

Waste Diversion Task Force 2010
Compilation of Suggestions from Previous Events – February to April 2001

| EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION | |
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| Work with Board of Education to get environment, recycling, composting on the school curriculum | |
| Targeted education – focus on those who are not recycling, teach how to separate, compost, reduce and reuse. Collection staff identify who is not participating and a staff person or volunteer returns to the residence for a visit. | |
| Phone line where people can call to get a volunteer to help with waste management matters | |
| Get community centres to educate their groups on waste management | |
| Use boy scouts and other groups to promote waste management | |
| Promote charitable organization who collect used items through City publications/resources | |
| School projects for children: clean ups, recycling promotion. | |
| Adopt an Environmental Community Block. Low cost, city can organise it and citizens run it. Information on waste management already exists. All we need are visible signs to place on door of participants. | |
| More media advertisements, more promotion of waste reduction programs | |
| Advertize by radio, more effective than other mediums | |
| Use ethnic press | |
| Educate people to think of the waste management concept as an investment, not an expense | |
| Create appropriate campaigns that target apartment recycling | |
| Get sport/concert/events to advertise recycling on jumbo screens | |
| Weekly show on TVO relating to waste reduction | |
| Focus on neighbourhoods, not on all of Toronto | |
| Encourage stores to charge for plastic bags | |
| Encourage supermarkets to go back to kraft bags | |
| Teach new immigrants about recycling at social insurance office | |
| Public recognition program to identify manufactures who provide products and packaging that are recyclable | |
| Have a promotional campaign, use someone well known, like David Suzuki | |
| Have more environment days – great way to educate | |
| Have more permanent locations that are set up like environment days | |
| Creation of a City-run web site that provides extensive recycling information | |
| Have boxes and information material at neighbourhood festivals and distribute “We Recycle” Card | |
| Teach people how to recycle properly | |
| Collectors should leave educational sticker on material that is non-recyclable | |
| “Garbage hint of the month” or “Waste Reduction Hint of the Month” – Advertise at check out lines, buses, anywhere people have to wait for a long time. | |

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| Get ratepayer newsletters to help encourage waste diversion | |
| Inform people and show them what is created out of recyclable materials – lumber, shirts etc | |
| Challenge colleges and universities to create solutions – Design competitions | |
| Think about future generations | |
| Target multi-family dwellings | |
| Encourage consumers to choose products that can be recycled | |
| RECYCLING | |
| Expand blue box program and find new markets | |
| Make larger blue boxes | |
| Recycle wood | |
| Fully amalgamate inter-district recycling policies (collect same types of metals through out) | |
| The City should manage TDSB and TCDSB recycling programs | |
| Encourage more recycling | |
| Recycling by law for everyone, single family dwellings, multi-family dwelling – apt buildings and condos, businesses, Churches, office towers. | |
| Permit for film production companies must stipulate the use of recycling bins at filming locations | |
| Separate chutes for buildings for garbage, recycling and organics | |
| Source separation for construction sites | |
| Incentive for people to reduce waste – year round contests with prizes (tickets to events) for best waste separator on street/neighborhood. | |
| User-pay (buy tags or stickers for bags) with monitoring and enforcement (steep fines) | |
| Have environmental inspectors give a pass or fail and fines (similar to when people don't shovel snow, or like health inspectors) | |
| Use large “bell” shape depots for recycling (or recessed bell depots) | |
| Collect clothing for recycling | |
| Have recycling containers beside each garbage container (legislate this). | |
| TTC need recycling bins | |
| More OMG bins | |
| Need to find more markets for products that are not recyclable in our blue box | |
| Reject garbage collection if people not recycling | |
| Deliver recycling boxes to residents | |
| REUSE | |
| Set up swap shops | |
| More building reuse centres – enforce their use | |
| Twice per year people should be allowed to put out materials that they no longer want. Others should be allowed to rummage though and take what they please. | |
| Transfer usable goods to needy people in other places | |
| Encourage garage sales | |
| Encourage use of reusable bags | |
| Use crushed glass for roads and sidewalks | |
| Implement a program requiring companies to ship unwanted office supplies to schools | |

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| Encourage people to place signs on items that are usable “please take” | |
| REDUCE | |
| Stop free publications | |
| Encourage use of web sites | |
| Offer free internet access. Reduces paper. | |
| Encourage offices to reuse paper and to print less. | |
| COLLECTION | |
| Implement Three stream system | |
| Implement wet/dry system | |
| Make HHW depots more convenient | |
| Collect recyclables once-per-week, garbage no more than 1 once-per-week | |
| Annual/biannual collection of hazardous materials and metals | |
| Use clear bags for waste collection –can see what is in them | |
| Have neighbours place their waste in the same location – this reduces collection costs | |
| Only collect leaf and yard waste in April, May, June and November, January | |
| More frequent collection if apartment don’t have the capacity to collect and store recyclables | |
| Reduce bag limit | |
| IC&I should have its own separate collection, not with residential waste | |
| Install a user-pay system for all garbage- buying tags, stickers for each bag | |
| ORGANICS | |
| Teach people to compost properly | |
| Have small scale composters across the city | |
| block/neighbourhood composting sites | |
| Each building or condo should have its own composters, small waste digester, and compost should be used on the property for plantings. | |
| Schools and parks should compost | |
| Legislate use of garborators | |
| Build centralised composting facilities | |
| Provide free organics collection | |
| Ask stores to display Kraft Bag with a copy of the city’s bylaw | |
| Distribute one complimentary kraft yard waste bag per household – use volunteers for distribution | |
| Get Mayor to convince CEO of Kraft-Bag manufacturer to give out free bags to pensioners | |
| Encourage use of mulching blades on grass | |
| TECHNOLOGIES | |
| Visit and research other countries and municipalities | |
| Incineration is effective, can produce electricity, heat, steam | |
| Investigate the use of EFW technologies | |
| Incinerate what can not be recycled or composted | |
| LANDFILL | |
| Landfilling is outdated, stop it. | |
| Landfill in one of Ontario’s many water tight lakes | |
| MANUFACTURES | |
| Extended Producer Responsibility – minimally packaged products, made of recyclable parts, durable. Cradle to grave responsibilities | |

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| Companies producing excessive packaging should help pay for processing facilities | |
| Manufacturer should provide instructions on how to dispose or recycle items they sell | |
| Pressure industry to use recycled materials, produce recyclable and environmentally friendly products | |
| Vendor Take Back programs- stores take back and manage /recycle the products they sell – batteries, paint | |
| TAXES | |
| Most would like to see a line in there taxes that reflects the cost of waste management | |
| Create a solid waste management bill to accompany water bill | |
| The levying of a “package tax” | |
| Use a pie chart to identify portion that goes to garbage, schools, etc | |
| Many would pay more taxes if it were contributing to responsible waste management strategies | |
| People need to see the connection between taxes and garbage | |
| Send cat owners incentives/coupons with their tax bills to use new kitty litter – Silicagel Litter – (4lbs last one month = 36 lbs less landfill waste per cat). Get the company to advertise and pay for the mailout of tax bills. | |
| Tax incentives for those who recycle diapers | |
| POVINCIAL & FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS | |
| Other levels of government must play a larger roll in regulation | |
| Implement deposit return | |
| Regulations to ensure construction waste is sorted | |
| City should collaborate with provincial and federal government to take on the issue of packaging | |
| Charge a surtax on disposable items | |
| Legislate that fast food and food courts must use recyclable items and must have appropriate recycling facilities | |