In-Store Packaging Report

City Council December 1, 2, 2008

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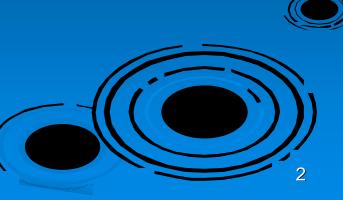




Target 70 Plan

- 2007 overall diversion rate 42%
 - > 59% single unit residential
 - > 14% multi-unit residential
 - > 55% ABCD/Public Space
- 70% target = 250,000 new tonnes of diversion
- Target 70 Plan
 - > Integrated approach
 - > Source reduction
 - > Reuse
 - Recycle and compost
 - > Treat mixed waste prior to landfill





In-Store Working Group Mandate

- Develop plan to source reduce 10,000 tonnes (=1% diversion) of In-Store Packaging
 - "In-Store" Packaging = applied at retailer
 - "Factory" Packaging = packaging applied at central location in advance of retail
- Explore options to source reduce "In-Store Packaging"
 - Voluntary initiatives
 - City policies and procurement practices
 - > Powers to regulate under new City of Toronto Act
- Support residents to minimize waste and their volume-based solid waste rate



Staff Report - Three Areas of Focus:

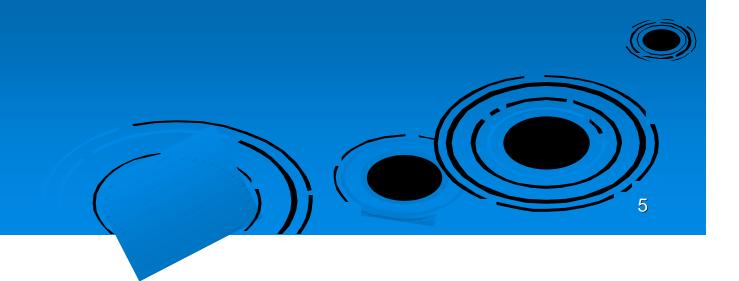
- In Store Packaging
 - —Hot drink cups
 - —Plastic retail carry-out bags
 - —Plastic take-out food containers
- Water Bottles
- Municipal Household Special Waste
 - —Batteries
 - —Light bulbs
 - —Paint cans





Policy Options Considered Under COTA

- Bans
- Financial Tools
- Local Deposit Return
- Leave Behind at Retail





Hot Drink Cups

Reduce/Reuse

By June 1, 2009:

- Retailers must fill reusable mugs when requested
- Must provide a discount of a minimum of 20¢ when customer uses a refillable cup
- Must communicate the availability of the discount
 - Point of purchase
 - Cash receipt (where issued)

Recycle

By December 31, 2009:

Any single use cup package distributed must be compatible with the City of Toronto recycling program

STATUS - Hot Drink Cup recommendations referred to staff for multi-stakeholder review of alternatives. Report to April Public Works & Infrastructure Committee



Retail Plastic Bags

Reduce/Reuse

By June 1, 2009:

- Rétailers in City of Toronto accept use of refillable bag or container Must provide a discount of a minimum of 10¢ use bag not used by customer
- Must communicate the availability of the discount
 - Point of sale
 - Cash receipt

Recycle

By June 1, 2009:

- Any single use bags distributed must be compatible with the City of Toronto recycling program
 - Retail bags to be added to Blue Bin program December 8th
 - Plastic biodegradable or compostable bags are not compatible with City of Toronto recycling program

STATUS - Alternative resolution before Council today-which includes a 70% source reduction target, a 5¢ per bag and an extension of the deadline to be compatible wi recycling programs until June 2010.



Take Out Food Containers

Reduce/Reuse

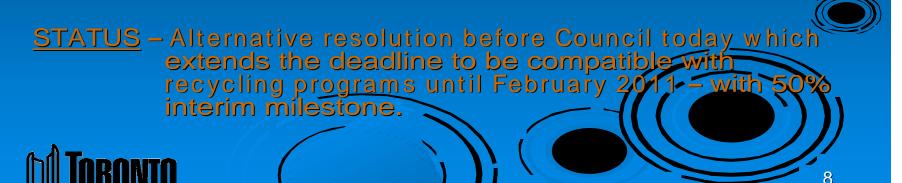
By December 31, 2010:

- Retailers/foodservice stakeholders develop a reusable/refillable take
- out food container which will provide customers with reusable choice Staff Report to Council on progress with the development of a reusable take out food container and recommendations

Recycle

By December 31, 2009:

- Any single use plastic take out food container must be compatible
- with the City of Toronto recycling program
 Paper take out food containers may also be compatible with
 Toronto's recycling or Green Bin program



Plastic Water Bottles

<u>Immediately</u>

- Ban the sale or distribution of bottled water at City of Toronto Civic Centres
 - With due regard to existing contracts

By December 31, 2011:

- Develop and implement a plan that bans the sale of bottled water at all remaining City facilities and also improves accessibility to tap water
 - With due regard to existing contracts
 - With due regard to unique public health and safety issues



Batteries, Paint Cans, Light Bulbs

- In light of the Minister of the Environment's announced plan to fund 100% of cost of Municipal Household Special Waste through Waste Diversion Ontario
 - The City of Toronto reinvest the savings that accrue in enhanced recovery programs for MHSW
 - Collection at apartments
 - Increased Toxic Taxi service





Packaging Reduction Working Group

- In-Store Packaging Working Group be reconstituted as the Packaging Reduction Working Group with two primary roles:
 - Explore options to reduce factory packaging and report on options
 - Specifically explore 'leave behind at retail' options and report to Council
- Staff may also identify additional In-Store packaging items (e.g. cold drink cups, produce bags for consideration)



New Recycling Materials

Effective Week of December 8, 2008

Blue Bin recycling expanded to include:

- Plastic retail carry-out bags
- Foam polystyrene packaging
 - Protective packaging
 - Food packaging



