

Halton's Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy



by Regional Chair Gary Carr

Halton residents have always been enthusiastic about practicing the 3Rs—reduce, reuse, recycle and as a result, residents are now diverting 60 per cent of residential waste away from the landfill,

increasing its life from 2023 to 2032! The landfill is a valuable resource for Halton Region and is an investment worth protecting.

Building upon the success of the Blue Box and GreenCart programs, Halton Region is now exploring ways to increase residential waste diversion to 65 and even 70 per cent! In partnership with the Joint Municipal Regional Waste Management Committee—a citizen's advisory committee—Halton Region has developed a Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy and needs your input.

The Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy identifies eleven potential initiatives that could be implemented to achieve these higher waste diversion goals:

1. **“Pay As You Throw” and Sustainable Financing**
A partial user-pay strategy including a reduced garbage bag limit and bag tags for additional garbage.
2. **Enhance Promotion, Education and Outreach**
Build on current promotion, education and outreach successes with increased effort and enhanced communications.
3. **Expand Blue Box Materials and Review/Enhance Blue Box Capacity**
Expand the list of eligible Blue Box materials, and determine if larger residential Blue Boxes are required.
4. **Curbside Construction and Demolition Waste Collection**
Collect small quantities of construction and demolition materials (carpet, drywall, wood waste) on a call-in basis.

5. **Enhance Multi-Residential Waste Diversion**
Implement the GreenCart throughout the Region's multi-residential apartment buildings.
 6. **Community Recycling Centre**
Develop an additional multi-purpose centre to increase local options to drop off material for recycling or proper disposal.
 7. **Public Space Diversion and Recycling**
Work with Local Municipalities to install recycling containers in parks, trails and public facilities.
 8. **Enhance Textile Communications**
Expand promotion of diversion options for textiles, such as used clothing, to capture more of the available material.
 9. **Mobile Collection for HHW**
Collect small quantities of household hazardous waste on a call-in basis.
 10. **Expand Special Waste Drop-off Day Events**
Host two additional annual Special Waste Drop-off Days for residents to drop off household hazardous waste and electronics.
 11. **Waste Exchange Program**
Establish an online waste exchange program for residents to donate and exchange reusable goods.
- A public engagement process will begin in late May that includes four open houses and a phone and web survey to allow residents to provide feedback on the proposed waste diversion initiatives. The final updated Strategy will be completed in fall 2011 incorporating resident feedback.

You can learn more about the Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy including potential cost implications as a result of implementing some of the enhanced waste diversion initiatives by reading Regional Council approved Report PW-19-11.

View the Report online and provide feedback at www.halton.ca/wastestrategy.

Open Houses

We want to hear from you!

Drop by one of the following open houses to learn more about the Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy, and offer feedback on the proposed waste diversion initiatives.

- **Glen Abbey Community Centre**
1415 Third Line, Oakville
Saturday, May 28, 2011
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Milton Sports Centre**
605 Santa Maria Boulevard, Milton
Saturday, June 11, 2011
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Gellert Community Centre**
10241 Eighth Line, Georgetown
Saturday, June 18, 2011
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Burlington Seniors' Centre**
2285 New Street, Burlington
Saturday, June 25, 2011
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region open house. Contact Halton Region by dialing 311, TTY 905-827-9833, or e-mail accesshalton@halton.ca.

If you are unable to attend an open house, please visit www.halton.ca/wastestrategy to provide your feedback online.

Halton Region Meeting Schedule

June 1, 9:30 a.m. Regional Council
June 14, 9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Cte
June 15, 9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Cte
June 15, 1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Cte
June 22, 9:30 a.m. Regional Council
Meetings can be viewed at www.halton.ca.

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