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"Energy-from-Waste in Southern Alberta passes first hurdle"

The Southern Alberta Energy-from-Waste Alliance (SAEWA) is pleased to announce that on February 28, 2011 the SAEWA Board accepted the HDR/AECOM Report on Task 1, Phase 1; **Waste Generation Rates & Facility Sizing** that states in part *"The data collected to date indicates that there are large quantities of feedstock with adequate heating value, which are suitable for, and available to, a future Southern Alberta EFW facility"*.

The Board voted unanimously to move forward with Task 2 of the project; Combustion Technologies, *"The type(s) of technologies best suited for the subject waste streams, quantities and compositions are further explored in Task 2 Combustion Technologies. This includes a look at initial sizing and future expansion potential."*

The purpose of the Energy from Waste Project is to explore the potential to develop a long-term, local, and sustainable waste management solution that will see residual waste generated in Southern Alberta utilized as a resource rather than simply a waste to be disposed. The consultant team of HDR/AECOM is investigating the range of waste materials that remain after recycling and composting to identify opportunities to recover additional recyclable materials and energy through the use of new state-of-the-art waste processing technologies. These technologies are being utilized today, around the world, as an alternative to landfill disposal, providing a clean, safe and reliable waste management and energy generation alternative. This study is researching how and where these technologies could be developed in Southern Alberta.

Says Chair Kim Craig, "The completion of the feedstock analysis is a major milestone for our group but there are many more steps to be taken in our journey to reduce Southern Alberta's reliance upon landfills."

The Southern Alberta Energy from Waste Alliance (SAEWA) is a coalition of waste management jurisdictions committed to researching and recommending for implementing technological applications for recovering energy from non-recyclable waste materials, and reducing reliance on landfills.

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