



Provincial Reviews of the Waste Diversion Act and Blue Box Program Plan

Presentation to Solid Waste Committee

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Overview



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- ❑ Waste Diversion Act Review
- ❑ Blue Box Program Plan Consultation Plan
- ❑ Impact to York Region
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- ❑ York Region and Local Municipality Joint Comments
- ❑ Next Steps

Background



- ❑ On Nov.12, 2008, Solid Waste Committee (SWC) requested that staff prepare joint comments with Local Municipalities on the Provincial reviews of the *Waste Diversion Act* (WDA) and the *Blue Box Program Plan* (BBPP)
- ❑ Comment period provided was very brief yet the potential impact of changes is profound
- ❑ Inter-Municipal Waste Diversion Committee (IMWDC) was used as the vehicle for collaboration on the review processes

Waste Diversion Act Review



- ❑ The *Waste Diversion Act, 2002*, was created to promote 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)
- ❑ Sec.44.1 of Act requires WDA to undergo five year review
- ❑ Oct. 16, 2008 The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) posted discussion paper titled ***“Zero Waste Future: Review of Ontario’s Waste Diversion Act, 2002”***
- ❑ Deadline for public comments is Jan.15, 2009

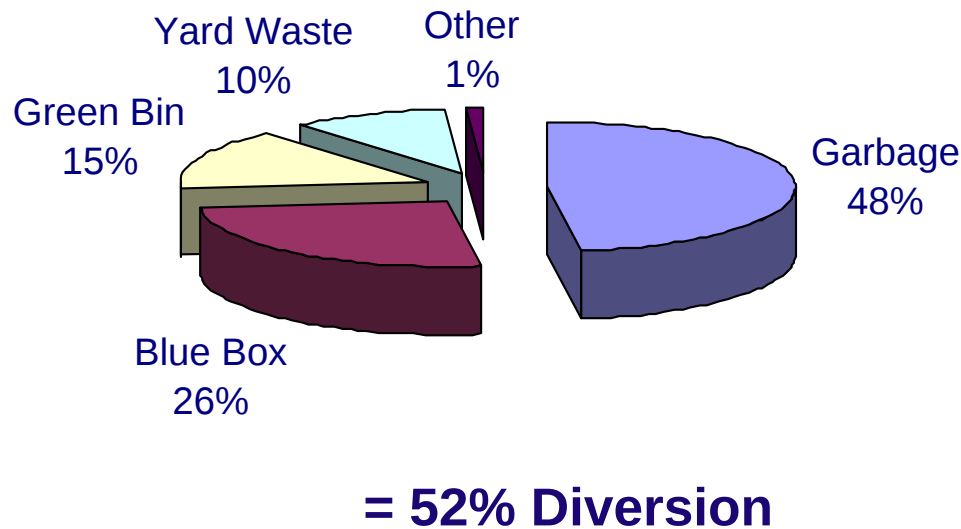
Blue Box Program Plan Consultation Plan



- ❑ First designated waste program approved under WDA
- ❑ Oct. 16, 2008, Minister directed Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) to conduct BBPP review through public consultation
- ❑ Nov. 4, 2008, WDO released a discussion paper titled “ ***Consultation Plan to Support a Review of the Blue Box Program Plan***”
- ❑ Initial comments due Dec. 31, 2008,
- ❑ Final deadline for comments is Feb. 27, 2009

Impact to York Region

2008 York Region Waste Diversion Rates from Landfill



Joint Waste Diversion Strategy Goal of 65% Diversion from Landfill by 2010



Consultation Schedules



WDA Review Consultation Schedule

Meetings with key
stakeholders

Dec 10, 2008

Final Comments
Due

Jan 15, 2009

Consultation Schedules



Consultation Plan to Support a
Review of the Blue Box Program Plan

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BBPP Consultation Schedule

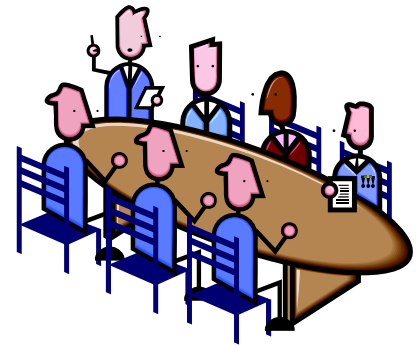
Meetings with key stakeholders	Nov 19, 2009
Written Submissions	Dec 31, 2008 Feb 27, 2009
Draft Report	Jan 30, 2009
Public Workshop/Webcast	Feb12, 2009
Submission of final report	March 20, 2009

York Region and Local Municipality Joint Comments

December 3, 2008

York staff facilitated half day workshop with IMWDC
Comments categorized into four primary topic areas:

1. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
2. Increasing waste reduction through 3Rs waste management hierarchy
3. Increasing reduction & diversion of Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (IC&I) waste
4. Governance and administration



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1. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

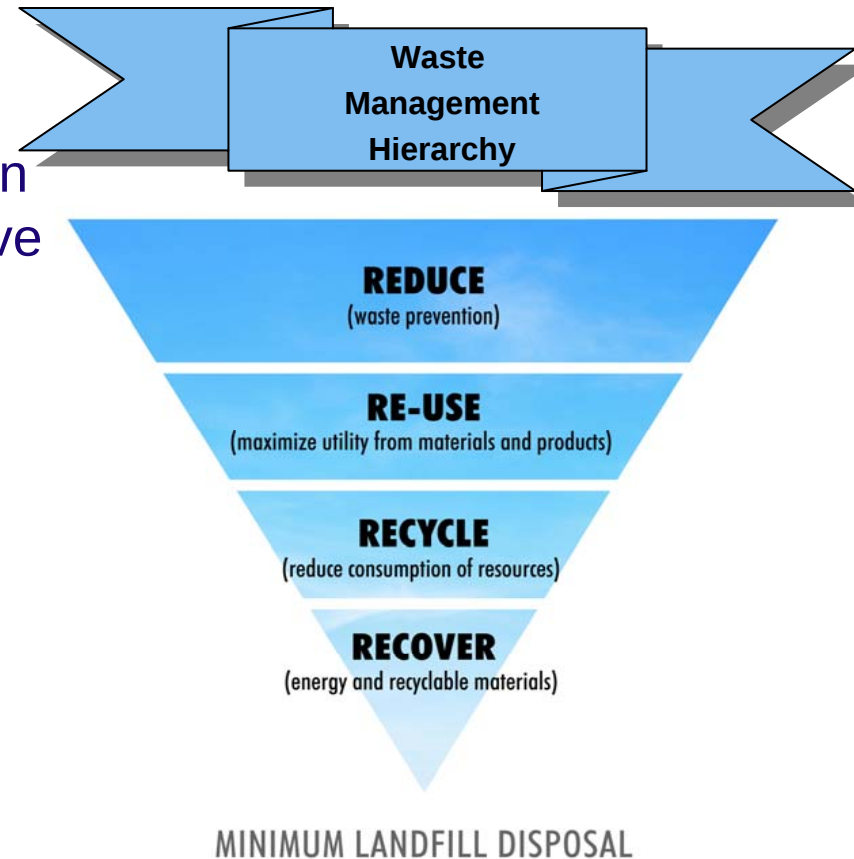
- ❑ Producers need to be made 100% responsible for end of life costs
- ❑ Certified environmental product labeling would help to educate consumers on life cycle of product
- ❑ Life cycle analysis is required in product designs
- ❑ Incentives needed to promote 3Rs over disposal



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2. Increasing Waste Reduction through the 3Rs Hierarchy

- ❑ Stronger emphasis needed on reduction and reuse to achieve targets cost effectively
- ❑ Waste management hierarchy should reflect product life cycle and emphasize waste management impacts to the public



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3. Increasing Reduction and Diversion of Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (IC&I) Waste

- ❑ Require minimum recyclability standard on products and packaging
- ❑ Require producers to publicly report waste reduction and diversion efforts
- ❑ Consistent and ongoing Provincial enforcement of Ontario Reg.102/94 and Reg.103/94
- ❑ Incentives needed for business to recycle rather than dispose

York Region and Local Municipality Joint Comments



4. Streamlining Governance and Administration

- ❑ Clear definitions of roles/responsibilities needed for Federal, Provincial, Municipal governments and within industry/private sector
- ❑ Multi-stakeholder Provincial waste management body needed that will incorporate full scope of integrated waste management issues
- ❑ Develop uniform municipal authority to support standardization of programs provincially



Next Steps



- ❑ Joint staff comments were compiled and submitted to MOE and WDO on Dec. 23, 2008
- ❑ Endorsement by Committee and Council will add support to comments and opportunity to provide any additional input for Feb/09 submission
- ❑ Communicate to local Municipal Councils to seek endorsement
- ❑ Staff will monitor and participate in ongoing reviews and any subsequent processes

Joint Waste Diversion Strategy Program Successes



Priority Initiatives	Initiative Highlights	Status % Complete
Source Separated Organics	Launch program	100%
Optimized Blue Box	- Multi-residential pilot - Parks Pilot - Plastic bag take-back	10% 80% 100%
Community Environment Centres (CEC)	Vaughan CEC	35%
Bag Limits/Financial incentives	All municipalities have adopted more stringent limits and incentives	100%
Bi-weekly Seasonal Yard Waste Collection	All municipalities have bi-weekly pick up	100%
Infrastructure Development	- Dongara Pelletization Facility - Energy-from-waste Facility - Dufferin/York composting facility	100% 35% 10%
Advocacy	MHSW Program and Policy Papers	100%

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AND REGION WORKING TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS*

Looking Ahead



- ❑ Waste management in Ontario is at a turning point
- ❑ There is a need for a broader, long-term view that seeks sustainable solutions beyond diversion
- ❑ IMWDC is a productive forum for Regional and local municipal collaboration
- ❑ IMWDC currently updating Joint Waste Diversion Strategy
- ❑ IMWDC will be used to support future activities such as the development of a York Region Solid Waste Management Master Plan

