

Blueprint for Waste Management - Public Participation Programme

The Blueprint for Waste Management was introduced in the Provincial Legislature on June 13th, 1983. The Ministry of the Environment's aims and objectives clearly state that they intend "...to develop an effective, comprehensive plan for the handling of waste in Ontario..."

The Blueprint, along with its 11 Appendices, is a comprehensive proposal which outlines the issues and points to solutions to be developed and incorporated in an overall, province-wide management programme.

Public participation is an important part of the blueprint process, leading to the final drafting of policies and legislation. The Ministry of the Environment wants the involvement of the public, municipalities, other agencies and industry.

"Public participation is essential to development of the Blueprint," said Environment Minister Andy Brandt. "I want to hear from the public through presentations at the public meetings which my Ministry is holding all over Ontario. My staff will provide all assistance possible in helping organizations or individuals to present their ideas on the Blueprint either verbally or in written form. As part of my commitment to establishing a comprehensive programme for waste management in Ontario, I assure the public that the ideas and concerns submitted will be given full consideration in our preparation of a final plan."

Ministry staff working on the Blueprint are meeting with interested groups and organizations to explain the details of the proposals and to discuss the issues and options. In addition, information meetings are being advertised on a community basis. This discussion phase will continue through August.

A series of public meetings begins in September at which interested associations, groups and individuals are invited to make written or verbal submissions on the Blueprint and the issues involved.

In addition, written submissions may be mailed or delivered to: The Honourable Andrew S. Brandt,

Minister of the Environment,
Suite 100-135 St. Clair Avenue West,
Toronto, Ontario.
M4V 1P5.

Information about preparing a submission

and making arrangements to present this at the public meeting in your area may be obtained from any of the Ministry's Regional or District Office. The Regional Office for Northwestern Ontario is in Thunder Bay and you may contact them at (807) 475-1205 or by writing:

Thunder Bay Regional

Office, P.O. Box 5000,
435 James St. S.,
Thunder Bay,
Ontario, P7C 5G6.

It's not just an issue ... it's our future.

Waste Management affects everyone in Ontario. The legislation, policies and action programmes stemming from the Blueprint will shape our waste management efforts for

the next years at least.

The Ministry of the Environment has addressed four major areas of concern in the Blueprint proposal.

ONE: As many recoverable and usable material and energy resources as possible must be reclaimed from the garbage we produce.

TWO: Those who are responsible for

producing, handling and disposing of wastes must be accountable for the way they execute their responsibilities.

THREE: As responsible parties, we must be informed on the issues and take part in the decisions which must be made to resolve them; and FOUR: Our disposal practices must ensure that no waste

ever becomes a threat to either our environment or well being.

A better environment is everyone's concern. Waste Management is not simple and neither are the solutions. If all interested parties work together on the Blueprint for Waste Management, Ontario will have a comprehensive, productive and successful waste

management programme. The government won't accept anything less for the people of Ontario.

Interested parties are urged to attend the public meeting regarding Blueprint for Waste Management which is scheduled to take place in Thunder Bay on Wednesday, October 12, 1983.

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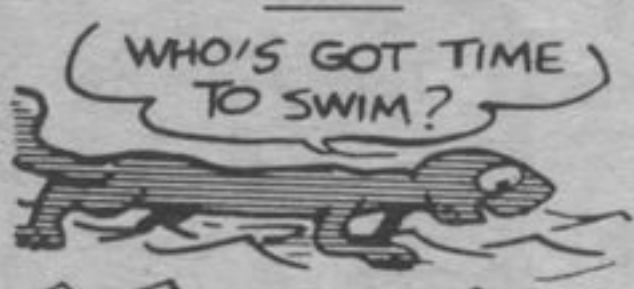
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