

Summary of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division's 2006 Waste Diversion Successes and 2007 Initiatives

Parks, Forestry and Recreation	Key "Successes" completed in 2006	Items Planned for 2007
Recreation and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiated Eco Makeovers at 2 community centres and 2 parks yards, to encourage staff and patrons to practice 3Rs. - Waste Diversion staff trained 254 division staff and provided 3Rs programming at 11 recreation facilities and 12 community events. - Piloted reusable vinyl liners at 16 North District arenas, to eliminate use of coloured paint on skate rink ice surface. - Distributed over 600 sets of reusable dishes to community centres and operations yards, to encourage staff and program patrons to reuse resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to decrease use of disposable dishes etc. at staff meetings. - Continue to replace paper towels with hand dryers. - Focus on recycling education/ communication through programming and special events at facilities and parks. - Complete "Eco Makeovers at General Manager's office, three Directors' offices, Oriole CRC, Domenico DiLuca CC, Booth Yard and Thompson Yard. - Better secure bulk bins to curtail illegal dumping. - Continue to ensure recycling and waste disposal requirements are in all new concession agreements. - Continue meetings of Green Team that deals with all aspects of waste diversion, esp. communications.
Parks and Open Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Placed additional 1,502 blue recycling baskets in Parks, and continue to twin litter baskets with recycling baskets. - Partnering with TDSB and TCSDB, facilitated approximately 11,000 students for bi-annual park clean-up events at 89 parks. - Conducted Parks Waste Audit to generate detailed information about waste composition in City Parks. - Initiated cellpak recycling program at greenhouses and recycled 4,290kg of cellpak plant trays. - Diverted 30,000 cubic metres of tub ground wood waste from the waste stream. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enforce zero tolerance for illegal dumping. - Research and develop carry-in/carry-out strategy. - Explore partnership opportunities with companies whose waste packaging ends up in litter bins. - Focus on recycling education/ communication as above. - Continue removing litter baskets from high recycling content locations. - Explore ways to recycle large tree root balls. - Continue to improve recycling and illegal dumping signage - Complete twinning of litter baskets with recycling baskets and in-ground bins. - Complete "Eco Makeovers at General Manager's office, three Directors' offices, Oriole CRC, Domenico DiLuca CC, Booth Yard and Thompson Yard. - Expand communication to more diverse ethnic/multi-lingual population. - Place "See them? Use them" posters in high impact areas (to promote use of litter and recycling baskets).