

Task Force 2010 Update Report - May 2003

Task Force #	Policy / Practice	Description	Toronto Status	Program	Update
1	Bi-weekly Recyclables Collection and Weekly SSO Collection	Design and structure a schedule for bi-weekly recycling, organics and residuals collection.	Completed	BB/GB/SSO (http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/index.htm and http://www.toronto.ca/greenbin/index.htm)	Recyclable material is currently picked up on a bi-weekly basis. SSO will be implemented across the city by 2005.
2	SSO Education Program	Design and structure a source separated organics education and communication program beginning in Fall 2001.	In progress	SSO (http://www.toronto.ca/greenbin/index.htm)	An extensive education program for Green Bin rollout is being carried out.
3	SSO Marketplace	Engage the marketplace to provide the required treatment capacity in 2002 to manage the City's source separated organics prior to the commissioning of the City's new Dufferin Transfer Station anaerobic digestion facility.	Completed	SSO (http://www.toronto.ca/greenbin/index.htm)	The Dufferin AD plant and the City of Guelph are processing approximately 25,000 tpy of organic waste from the Yellow Bag organics and the Etobicoke Green Bin. Interim (2-5 year) SSO processing RFP issued January 14, 2003. Award recommendations to Works Committee March 26, 2003.
4	Modular expansion of Dufferin	That the Dufferin Transfer Station be expanded in phases through the addition of modular components, at a capital cost of \$25 million or less (depending on the volume of organics collected) to process residential source separated organics. The Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services is requested to undertake the required engineering design and report back to Council in Fall 2001.	In progress	SSO (http://www.toronto.ca/greenbin/index.htm)	A Request to issue an RFP for long term SSO processing will be before the March 26, 2003 Works Committee which will provide options to expand Dufferin or provide green field solutions.
5	No aerobic composting except for leaf and yard	That the City terminate its consideration of proposed aerobic composting facilities other than for yard residuals.	Completed	L&Y, SSO (http://www.toronto.ca/compost/yardwaste.htm and http://www.toronto.ca/greenbin/index.htm)	Recommendation carried forward.
6	Truck subsidy	\$2.4 million put aside by Council for additional trucks be used to offset some of the costs of the necessary trucks for programs.	Completed	SSO (http://www.toronto.ca/greenbin/index.htm)	Money rolled into the funding for the new SSO trucks to be purchased for the program.
7	SSO funding	That funding for the required kitchen residuals collection containers be attained through a benefiting assessment.	Not pursued	SSO (http://www.toronto.ca/greenbin/index.htm)	It was determined that adding a one-time bill to the municipal tax assessment would pose greater administrative complexities than desired. Bins were purchased through capital program. See Staff Report Implementation Plan for a Three-Stream system and other Recommendations of the Waste Diversion Task Force 2010, August 29, 2001.

8	WDO funding	That Waste Diversion Ontario be requested to actively consider the introduction of a supporting financial program for municipal-based collection, processing, and marketing of source separated organics.	Legislation passed June 2002	WDO (http://www.wdo.ca)	Ministry of the Environment can designate organic material under WDO regulation.
9	SSO multi-residential	Report back in Fall 2001 on a source separated system for multi-residential buildings to begin in 2003.	Pilot Stage	MF (http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/aptsgreen.htm)	In 2002, an audit of apartment diversion programs revealed that 1500 of the 5100 buildings did not have basic recycling. It was determined that basic recycling had to be put in place before adding SSO. The Apartment Recycling Blitz was completed January 2003. Three pilot multi-family SSO programs were initiated in 2002. Two molek systems and one tri-sorter. The tri-sorter is now only collecting recyclables and not organics. Two more apartments may pilot the cart-based system for organics collection this spring/summer 2003. See Staff Report Implementation Plan for a Three-Stream system and other Recommendations of the Waste Diversion Task Force 2010, August 29, 2001.
10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	Take it Back	Establish program whereby stores sign on to take back household waste products and either recycle or properly dispose of these.	On Hold	Take it Back	Funding has not been available to support this program.
16	Energy Facility	That City staff report to the Works Committee in Fall 2001 on a lease of land, possibly on the Gulf Oil site or another site on the Port Lands, to Enwave/Toronto Hydro for a potential energy facility.	Report Issued	N&ETP&P (http://www.toronto.ca/wes/techservices/involved/swm/net/index.htm)	Staff Report issued. Not being pursued at this time.
17	Research New & Emerging Technologies	Staff be directed to enter into partnership with other GTA regions for the purpose of exploring new and emerging technologies. Councilor Balkissoon should be the lead for Council on this initiative.	Underway	N&ETP&P (http://www.toronto.ca/wes/techservices/involved/swm/net/index.htm)	Balkissoon led the formation of the N&ET Working Group. Citizen & Expert Advisory Group has been formed. Council approval to go for an REOI in May 2003 for new & emerging technologies. Discussions underway to co-ordinate/shape N&ET information and partnerships with GTA municipalities.
18	Reporting	That staff be requested to come forward to the Works Committee twice a year with a report on the status of each of the three processes identified or any other diversion solutions.	Completed	Staff Reports	Reporting on the Task Force initiatives is every 3 months to the Works committee. Annual report reinstated for 2003.
19	Implement bag-based recycling	Implement bag-based recycling program to increase the diversion rates. This would allow people to put recyclables into bags when their blue and grey boxes overflow.	Stage 1 Complete Stage 2 underway	BB/GB (http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/index.htm#blue_grey)	Two new single stream Material Recovery Facilities will be implemented. Phase 1 metro waste Scarborough plant under construction. Bag price in hand. Phase 2 RFP to be issued Spring 2003. Once the cost associated with Blue Bags for the two facilities is determined, a final decision will

					be made on bag-based recycling.
20	Garage sales (City-Wide)	City staff design and structure two city-wide garage sales or giveaways at the Exhibition or Downsview sites, whereby all residents of the City of Toronto would be invited to participate.	Under consideration	Reuse (http://www.toronto.ca/beyondblue/index.htm)	It was determined that City-wide garage sales would be too costly to implement and it was uncertain how successful they would be. See Staff Report Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 Initiatives, October 25, 2001. A further report on Reuse Centres, considered at March 26, 2003 Works Committee, recommending the City work with existing re-use centres was approved.
21	Amnesty Days	Residents can set out unwanted articles twice per year where others could pick up the material.	On Hold	Reuse (http://www.toronto.ca/beyondblue/index.htm)	Two "Amnesty Days" or weekends were initially proposed however, it was noted that such initiatives would increase our Collections budget and would have a negative impact on charities such as Goodwill and Salvation Army. See Staff Report Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 Initiatives, October 25, 2001 And "2002 Environment Days"
22	Scrap metal curbside collection	Design and structure a cost-neutral curbside collection method for scrap metal.	Pilot Stage	Recycle	A pilot involving the collection of scrap metal such as pots and pans, nails, metal light fixtures, nuts and bolts, coat hangers and copper pipes from 4000 households was conducted in June 2002. A further pilot involving 8000 households will be implemented in 2003. See Staff Report Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 Initiatives, October 25, 2001. See Staff Report: Update of Task Force 2010 Recommendations, December 17, 2002
23	Styrofoam to the blue box	Review the possibility of an increase of styrofoam recycling and the possibility of adding it to the Blue Box.	On Hold	Recycle	There is currently no market for collecting this material in the Blue/Grey box program. See Staff Report Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 Initiatives, October 25, 2001 and Staff Report to March 26, 2003 Works Committee.
24	Wood bins at transfer stations	Install woodbins at transfer stations to allow for the public to deposit used wood.	Pilot Stage	Recycle	Pilot run at Bermondsey, Scarborough and Commissioners Street Transfer stations. See Staff Report Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 Initiatives, October 25, 2001
25	Transfer stations lists	Establish a list of item's that can be collected at transfer stations and make available to the public.	Completed	Recycle (http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/pdf/bluegreyvw.pdf)	See section 2 in the Advisory Group background information or see web site at www.city.toronto.on.ca/involved and follow New & Emerging links. See Staff Report Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 Initiatives, October 25, 2001
26	Reporting	Report back on scrap metal, styrofoam, woodbins and list of items accepted at depots.	Completed	Recycle	See Staff Report Waste Diversion Task Force 2010 Initiatives, October 25, 2001

27	Subsidize backyard composting.	Support and subsidize the backyard composting program since it allows residents to manage their own kitchen residuals on-site and significantly reduce the waste they place at the curbside.	Completed	Composting (http://www.toronto.ca/compost/outlets.htm)	Composters are available to residents at below cost.
28	Compost Displays	That City staff report in September on: a) A phone campaign by volunteer Waste Watchers to contact everyone who has a backyard composter and offer tips, as well as asking about their interest in vermi-composting (composting with worms). b) Putting a compost display at Nathan Phillips Square to manage organic kitchen residuals generated at City Hall's Café on the Square. c) Putting one compost display in each Ward or community garden. d) Any other possible opportunities identified in the community meetings, as contained in Appendix L.	Investigated	Composting	a) It was determined that a more effective means would be a mail-out to residents with a number they could call to receive information. b) Organics from Cafe on the Square are now being collected and sent to Dufferin. c) Vandalism is a problem with demonstration sites; however, they may still be implemented in the future. See Staff Report Implementation Plan for a Three-Stream system and other Recommendations of the Waste Diversion Task Force 2010, August 29, 2001.
29	Kraft bags or open containers (L&Y)	Require that leaf and yard waste only be picked up in Kraft bags or open containers to avoid plastic contamination of the compost product.	Completed	L&Y (http://www.toronto.ca/compost/yardwaste.htm)	Leaf and yard waste will only be picked up if left in open containers or Kraft paper bags. See Staff Report Implementation Plan for a Three-Stream system and other Recommendations of the Waste Diversion Task Force 2010, August 29, 2001.
30, 31	Bag Limits	That bag limits for residual garbage be lowered to five bags every two weeks in 2002 and four bags every two weeks in 2003 and that the issue of bag limits be reviewed by the Works Committee in January 2003 to see if there should be further reductions.	In progress	Bag Limits (http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/throw.htm)	The 6-bag limit has been introduced across Toronto with an exemption program. Bag limits/User Fees will be addressed in the March 26, 2003 Works Committee report. Council asked staff to report back for the 2005 budget cycle. Consultation with institutions, charities and religious organizations will take place in 2004 on PAYT.
32	Provincial waste diversion organization	Encourage the province to establish a waste diversion organization to legislate waste diversion programs.	Completed	WDO (http://www.wdo.ca)	Waste Diversion Ontario has been established. See http://www.wdo.on.ca/wdoback.html .
33	Deposit Return	Failing the establishment of the WDO, that the City encourage the Province to follow the principles of the first 2 R's - reduce and re-use - and mandate a deposit-return system for beverage containers; and that the City Council reaffirm its position that this system include the immediate implementation of a deposit-return for the Liquor Control Board of Ontario.	Completed	WDO (http://www.wdo.ca)	WDO has been established. The Blue Box Plan was approved by the WDO Board to Minister Feb 28, 2003.
34	Packaging Legislation	Establish tax on unnecessary packaging of products. Create incentives for producers to use biodegradable packaging.	Toronto Action Complete	Packaging	Recommendation forwarded to provincial government.
35	Quality guidelines for compost	Call on the Province to adopt the quality guidelines for compost set by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, and move to the Federal standard.	Toronto Action Complete	Composting	Recommendation forwarded to provincial government.

36	Federal funds for recycling and composting.	Call on the Federal government to bring in an infrastructure program specifically designed to provide municipalities with funds to build recycling and composting plants.	Toronto Action Complete	Recycling & Composting	Recommendation forwarded to federal government.
37	Advertising revenues	Actively pursue advertising revenues linked to Environment Days and corporate sponsorship of recycling programs.	Completed	Recycling	It was decided not to pursue advertising revenues for Environment Days. However, some or all of the costs associated with the design, production and distribution of the 2003/2004 collection calendars will be offset by advertising revenue. See 2003-2004 Waste Collection Calendars.
38	Commercial recovery	Implement a full cost recovery program by January 1, 2002 for the commercial sector solid resources collected by the City, with an incentive for recycling various materials.	Completed	Yellow Bag (http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/index.htm#yellow)	The yellow bag program was implemented in September 2002. See Staff Report: Update of Task Force 2010 Recommendations, December 17, 2002
39	Education Programs	Create an educational/promotional campaign to encourage the widespread adoption of the city's diversion strategies.	Underway	All programs (http://www.toronto.ca/garbage)	Education programs and public outreach are part of all programs as they are implemented.
40	Litter Audits	Perform resource audits on litter collected, and pursue main offenders, particularly the fast-food industry, to provide support for a clean city, including the adoption of litter bins throughout the City.	Completed	Litter Audits (http://www.newswire.ca/releases/May2003/01/c6682.html)	See Results of Litter Audit and Formation of Clean Streets Working Group (City Council on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, adopted this Clause, without amendment.) See Staff Report: Update of Task Force 2010 Recommendations, December 17, 2002
41	Waste Audits (Community based)	Analyze resource disposal practices on a community-by-community basis to identify the best communities, and develop an education program with the local Councilor's help to encourage the remaining communities to improve their performance.	In progress	Waste Audit	Etobicoke residual audit carried out in May 2003. Results expected in June 2003.
42	Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Departments	Implement recycling and SSO programs at all agencies, boards, commissions and departments and schools to encourage recycling and set an example.	Underway	ABC&D's (http://www.toronto.ca/wes/techservices/involved/swm/net/pdf/2_2_2%20ABCD_august02.pdf)	Recycling programs are now in place, SSO pilots are underway at 20 ABC&D buildings. Based on the pilot results, the City will estimate the full cost of SSO implementation. User fees for ABC&D's were implemented January, 2002 to drive recycling.
43	Environmental Control Bill	That the City explore a number of options for billing residents for resource management, such as: creating an "environmental control bill" or "green bill" jointly with Toronto Hydro and Toronto Water; sending out in the same envelope as the property tax bill a separate tax bill dealing with garbage only; asking the Province to allow Council to make note of the garbage portion of the tax bill; or, continuing to make notes on the tax bill envelopes.	On Hold	Billing	This was not pursued.

44, 45	PAYT (user fees)	Consideration of residential user fees.	In progress	PAYT (http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/throw.htm)	Public consultation events regarding the potential introduction of a Pay-As-You-Throw ("PAYT") policy for residential waste took place in October and November 2002 at Civic Centres across the City. SWMS staff are currently drafting a Works Committee report (for March 26, 2003) with input from the CAO's Office, and the Finance and Legal Departments. The report will provide: a summary of the comments and feedback received from the public; varying PAYT scenarios from status quo to full PAYT; and recommendations for next steps. See Staff Report: Update of Task Force 2010 Recommendations, December 17, 2002.
46	SSO Collection Containers	City staff report to Council in Fall 2001 on an appropriate container for an organics collection system for single family homes and a means of funding the containers, in addition to the benefiting assessment as proposed in recommendation #7.	Completed	SSO (http://www.toronto.ca/greenbin/index.htm)	Held competitive RFP for container design/manufacture. Awarded to Norsemen Plastics Containers and now in use.
47	Resource diversion group	Create a Resource Diversion Implementation Working Group, as a sub-committee of the Works Committee. The Working Group will be chaired by the Chair of the Works Committee and will be mandated to: a) work with City staff on implementing resource diversion policies and recommendations that are adopted by Council; b) continue to meet on an ongoing basis with the public, the Environmental NGO's and other stakeholders at least until 2004 to build support and momentum; c) follow up on the implementation of diversion solutions in apartments and condominiums; and, d) shape a more detailed strategy for ensuring that Council's target of 100 percent diversion by 2010 is met.	Underway	Working Groups	Works Committee has assumed primary responsibility for ensuring progress of Task Force 2010. Working Groups have been established for: - N&ETP&P - Clean Streets - Multi-Family - L&Y

Notes:

SSO – Source Separated Organics or "Green Bin Program"
BB – Blue Box
GB – Grey Box
L&Y – Leaf and Yard Waste
NN&ETP&P – New and emerging technologies, Policies & Practices
MF – Multi-family dwelling
SF – Single family dwelling
ABC&Ds – Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Departments
PAYT – Pay as you Throw