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WASTE TO LONDON

The region has endorsed a plan to send our green bin waste to London's Orgaworld Canada.

Several thousand tonnes of our waste had to be shipped to the United States last year with local facilities unable to take the load.

The waste has gone to Orgaworld since November, but a revised contract will ask them to up their take from 30,000 tonnes a year to 60,000 by 2013.

Region wants plastic bags kept out of your green bin

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Put away the plastic. York Region hopes a new pilot project will kick start a move away from unrecyclable plastic bags in its green bin program.

Rather than reused shopping bags or other plastic materials, the region wants residents to shift to compostable bags for the small, green bin container in your kitchen.

The issue first came to council last December, when the region endorsed a plan to educate residents and encourage the use of compostable bags, but without banning plastic bags just yet.

While staff hoped to avoid cutting into green bin use by making the compostable bags mandatory, council asked for a wider reaching pilot program.

Rather than launching a pilot in a couple of local neighbourhoods, staff recommend a project that will include 250,000 homes regionwide, from May to August.

The pilot will cost about \$95,000, with funding already set aside in this year's budget.

It includes a regionwide giveaway of the new bags, assuming manufacturers will donate some as promotional contributions.

Staff will also notify retailers of the move so they can stock and promote compostable bags.

Several other municipalities already prohibit the use of plastic bags but staff were concerned that an abrupt ban would negatively affect York's high participation rate.

The region collected more than 85,000 tonnes of organic



FILE PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Soon, you may only be allowed to use biodegradable bags to throw out organic waste in your green bins.

waste last year and more is expected this year.

While plastic bags make it easier for residents and help with smelly items like diapers and pet waste, they also create processing issues.

MANDATORY IN 2010?

About 15 per cent of the organic waste processed last year was unusable residue, of which plastic bags were a small, but troublesome part.

Compostable bags break down, improving the quality of the compost the region produces.

A study of diversion rates in the Greater Toronto Area found little correlation between how much garbage

is not sent to landfill and whether residents have to use compostable bags, as they do in Durham, Peel and other regions, staff said.

Staff should report back to council on the pilot at the end of the year, analysing public acceptance of the effort, the costs of compostable bags and other factors.

They will also consider whether it is worth eliminating pet waste and diapers from the program to make compostable bags more acceptable.

If the program is found to be beneficial, mandatory measures would be considered in a subsequent report in 2010.

The Regional Municipality of York

EXPROPRIATIONS ACT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of York for approval to expropriate lands and interest in lands described in Schedules "A" and "B", hereto, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in The Regional Municipality of York, geographically in the Township of Whitchurch in the County of York, for the purposes of the widening and reconstruction of Vivian Road (YR 74) from Highway 48 to York/Durham Line.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the lands and interest in lands described in Schedules "A" and "B", hereto. Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

- (a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- (b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
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The Regional Municipality of York
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SCHEDULE "A"

An estate in fee simple in the lands described as follows:

Lands in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in The Regional Municipality of York, geographically in the Township of Whitchurch in the County of York, being composed of those lands designated as Parts on Plans deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region more particularly described as follows:

Part of Lot	Concession	Part(s)	Plan
31	8	1	65R-29848
31	8	6, 7	65R-29849
30	9	6, 7	65R-31071

SCHEDULE "B"

PERMANENT EASEMENT

A permanent easement or rights in the nature of a permanent easement, in, under, over, along and upon the following lands for the purpose of entering upon and occupying the lands with all necessary machinery, equipment and material required for or in connection with the installation, construction, operation, maintenance, inspection, alteration, removal, replacement, reconstruction, enlargement and repair of drainage culverts and appurtenances.

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30	9	1	65R-30909
31	8	2	65R-30910



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