



Toronto's Integrated Solid Waste Resource Management Process (TIRM)

Category 1 - Diversion

Stakeholder Information Meeting

Metro Hall, Room 313, May 3, 2000

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Karen Buck	Citizens for a Safe Environment
William Doyle	Citizen
Ann Doyle	Citizen
M. Foster	Citizen/Toronto Board of Education
E. Fox	Citizen
H. Franco	Franco & Associates
Bruce Holbein	SUBBOR
Maiu Lalmn	SUBBOR
S. Lepori	Lepori Consultants
Fred Shilson	CUPE 416
Lawson Oates	Toronto Works and Emergency Services
Nancy Martins	Toronto Works and Emergency Services
Dave Merriman	MacViro

The purpose of this meeting was to provide stakeholders with an update on the Diversion Category of the TIRM Process. The information presented at the meeting included:

- overview of TIRM Process
- summary of Diversion proposals received
- proposal evaluation process
- status of evaluation of Diversion proposals
- status of CUPE Wet/Dry Plan
- system options to be considered
- next steps in the process
- upcoming public input opportunities and events

Overheads of the presentation are attached.

Participants had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. A record of the questions/comments and staff responses follows.

Question/Comment	Response
1. What proof is there that the compost from the respondents is good for agricultural land application?	The burden of proof rests with Respondent. The RFP requires Respondents to market the output. The RFP states payment will only be made after diversion is achieved.
2. What is the incentive for wet/dry system if there is no user pay in place? User pay would maximize diversion.	In our calculations we are assuming that there is no user pay in place and therefore the recovery rates will be lower. "User pay" will be looked at with other financial models in the near future.
3. Shouldn't there be potential in the system that is chosen for user pay to be applied?	There are several barriers to user pay: lack of current political will, language barriers and the multicultural environment of Toronto. Will model with and without user pay. We will take the issue under advisement.
4. How will user pay affect the System Options?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Favours options with mixed waste collection and disposal • Some System Options wouldn't close the door to user pay
5. Could more than one diversion proposals be selected?	Yes.
6. How does CUPE's plan fit into the TIRM Process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council asked that the plan be evaluated • There are two separate issues to be considered: the wet/dry technology that will be used and who will run the system. • The Wet/dry technology is to be scoped down to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - single family residential only - co-collection - process in existing transfer stations if possible
7. Toronto should have a system that is consistent throughout the city. It should be the same in multi-residential and single family dwellings, otherwise the users will be confused.	Technically it may not be possible to achieve the 50% diversion target using the same system for both multi-residential and single family dwellings.

<p>8. Explain the reason behind the scheduling of the disposal decision-making process? Why does the city make the decision now rather than wait for result from SUBBOR's demonstration plant?</p>	<p>The City's need to attain residual disposal capacity is pressing.</p>
<p>9. Is the disposal component driving the schedule for diversion?</p>	<p>Some Councillors would like to see the Diversion RFP results prior to making a final decision on the Disposal Category.</p>
<p>10. Why would the City make a decision on Diversion without results from the Dufferin Mixed Waste Facility?</p>	<p>The feedback received from the public and Respondents indicated an eagerness to move on. Council has committed to a diversion target and a timeline.</p>
<p>11. In our "level playing field" between diversion and disposal, is it leveled to a point that there is a potential for ALL Toronto waste to go to diversion?</p>	<p>The playing field is levelled slightly toward the benefit of diversion (i.e. city offers site)</p>
<p>12. Did SUBBOR qualify as a New and Emerging Technology?</p>	<p>Yes (<i>Response confirmed after the meeting</i>).</p>
<p>13. Will the city be limiting the tonnages available to the Disposal Category in order to achieve 60% diversion? The contract should not specify that Toronto will supply a minimum amount of waste. As I understood, there would be no put-or-pay.</p>	<p>This decision has not been made yet. It will be made by Council soon. We are working to ensure that Council's diversion target can be facilitated.</p>
<p>14. Is it cost effective to use a disposal company that hold us to a minimum tonnage requirement?</p>	<p>This may be the case if flexibility is obtained through short-term contracts.</p>
<p>15. What guarantees that the product coming out of a diversion facility has commercial value and that it is not landfilled?</p>	<p>The RFP is structured in a way that payment for the service will not be made unless diversion is achieved.</p>
<p>16. What will be piloted first at the Dufferin facility – mixed waste or source separated organics?</p>	<p>Plans call for mixed waste to be piloted first but this is under review.</p>
<p>17. When will the facility be up and running?</p>	<p>Plans call for the Dufferin Facility to be up and running in mid to late 2001.</p>

<p>18. Who will be supplying the source separated organics for the Dufferin pilot? If it's going to be the residential sector, a six months pilot may not be accurate since there will be a learning curve.</p>	<p>Toronto will supply the materials from several sectors. <i>(Response confirmed after the meeting).</i></p>
<p>19. The Works Department should know what has to be done to increase diversion and implement what is needed to achieve this.</p>	<p>To increase diversion, the focus must be on organics. Organics are the focus of current implementation efforts.</p>

Participants were thanked for their participation.

All participants will receive a copy of these notes. They will also be posted on our web page (<http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/involved/swm/swmmep.htm>), and mailed to anyone requesting a copy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.