

### **Summary of Circular Economy Procurement Stakeholder Engagement**

The City of Toronto, with support from the Recycling Council of Ontario, recruited Dr. Mervyn Jones, an independent sustainable procurement specialist, to facilitate Workshops on March 22, 2018 and March 23, 2018.

Dr. Jones' work has supported cities around the world in establishing circular economy business models, including initiatives in United Kingdom, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Latvia, Israel, Jordan, and Tunisia.

#### **Day 1: Public Procurement Stakeholder Workshop – March 22, 2018**

Workshop participants included Recycling Council of Ontario and Solid Waste Management Services staff in addition to City staff from the following Divisions:

- Purchasing and Materials Management;
- Economic Development and Culture;
- Environment and Energy;
- Facilities Management;
- Parks, Forestry and Recreation;
- Transportation Services; and,
- Toronto Water.

#### **Outcomes**

Identified barriers to advancing the Circular Economy through procurement included:

- Financial risk;
- Information gaps; and,
- Time gaps.

Opportunities/next steps to advance circular economy through procurement include:

- Understanding current buying behaviour;
- Finding the right time in the procurement cycle;
- Taking on a pilot that suits level of risk;

- Spreading the circular knowledge and continuing to build capacity; and,
- Documenting, measuring and sharing your journey.

## Day 2: Public Procurement Stakeholder Workshop – March 23, 2018

Workshop participants included Recycling Council of Ontario and Solid Waste Management Services staff in addition to participants from a range of organizations with an interest in public procurement. Participating organizations are listed in the Table 1 below.

Table 1: Participating Organizations

Municipalities	Business and other Not-for-Profit Organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durham Region</li> <li>• Peel Region</li> <li>• Halton</li> <li>• City of Mississauga</li> <li>• York Region</li> <li>• Brampton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bell Media</li> <li>• Coolearth Architecture</li> <li>• Ernst &amp; Young</li> <li>• Metrolinx</li> <li>• Toronto Community Housing Corporation</li> <li>• Toronto and Region Conservation Authority</li> <li>• Waste Reduction Group</li> <li>• Toronto Zoo</li> <li>• Waterfront Toronto</li> <li>• Toronto Transit Commission</li> </ul>

## Outcomes

Workshop participants identified the areas where circular procurement can be easily integrated with relatively low risk and high gains within their organizations:

- Coffee cups/pods;
- Road repair;
- Building retrofits (lighting);
- Electronics and IT;
- Vehicles – building/site development; and,
- Construction paper.

Participants identified the following external stakeholders to engage regarding a circular procurement strategy:

- Manufacturers;

- Consultants;
- Suppliers;
- Neighbouring municipalities; and,
- Small- to medium-sized enterprises.

Opportunities and next steps to advance circular economy through procurement include:

- Develop additional learning and capacity-building tools and opportunities;
- Develop communities of practice; and,
- Identification and mapping of sectors and organizations incorporating circularity.