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Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre's Sustainable Waste Management Programs Draw International Attention

Pembroke, ON: The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVWRC) recently welcomed a very special tour group to their facilities. On October 20th, 2009, a group of 20 business men and women from the Environmental Protection Bureau (EPB) of Taipei County, Taiwan, spent the afternoon at the Centre learning about its' sustainable waste management programs.

"We are delighted the EPB requested to tour our facilities," comments OVWRC General Manager Sue McCrae. **"It's very rewarding that of all the facilities in Eastern Ontario the delegation from Taiwan chose to visit us."**

Taipei County boasts a population of 3.74 million people and is the largest county in the Republic of China. Like many municipalities here in Canada, Taipei County is faced with the problem of environmental degradation brought on by the production of too much waste. As such, the EPB is focusing its' efforts on reducing the amount of waste produced in its' borders as well as developing environmentally sustainable waste management programs.

The leader of the visiting delegation was Mr. Sheu Yiong-Shing, Deputy Director-General of the Environmental Protection Bureau for Taipei County. Mr. Yiong-Shing and his personnel were particularly interested in the financial structure of the OVWRC. They asked many questions about our tipping fees and were especially interested the Centre's contaminated load tipping fee.

"Everything we do at the Centre is aimed at diverting as much waste as possible from the landfill," explains Ms. McCrae. **"Landfill material is charged the tipping fee of \$72.50 per tonne. If the landfill material is contaminated with recyclables or construction and demolition material it is charged a higher fee of \$100.00 per tonne."**

The group was also interested in OVWRC's decision making structure. **"The OVWRC is an international example of municipal partnership and environmental leadership,"** states Steve Bennett, Chairperson for the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board. **"OVWRC's five partner municipalities are dedicated to 'working together to walk lightly on the environment'. Sharing the common goal of sustainable waste management makes the hard work all worthwhile".**

Other highlights of the group's visit include touring the Composting Facility and Material Recycling Facility viewing rooms, learning about the Centre's new Leachate Treatment System and being introduced to the OVWRC mascots. **"Petawawa, Pembroke, Laurentian Valley, North Algona Wilberforce and the Sebastopol Ward of Bonnechere Valley residents should be very proud of their municipalities and the OVWRC,"** continues Mr. Bennett. **"The OVWRC is recognized on a global level as a leader in environmental protection."**

For more information on the Environmental Protection Bureau of Taipei County, please visit their website www.epb.tpc.gov.tw. To learn more about OVWRC's state of the art waste management programs, visit www.ovwrc.com.

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