

Attachment 5 - Consultation Lead Up to Bill 151: Waste-Free Ontario Act

In March 2015, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) held a multi-stakeholder forum to discuss the vision, scope and outcomes of a new policy framework for waste management in Ontario.

MOECC then held consultations with stakeholders (municipalities, producers, waste management industry, environmental groups, and waste program oversight bodies) to share and obtain feedback on draft components of a new policy framework. This included an overview of:

- Provincial Interest and Policy Statements
- Governance and Oversight
- Producer Responsibility
- Role of the Ministry
- Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Strategy

Municipal Positioning in Consultation on New Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Framework

City staff worked closely with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RPWCO) and Municipal Waste Association (MWA) to develop a Municipal Discussion Paper (the Paper), which outlines the fundamental needs and interests of municipal governments and Ontario residents. This paper was released in August 2015 and was shared with MOECC staff and Minister's office. The Paper supports the need for action on a waste diversion scheme to address the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sector, appropriate compensation for hazardous and special wastes, expanded producer responsibility for more products and packaging and increased diversion of organic waste.

City of Toronto requirements and considerations for the new legislation that Solid Waste Management Services staff have communicated to MOECC staff during consultations include:

- Minimizing costs to municipal residents to manage products and packaging by shifting the full cost of end-of-life management to industry stewards.
- Equitable access for all residents regardless of where they live in Ontario to ensure convenient access to programs to encourage participation.
- Fair compensation for any municipal assets, investments and contractual obligations that do not form part of the system.
- Clear rules, targets and roles for all key players (municipal governments, producers and service providers) with balanced and accountable governance to enable decision making and dispute resolution.

- Supporting the right of municipalities to exclusively maintain or reclaim Blue Box materials collected from their residents and be fairly compensated for this collection service.
- Fair compensation for any major administrative and management costs resulting from new legislation (i.e. enforcement of bans or levies).

Table below includes the MOECC consultation sessions and meetings that City staff have attended to date regarding proposed Bill 151.

Table 1 – Timeline of Consultation/Meetings regarding the creation of new Waste Management Framework Legislation in Ontario

Date	Consultation/Meetings
March 3, 5 and 6, 2015	First round of the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) multi-stakeholder forums held with 31 stakeholder groups and 40+ participants.
April 21-28, 2015	Sector-based consultations held with 55 stakeholder groups and 60+ participants.
May 5 and 6, 2015	Second round of the ADM multi-stakeholder forums held with approximately 50+ stakeholder groups and approximately 60+ participants.
August 20, 2015	Individual meeting with City of Toronto and MOECC Policy staff.
September/October 2015	MOECC held technical briefing sessions on comments heard at preliminary consultation sessions held in spring 2015.
November 26, 2015	Province releases proposed Bill 151 and posted on Environmental Registry for public review and comments.
January 5, 2016	City Divisions provided opportunity to comment.
January 12-26, 2016	MOECC Consultation(s) with all stakeholders.
January 20, 2016	Municipal Forum organized by AMO on proposed Bill 151: Waste-Free Ontario Act.
February 29, 2016	95-day Environmental Registry comment period for proposed Bill 151: Waste-Free Ontario Act closes.