

THUNDER BAY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

REENVISION WASTE



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THE NEXT STEPS IN THE SOLID WASTE STRATEGY ARE TO:

- Incorporate public feedback into the next phase of the Strategy development.
- Complete an assessment of the options for consideration in consultation with stakeholders and with the community.
- Complete the final long-term Strategy.



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED

Provide us with your feedback, join discussions and stay up-to-date on the most recent information 24/7:

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THE CITY OF THUNDER BAY HAS RETAINED STANTEC CONSULTING LTD. (STANTEC) TO SUPPORT THE CITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (SWMS) THAT WILL ESTABLISH A LONG-TERM APPROACH TO MANAGE THE CITY'S WASTE.

As of 2011, 32% of residential waste was diverted from the landfill. The SWMS will provide a blueprint to assist the City in reaching the provincial goal of 60% diversion.

To meet this goal, the Strategy will identify programs and approaches to improve diversion, waste processing, collection options and waste disposal.



BASELINE SYSTEM

- Weekly collection of up to three garbage bag/containers and unlimited curbside blue bag recycling collected bi-weekly
- Three residential recycling drop-off depots
- Spring/fall leaf and yard waste curbside collection
- Recycling of tires, scrap metal, appliances, and clean wood
- Recycling/safe disposal of electronic and hazardous waste
- Backyard composters, Christmas tree depot program



CHALLENGES

- Residents want to recycle more but the existing Material Recycling Facility (MRF) is limited in its capacity to process additional materials
- Changes to the amount of waste disposed of at the landfill will affect funding for diversion programs
- Additional costs associated with an Organics (Green Bin) program
- Funding for new/expanded programs

OPPORTUNITIES

- The City has been identified as an ideal location for a Regional MRF
- Thunder Bay residents are eager to divert more materials
- More material can be diverted from other sectors (e.g. multi-residential, Industrial, Commercial & Institutional sectors)
- Improved waste management practices may mean increased funding and operational efficiencies

