

# In-Store Packaging Report

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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:

- Retailers 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 8<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 fee and an extension of the deadline to be compatible with 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

STATUS – Alternative resolution before Council today which extends the deadline to be compatible with recycling programs until February 2011 – with 50% interim milestone.



# Plastic Water Bottles

## Immediately

- 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

STATUS – PWI recommendation before Council today.

# 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

STATUS – PWI recommendation before Council today.

# 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