue with a new focus on climate change? How do we link the water strategies with the energy and GHG reduction strategies?

Government participants: Tom Kaszas (Director, Environmental Innovations Branch, MOECC); Paul Nieweglowski (Director, Safe Drinking Water Branch, MOECC); Ian Smith (Director, Environmental Monitoring and Reporting, MOECC); Sonya Skinner (Director, Compliance Modernization, MOECC); George Cadete (Director, MRI); Cammy Mack (Assistant Director, MOECC) Walter Yee (Manager, MOECC)

Industry co-chairs: Irene Hassas (newterra) and Doug Wilton (Veolia)

- **Water Roundtable One – municipal issues:** In the face of climate change and in a resource constraint environment, where are municipal markets going with respect to smart investment, infrastructure asset management, sustainability plans and water management (i.e., flooding issues, treatment methods and source water protection)?
- **Water Roundtable Two – industrial issues:** In the face of climate change and potential global water scarcity, what will industrial users face in the coming years with respect to water management (usage restrictions, water rates increases and reuse requirements) and incentives to adopt new approaches (i.e., advanced integrated and low energy technologies)?

Addressing Brownfields and soil issues – the key to urban intensification

The regulatory regime around Brownfields has faced challenges in the past several years, as developers, consultants, technology providers and others have engaged in a dialogue with the Province to address issues of joint concern. As Ontario gears up to address climate change in the coming years, moving forward on these issues will be the key to urban redevelopment and more carbon-friendly cities.

Government participants: Steve Klose (Director, Standards Development Branch, MOECC); Dean Therrien (Senior Program Advisor, MOECC); Michelle Zehr (Senior Program Advisor, MMAH); David Macey (VP, Development Planning, Infrastructure Ontario); Rosemary Ash (Team Lead, MOECC – invited)

Industry co-chairs: Cecile Willert (Pinchin Ltd.), Janet Bobechko (Blaney McMurtry) and Grant Walsom (XCG Consultants)

- **Brownfields Roundtable One – Improving the approvals system:** How can we improve the flow of Records of Site Conditions (RSCs) within the MOECC? What are the Ministry’s perspectives on this and other issues?
- **Brownfields Roundtable Two – Excess Soil:** The province has completed its consultations and is consolidating its research on this issue – so what happens next? We will receive an update from the province and look at related municipal issues.

Waste and Organics: The New World of Resource Recovery

It is anticipated that the Ontario government will introduce new waste diversion legislation in the late spring or early fall. Before there can be a discussion on increasing diversion rates, there needs to be a dialogue on the policy and regulatory constraints and impediments which currently impact the waste services sector and could undermine the government’s forthcoming waste diversion strategy.

Government participants: Wendy Ren (Director, Resource Recovery Policy Branch, MOECC); John Armiento (Manager, Waste Diversion, MOECC); Sharon Reid (Manager, Registry Development, MOECC)

Industry co-chairs: Wes Muir (Progressive Waste) and Randy Cluff (CCI BioEnergy)

- **Waste Roundtable One – waste issues:** Increased diversion rates in the residential, industrial, commercial, institutional and multi-family sectors have long been a goal for the waste services industry, governments, generators and producers. While there have been significant successes with residential diversion rates, there has been a lack of consistency across all sectors. Where is the province going with respect to such issues as enforcement, the waste hierarchy, designated administrative authority, extended producer responsibility and others?
- **Waste Roundtable Two – organics issues:** Diverting the organic resources inherent in residential and commercial solid waste is a subject in most every jurisdiction in Canada and the USA. The conversation in Ontario is bolstered by the recent cap-and-trade decisions. How does organics diversion impact climate change and maximize value in the organics supply chain? What is the fit with cap-and-trade? What are the barriers to develop a robust and sustainable supply chain?

Energy: closing the coming gap in generation in an era of climate change

How Ontario generates and transmits energy is a key part of any climate change strategy. The province will soon begin its refurbishment of nuclear generating stations. This will create a demand for a host of new solutions to close the possible gap in our generating mix.

Government participants: Doris Dumais (Director, Modernization of Approvals Branch, MOECC); Sam Colallilo (Manager, MoE); James Storozuk (VP, Building and Energy Services, Infrastructure Ontario); Stephanie Liu (Senior Program Advisor, MOECC)

Industry Co-chair: Paul Norris (Ontario Waterpower Association)

- **Energy Roundtable One – closing the gap:** How will such solutions as conservation, existing generation options, new technologies, imports, energy storage and others fit within our approach to closing Ontario's potential energy gap?

Approvals: An update on MOECC's approvals reform process

How will the ECA process adapt to the rapidly evolving world of Cleantech? What changes are needed to MOECC's approvals process to encourage investment in the Cleantech sector of the province?

Government participants: Doris Dumais (Director, Modernization of Approvals Branch, MOECC); Sarah Paul (Director, Environmental Approvals Access, MOECC – invited)

Industry co-chairs: Brian Sulley (RWDI) and John Georgakopoulos (Willms and Shier)

- **Approvals Roundtable One:** Companies developing new technologies or process changes to reduce GHG emissions are still required to submit them through the ECA process. Getting an approval for a new or untested technology is a challenge due to lack of emissions data. Will projects related to climate change now receive priority approvals? What's next for inclusion on the EASR and how can approvals be issued more quickly?