

Analysis of Identified Options

Option	Comments	Priority
Source Separated Organics Diversion	Most municipalities are committed to implementation within next 3 years. Cost could be prohibitive – funding options may be required for smaller municipalities. Implementation must take into account revising current collection contracts.	Immediate Implementation
Optimized Blue Box Diversion	Cost could be prohibitive – funding options may be required for smaller municipalities. Must consider constraints/timing of current/future collection contracts. Must ensure secure markets before adding material to program. Studies should be undertaken to determine best methods of collection e.g. bags vs. boxes, type of container, etc.	Immediate Implementation
Increased Promotion & Education Efforts	Requires cooperative effort with similar messages and design but allows for individual municipal character and pride. Smaller municipalities may require assistance.	Immediate Implementation
Textiles Diversion	Could involve coordinating collection by charities or simply promoting existing efforts.	Immediate Implementation
Use of Community Environmental Centres	Design of CEC needs to be flexible to meet site requirements and needs of the community. Locating sites for CECs could be problematic.	Immediate Implementation
Expansion of Regional Processing Infrastructure	Timing must plan 10-15 years out – inline with population growth. Consider Regionally owned SSO facility. Infrastructure development must occur in time for municipalities to roll out collection programs. Infrastructure does not necessarily have to be in York, could utilize other facilities in Ontario. Strategy should recommend further study into types and level of risk regarding York owned vs. others, preferred types of facility, etc.	Immediate Implementation
Improved Yard Waste Diversion	Cost could be prohibitive to some municipalities. May not be an issue in rural areas. Establish sub-committee to further examine impacts/issues/opportunities.	For Future Consideration
Use of Mandatory Recycling By-laws	Difficult to enforce and justify costs of enforcement. Represents another tool to drive diversion. Establish a sub-committee to examine.	For Future Consideration
Use of Bag Limits & Financial Incentives	Could be implemented at the same time as SSO. Consider decreasing frequency of garbage collection to achieve same effect. System should not allow for residents to buy their way out of recycling. Create sub-committee to examine harmonization of bag limits/financial incentives. Initiative must include options for spring cleanup, bulky items, etc.	For Future Consideration
Expanded Advocacy Efforts by the Region	Region needs to more active in lobbying for extended producer responsibility.	For Future Consideration
Construction & Demolition Diversion	Not a significant part of the municipally collected waste stream. Could be managed through CEC's.	Drop From Further Consideration