

Waste Program Update

Committee of the Whole Working Session
February 6, 2019



Waste Program Update

- Continuation of annual reporting to Council on waste diversion programs in the City of Vaughan
- Highlights:
 - Update to accepted Blue Box material list from York Region
 - Progress on service expansion to multi-residential condominiums
 - Initiating study to consider alternative funding models for waste management
 - Update on the Waste Free Ontario Act

Revisions to Accepted Blue Box Items

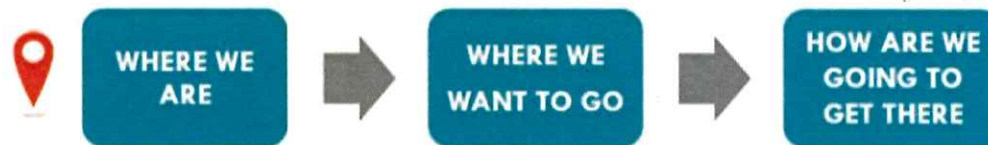
- Despite recent upgrades to the York Region recycling facility, black plastic and coffee cups remain difficult to sort effectively
- These items mix with other recycling, reducing the market value of paper and plastic bales
- In response to stricter requirements from overseas markets, they will be removed from the Blue Box program



Strategic Review of York Region's SM4RT Living Plan



- York Region and its local municipal partners are reviewing and updating the SM4RT Living Plan to provide further direction for the next five years.
- The review and update is taking place 2018-2019 and will include three phases:



- Consultation in the form of surveys, workshops and meetings is planned for each phase.

Service Expansion – Multi-Residential Condominiums

Phase 1 of service expansion
complete January 1, 2018

- 4000 new multi-residential condominium units added to collection service

Phase 2 of service expansion
complete January 1, 2019

- 608 new multi-residential townhouse condominium units added to collection service

Expansion represents a 71% increase
in multi-residential units served



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- Maintained low waste generation rates – we remain the second lowest in York Region at 292 kg per capita in 2017
- 63% of material is diverted from disposal



Outreach and Events

- National Public Works Day
- Environmental Days
- Waste Reduction Week
- Presentations at schools, libraries and condominiums



Environmental Days



Alternative Funding for Solid Waste Management

- Approved 2016 as a Capital project
- Consultant will be employed to examine alternative funding to taxation for solid waste management services
- Public consultation will take place over the coming months
- Results of study will be presented to Council later this year



Legislative Update

- The Provincial Government has signaled their interest in moving the Blue Box program to a full-producer responsibility model through the draft provincial Environment Plan
- Environmental Services staff provided comments supporting this goal through the recent EBR posting



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