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Circular Economy Procurement Framework Training, Capacity-Building, and Stakeholder Engagement Activities

Since the adoption of the City of Toronto CE Framework in June 2018, City of Toronto staff have played a lead role in the following training and capacity-building initiatives and stakeholder engagements:

June 2018: City of Toronto staff hosted a circular economy workshop attended by 43 representatives from local agencies, neighbouring municipalities, and small-medium businesses. The purpose of the workshop was to convene supporters of local circular economy initiatives from some of Toronto's key economic sectors, share information on the City's circular ambitions, and take initial steps towards identifying local circular economy priorities. Staff used comments and feedback received from workshop participants to inform the intake process for the publicly-appointed City of Toronto Circular Economy Working Group, initiated in January 2019.

August - October 2018: City of Toronto staff delivered three webinars outlining the key milestones in the City of Toronto's circular procurement journey in response to invitations from the National Zero Waste Council (85 participants), the Municipal Collaboration for Sustainable Procurement (26 participants), and the PAC Packaging Consortium. Benefits of these webinar engagements include an articulation of lessons learned from the City's CE Framework development process, enhanced public awareness of the City's circular economy ambitions, and national, regional, and international knowledge-sharing across circular economy implementation projects.

November-January 2019: The City of Toronto commenced and concluded a public appointment process for the City of Toronto's Circular Economy Working Group (CEWG). The CEWG is a public committee comprised of 46 expert members representing local Toronto businesses and community groups from the following sectors: Academia and Research, Communications and Media, Design, Environment, Hospitality, Food and Beverage, Manufacturing, Property Management, Recycling, Small Business, Share/Swap/Repair, Technology, and Waste Management. CEWG members have a mandate to provide expertise-based input into the City of Toronto's circular economy planning and research when requested, as well as to promote circular practices and opportunities within their respective sectors and organizations.

January 2019: In acknowledgement of its notable contributions to the circular economy, the City of Toronto received Runner Up recognition in the Public Sector Category at The Circulares. The Circulares, an initiative of the World Economic Forum and the Forum of Young Global Leaders, run in collaboration with Accenture Strategy, is the world's premier circular economy award program. The recognition was announced at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Additionally, since the adoption of the City of Toronto CE Framework in June 2018, City of Toronto staff have collaborated with key partners to implement the following training and capacity-building initiatives and stakeholder engagements:

October 2018-2019: In response to invitations by international, national, and regional entities, City of Toronto staff contributed circular procurement content for the publication of municipality-led case studies [specifically, the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Network case studies, the Ellen MacArthur Foundation Circular Cities Case Studies, and United Nations United for Smart and Sustainable Cities U4SSC Initiative (in press)]. These case studies demonstrate the potential of circular procurement as an important policy lever.¹

April 2019: The City of Toronto partnered with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation to design and facilitate a collaborative working session on circular procurement and vendor engagement. The session took place at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's Acceleration Workshop attended by the foundation's CE 100 membership network. Ideas generated during the working session assisted Solid Waste Management Services and the Purchasing and Materials Management Division staff to begin to take first steps in developing a publicly-available circular procurement educational resource targeted to future vendors working with governments.

June 2019: The City of Toronto was a sponsor and planning partner for the 2019 Circular Procurement Summit organized by the Recycling Council of Ontario, which convened procurement specialists, vendors and suppliers, and various orders of government in Canada and internationally to share knowledge and resources and support leveraging purchasing power to make markets more circular. In addition to presenting an overview of the City's ongoing work to implement circular procurement, staff organized a side meeting designed for cross-divisional Working Group members to discuss opportunities and constraints related to CE Framework implementation directly with experts from the Netherlands and United Kingdom. Attendees from City divisions included: Solid Waste Management Services, Purchasing and Materials Management Division, Environment and Energy Division, Parks, Forestry, and Recreation, and Facilities Management.

June 2019: The City of Toronto co-convened the first ever Great Lakes Circular Economy Forum (GLCEF), an initiative to create a shared vision for the circular economy in the Great Lakes Region, along with the United Nations Environment Programme and the Council of the Great Lakes Region. Over a day and a half, the Forum brought together 120 participants, including major cities and key companies and industries, to consider the potential of the Great Lakes region to lead the shift towards circular economy in North America. A key outcome of the GLCEF was a commitment to establishing a member-driven, Great Lakes

¹ Publications available online at: https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/assets/downloads/Toronto_-_Case-Study_Mar19.pdf; <https://www.c40.org/researches/municipality-led-circular-economy>

Circular Economy Dialogue and Collaborative to advance circularity across the region.²

The range of capacity-building and stakeholder engagements to date support Staff in obtaining feedback from market and industry representatives, as well as documenting promising practices to inform current and planned circular procurement work. Staff will continue to demonstrate the City of Toronto's leadership and action in circular procurement through convening procurement stakeholders and entering into key strategic partnerships.

² [Great Lakes Region Circular Economy Forum Summary Document](#)