

Items reused here

After being collected, sorted and bailed, thousands of tonnes of paper, glass, plastic and metal is shipped to points across the continent.

Sometimes, as with aluminum cans, the products are simply recycled into the same type of container.

Or, with most paper, it is recycled

into a lower but equally useful grade of paper. For instance, your paper grocery bags, durable enough to keep food from falling out the bottom, can be turned into shoe boxes.

Some of that recycled material even stays here in York Region.

Vaughan's Royal Plastics, one of York's largest industries, uses recycled plastics in several of its

building materials, including window frames and shingles, Mr. Birett said.

Here are some other uses for York's recyclables:

- Fine office paper and newsprint is used for sheets of drywall and;
- Recycled aluminum is used in vehicle production in the U.S. auto market.

—Patrick Mangion

Deposit return an option

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member for the Recycling Council of Ontario, said.

While Stewardship Ontario chief executive officer Damian Bassett stopped short of calling Ms Morawski's findings flawed, he disagreed with her conclusions.

When you consider the full cost of blue box versus deposit return, a curbside blue box program is better, said Mr. Bassett, adding the public largely favours curbside pickup over deposit return.

"When you have to sort your own recyclables, fill up your trunk and drive to a dingy part of town, the motivation may not be there," Mr. Bassett said.

Ontario's Ministry of Environment, which oversees Stewardship Ontario and the blue box program, also endorses curbside pickup over deposit return.

A deposit return system for bottles would only capture an extra 1 per cent of Ontario's waste stream, the ministry says, adding it is better to focus on other items such as food waste — which makes up 30 per cent of all waste — and household hazardous wastes that can harm the environment.

As well, some materials, such as aluminum, can be a revenue generator for municipalities, Mr. Bassett said.

York Region receives an average of



\$1,757 per tonne in gross revenue collecting aluminum, such as pop cans.

To put that in perspective, the next best revenue generator among York's recyclables is polyethylene terephthalate, or PET plastic, which fetches \$451 per tonne.

"For optimum recovery of valuable material, we encourage the public to divert at home, at work and in transit. The value of commodities keep costs down," Mr. Bassett said.

But one of the arguments made for a deposit return system is that many beverage products are consumed away from home, where there may not be a blue box program.

Punishing companies for poor packaging that isn't easily recycled is also a way to increase waste diversion. By charging more for products packaged in materials that are either difficult or expensive to recycle, you empower consumers, Mr. Campbell said.

"Now, when you put something in your Blue Box and place it at the curb, it just disappears. When it's more expensive at the point-of-purchase, consumers can demand different packaging," he said.



Durham/York Residual Waste Study

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

TRANSPORTATION & WORKS DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regional Municipality of York has initiated a study of waste disposal to find better ways to manage the waste remaining after diversion.

Residents of York Region are invited to attend one of three Public Workshops being hosted by the Regional municipality of York Transportation & Works Department to discuss how to manage waste remaining after diversion through recycling and composting. The Region is conducting these workshops as part of a Durham/York Residual Waste Study and feedback obtained from residents will be used to develop an Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference.

Workshops will include a presentation and the opportunity for facilitated discussion. Interested residents are encouraged to register for these Public Workshops. Public Workshop #1 details as follows:

Tues., May 31, 2005	Wed., June 1, 2005	Thurs., June 2, 2005
Town of Markham	Town of Newmarket	Town of Richmond Hill
Radisson Hotel	Newmarket Community Centre	York Region
50 East Valhalla Drive	200 Doug Duncan Drive	South Service Centre
Candia Ballroom, 2 nd Floor	Hall #2, Main Floor	50 High Tech Road
		Rooms A, B & C, Main Floor

Public Workshop #1

Agenda:	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Introduction/Presentation
	7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.	Workshop
	9:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Workshop Wrap-Up

Workshop 1: Issues for Consideration

- Types of alternative disposal approaches and technologies to consider
- Methods of managing garbage remaining after diversion by York Region
- Technologies to consider such as gasification, combustion or other energy from waste technologies
- Criteria or methods to consider in order to compare alternatives and determine the best solutions

Future Public Workshop 2 to follow on June 21, 22 and 23, 2005.

Workshop 2 Topic: How should we choose a site for a waste disposal facility?

Dates:	Location:
Tuesday, June 21, 2005, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Town of Richmond Hill
Wednesday, June 22, 2005, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Town of Newmarket
Thursday, June 23, 2005, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	City of Vaughan

Future Public Workshop 3 to follow in the September 2005.

Workshop 3 Topic: How should the public and stakeholders be consulted during the EA Study?

Exact dates and locations to be determined.

To register for Public Workshop #1 call Teresa Liu at: 905-830-4444 ext. 5724 or email: teresa.liu@york.ca

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