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Public Works
WRTP Presentation
Accomplishments of the SWMMP first ten years

• Major increases in diversion by single family homeowners

• A state of the art composting facility meeting public need and producing revenue

• Expanded recycling programs and revenues

• Expanded educational programs
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- reduction of the total waste that needs to be handled
- The useful life of our landfill, has been extended not by years but decades
- Community Recycling Centres and Reuse Centre
- Universal green cart program
Challenges for the next five and ten years

- Multi-residential sector needs more work resident engagement, ways to enforce diversion

- Engage and support residents to bring forward small inexpensive ideas for incremental diversion

- Wrestle with ways to treat everyone fairly and equally while bring everyone on board

- Find ways to develop benign and inexpensive ways to deal with the materials that remain

- Reorganize the way citizens are involved in operational and policy decisions
The Review

- Support the conclusions of the review and prefer maximizing diversion

- Supports the broadest consultation possible on the final report - Business, environmental, seniors, school and other groups need to be included

- Encourage council to hold a special GIC on the final report

- Sixty five per cent is still a reasonable target and don’t feel that it should war needs to wait for ten more years

- We should look at fostering citizen initiatives in lieu of establishing new city programs
The Collections Contract

• Reiterate our support of bi-weekly collection of residual waste for landfill for its long term savings, diversion opportunities and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions

• Bag limits need not be raised

• Align with Halton Region with three bags biweekly and continue special considerations

• A communications strategy to clear up the widespread misunderstanding of biweekly collection and the goal of the plan to divert and reduce waste not produce more should accompany any change
The Collections Contract

- Agree that bag tags should not be considered
- Allowing a greater range of blue box option and smaller green carts as options also makes sense
- Changes that are suggested in leaf and yard collection to maximize the usefulness of the composting facility is welcome
- Bulk reuse days serve could help engage the public/ consider them in partnership with community groups.
- Higher bag limits penalize those who reduce at general expense and shouldn’t be the primary solution to dumping until more facts are known
- Disappointed that a way was not found to expand public sector delivery of recycling materials
- Concerned that we are locking in multi residential collection at weakly; suggest a contract clause allowing the gradual reduction of this as warranted by reduced waste volumes
Conclusions

• The SWMMP is working and we need to continue to support it

• A 65 per cent diversion rate target is still relevant

• Everyone must do their part. Costs, convenience and operational issues need to be balanced to meet the objectives of the SWMMP

• Changes to collection activities should not work against the guiding principles of the SWMMP

• Public engagement in the plan needs to be reinvigorated with innovative education and monitoring of success