The County of Peterborough Waste Management Committee

To: Chair and Members of Committee

From: Chris Bradley, Director of Public Works

Date: January 24, 2011

Subject: Report WMC11-003

Request for Deputation with the Minister of the Environment

Recommendation: Receive for Information

Financial Impact: None

Background:

Members of County Council and senior staff of the County of Peterborough attend the Ontario Good Roads Association/Rural Ontario Municipal Association (OGRA/ROMA) conference annually for the purpose of meeting with ministers and senior staff of varied provincial ministries to discuss issues of concern for the County and to attend educational seminars.

This year's conference is being held in Toronto from February 27 to March 2.

Requests to meet with the ministers are typically filed with the ministers' offices in January. Among the requests the County will be making will be for a deputation with the Minister of the Environment, the Hon. John Wilkinson.

The purpose of the deputation is to bring the minister's attention the following County issues:

 Concerns related to the issues of the past year surrounding the handling of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), the expansion of the Municipal Hazardous Solid Waste (MHSW) program, that is the implementation of Phase 2 of the program, and related funding matters, particularly as it impacts rural communities;

- Concerns about the proposed implementation of EPR for the Blue Box program and manner in which it will be designed for rural communities, and
- The impending need to address the long-term solution for the disposal of waste within the County and City of Peterborough.

Respectfully submitted,