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**RE: EWSWA Response to Town of Kingsville Attendance at EWSWA
Board Meeting on May 3, 2022**

Thank you for your attendance at and presentation to the EWSWA Board on May 3, 2022. While the Board understands the position of the Town of Kingsville, that it does not want to participate in a program that it is not currently mandated by the Province to participate in, the EWSWA cannot exclude Kingsville from the RFP without clear direction from the County and the City to do so. On behalf of the Board, I note the following:

- (1) The EWSWA takes direction jointly from the County and the City, and not directly from lower tier municipalities of the County;
- (2) The City, by way of a Resolution on February 28, 2022, and the County, by way of a Resolution on March 16, 2022, clearly directed the EWSWA to explore a regional solution for organic waste;
- (3) Absent direction from the County and City that counters the previous Resolutions presented to the EWSWA, the EWSWA cannot proceed with an RFP that leaves any of the lower tier municipalities out;
- (4) It appears that Kingsville is the only lower tier municipality of the County that is voicing its opposition to participation; and
- (5) It appears that the Province is considering a complete ban on organic waste from landfills in the very near future in any event.

With respect to the questions and concerns posed by Kingsville to the EWSWA Board on May 3, 2022, I note on behalf of the Board that the questions are more appropriately posed to County Council. County Council directed the EWSWA to proceed with participation from all lower-tier municipalities, and Kingsville's questions at 3.a. and 3.c. of Kingsville's speaking notes can only be answered by County Council. With respect to the question posed at 3.b. of the speaking notes, it is my understanding that administration for the EWSWA made presentations to all local municipalities to provide information regarding the Ontario Food and

Organics Waste Policy Statement, the EWSWA's Food and Organic Waste Management Plan and advise municipalities of the County Council's decision to consider a regional approach as it related to participation from municipalities. The EWSWA did not ignore Kingsville's decision. Rather, each municipality was asked to provide a response directly to the County of Essex for consideration by County Council. The EWSWA is bound by the decision of the County and the City.

With respect to the recommendations provided by Kingsville at the conclusion of its presentation, on behalf of the Board, I note the following:

- (1) Given the current joint direction from the County and the City, the EWSWA must explore a regional option to organic waste, and cannot exclude Kingsville;
- (2) We are pleased to hear that Kingsville is committed to protecting the environment, and are hopeful that once the RFP process is complete, that Kingsville will see the benefits of participating in the regional solution to organic waste;
- (3) The EWSWA Board is always open to further discussion and dialogue on any issue.

Sincerely,



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cc: Aldo DiCarlo, EWSWA Board Vice Chair
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