

City of Toronto  
Climate Advisory Group (CAG)  
Meeting #7: March 20, 2024  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm



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## Agenda Item

### 1. Presentation from Solid Waste Management Services

**Description:** Solid Waste Management Services Presentation from Atif Durani, Manager of Stakeholder and Community Outreach and Project Director of Business Transformation Policy, Planning and Outreach for Solid Waste Management Services

### Discussion/Notes

- Atif Durani presented an overview of the City's efforts to address food waste and enhance resource recovery in alignment with the [Ontario Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement](#).
- The City integrated the [Ontario Food Recovery Hierarchy](#) into its [Long Term Waste Management Strategy](#).
- The City's responsibilities include meeting waste reduction targets, promoting education on food waste reduction, and working with multi-residential and commercial sectors to ensure resource recovery. Specific initiatives include promoting composting, educational campaigns, and infrastructure development to support food waste reduction. The City also runs various programs and events to engage residents in waste reduction and resource recovery efforts.
- Toronto's primary waste is food waste, emitting methane and is very heavy to transport.
- The City has a target of 70% waste reduction and resource recovery by 2023. Single-family dwellings are expected to divert food waste from landfills.
  - Audits conducted in 2020 revealed a 78% resource recovery rate for single-family homes.

- Multi-unit residential buildings and IC&I facilities have specific targets for resource recovery and are responsible for achieving them.
  - The City supports compliance with these targets through outreach and advocacy.

## Outcomes/Next Steps

- The CAG will receive an update on the Dufferin and Disco Road and Greenland landfill in writing.
  - Should there be a future review of the Ontario Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement, the CAG would like to participate in the discussion.
  - The CAG will be assigned a City of Toronto staff member to work with the Waste working group.
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### 2. Presentation from the City of Toronto's Environment & Climate Division

**Description:** Presentation of the [Net Zero Annual Report](#) and [Climate Change Readiness](#) report from Stephanie Gower, Program Manager, Environment & Climate; Lindsay McCallum, Program Manager, Environment & Climate; and Charlie Hatt, Program Manager, Environment & Climate

## Discussion/Notes

- City of Toronto staff provided an overview of the *Net Zero Annual Report* which emphasizes the actions required to achieve net zero emissions by 2040 and the *Toronto's Climate Change Readiness* report which outlines progress made on the City's TransformTO Net Zero implementation and to seek approval on a new approach for climate resilience.

- Highlights from *Net Zero Annual Report*:
  - Past efforts on resilience, including hiring of a Chief Resilience Officer in 2017-2019 and the release of a Resilience Strategy.
  - Present efforts to prioritize adaptation and resilience, leveraging past work for a cohesive approach.
  - A Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment to identify key risks and prioritize action, emphasizing the urgency of climate change.
  - The report underscores the importance of cross-corporate leadership, resource allocation for Indigenous perspectives, and enhanced coordination for city-wide climate resilience efforts.
  
- Highlights from *Climate Change Readiness Report*
  - Emphasize the critical steps in the Net Zero Strategy, which includes establishing a carbon budget, reducing emissions from fossil gases, improving access to low-carbon transportation, and transitioning to renewable energy sources.
  - Toronto is reducing emissions in buildings through initiatives like the Toronto Green Standard and forthcoming Emission Performance Standards, and integrating electric vehicles (EVs) and electric buses to the transportation fleet.
  - It communicates a need for support and investment from the City, other levels of government, residents, and businesses to meet the Net Zero emissions goal by 2040.

## **Outcomes/Next Steps**

- In May, 2024 the CAG will participate in a half-day workshop to provide feedback on the Climate Change Readiness and Net Zero reports.
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### **CAG Working Groups & Membership Survey**

**Description:** Updates from Working Group and identifying next steps and presentation of feedback from the CAG membership survey.

## Discussion/Notes

### **Buildings and Energy Transitions Group:**

- The Buildings and Energy Transitions group convened in November 2023 and will reconvene in April 2024. They are reviewing engagement for the forthcoming Emission Performance Standards.

### **Engagement Communications and Community Benefits Group:**

- The group held its second meeting in November 2023 and they will review the Emissions Performance Standards community engagement campaign.

### **Waste Diversion Group:**

- The Waste Diversion working group has met twice and requires clarity on their role with City of Toronto staff.

### **Working with Other Levels of Government Group:**

- The working group leads met with the City staff assigned to this group.

### **Climate Resilience Group:**

- This group will hold its first meeting in December 2023.

### **Transportation Group:**

- They are reaching out to possible members.

## Membership survey

- 23 completed (92%)
- Would like to reconsider how meetings are run; currently not enough time, not clear how feedback is used
- Will review Terms of Reference in June

## Outcomes/Next Steps

- CAG members are interested in improving communication among working groups through information and knowledge sharing.
  - The City of Toronto will connect the Climate Resilience Working Group with the Resilience team in E&C's Policy and Research team
  - The City of Toronto will connect the Waste Working Group with an appropriate member from Solid Waste Management Services
  - CAG meetings will be reconsidered based on the Waterfront Toronto runs Design Review Panel method
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### 4. FIFA 2026 World Cup Environmental Plan

**Description:** FIFA 2026 World Cup Environmental Plan presentation from Michael Brewer, and Jonathan Coretti, and Michael Lacampo from the Environment & Climate

## Discussion/Notes

- The presentation provided an overview of the FIFA World Cup 2026 and highlighted a sustainability plan aimed

at a commitment to an environmentally sustainable tournament.

- FIFA mandates host cities to develop a sustainability plan that aligns with broader environmental goals of host cities, the City of Toronto will incorporate initiatives such as net zero strategy, Toronto Green Standard, long-term master plans, policies around social procurement and community benefits.
- The design team is striving for Net-Zero emissions and adherence to the Toronto Green Standards in design and construction to maintain environmental sustainability throughout the project.

## **Outcomes/Next Steps**

- CAG members will have an opportunity to review the FIFA World Cup Environmental Plan and provide feedback.
- CAG members interested in joining an advisory group are to email Jonathan Coretti.

### **CAG Next Steps in 2024:**

- The CAG will participate in two half-day workshops to provide feedback on the TransformTO Net Zero Report.

**Present:**

Andria Babbington  
Barnabe Geis  
Chris Ballard  
Colin Guldimann  
Dave Campbell  
Derek May  
Jack Zhou  
Jeff Ranson

John Robinson  
Joyce McLean  
Joseph Ogilvie  
Julius Lindsay  
Kristen Evers  
Lidia Ferreira  
Lyn Adamson  
Maria Constantinou

Marine Sanchez  
Maggie Chang  
Neil MacNeil  
Sarah Buchanan  
Zamani Ra  
\*Cora Carriveau delegate for  
Cara-Lynne Wade

**Regrets:**

Alienor Rougeot  
Marine Sanchez

Rosemarie Powell  
Tinashe Kanengoni

**Guests/Delegates:**

Atif Durani  
Charles Hatt

Michael Brewer  
Jonathan Coreti

Michael Lacampo  
Stephanie Grower

**City of Toronto Staff:**

Marion Davies  
James Nowlan

Lindsay McCallum  
Ash Michael

Andrew Plunkett

**Facilitators (Groundswell Projects):**

Destiny Laldeo

Olga Semenovych

Ruth Silver