

The Waste Strategy

Project Update #4

The City of Toronto is developing a Long Term Waste Management Strategy (“Waste Strategy”) to find new ways to look after our waste over the next 30-50 years. The Waste Strategy will recommend waste management policies and programs, such as, how to manage the garbage remaining after reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting.

Draft Vision Statement

In Survey 2, we asked for your feedback on themes that were important to include in a Vision Statement for the Waste Strategy. Our draft Vision Statement is:

“Together we will reduce the amount of waste we generate, reuse what we can, and recycle and recover the valuable resources in our waste that remain. We will embrace a waste management system that is user-friendly, convenient and accessible with programs and facilities that balance the needs of the community and the environment with long term financial sustainability. Together, we will ensure a clean, beautiful and green City in the future.”

Interactive Survey

Important decisions on waste management options will be made as the Waste Strategy project progresses in 2015. We want your input on all options being considered and the criteria used to evaluate them.

Provide your input on the waste management options and evaluation criteria by taking an online survey:

toronto.ca/wastestrategy

(survey closes July 24, 2015)

Join Us! Share your ideas and issues with us at a public event!

Learn about and provide your input on the draft options and evaluation criteria. The format of the events includes an open house, a brief presentation, followed by small group discussions.

Can't attend? All information is posted on the project website.

<p>Tuesday, June 9, 2015 6:30pm - 9:00pm (Presentation at 7:00pm) Etobicoke Collegiate Institute (Cafeteria) (86 Montgomery Road)</p>	<p>Monday, June 15, 2015 5:00pm - 9:00pm (Presentation at 7:00pm) Metro Hall (Room 308/309) (55 John Street)</p>	<p>Saturday, June 20, 2015 1:00pm - 3:30pm (Presentation at 1:30pm) North York Memorial Community Hall (Burgundy Room) (5110 Yonge Street)</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 24, 2015 6:30pm - 9:00pm (Presentation at 7:00pm) Scarborough Civic Centre (Committee Rooms 1 & 2) (150 Borough Drive)</p>
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Draft Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation criteria are used to make sure that there is a consistent way to compare options.

Draft evaluation criteria have been developed for the Waste Strategy to make sure decisions consider the natural environment, the social environment and the economy, often referred to as the triple bottom line.

These are draft criteria proposed to determine the most appropriate options for managing Toronto's waste:

- ❖ Environmental impact (local and global environmental impacts);
- ❖ Produce less waste (send less waste to landfill);
- ❖ Community impact (reduce negative impacts and increase benefits);
- ❖ User-friendly (program should be easy to use);
- ❖ Economic impact (achieve financial sustainability); and
- ❖ Risk and reliability (minimize risk and increase flexibility of technology(ies)).

We are looking for your input on whether these evaluation criteria capture all the things that you feel will be important in decision-making.



Preliminary Options

Using research and an assessment of gaps and challenges associated with the current system, the City developed a list of potential future waste management options related to the following:

- ❖ Promotion and Education;
- ❖ Reduce and Reuse;
- ❖ Recycling;
- ❖ Collection and Drop-Off;
- ❖ Multi-Residential Homes;
- ❖ Energy from Waste;
- ❖ Landfill;
- ❖ System Financing;
- ❖ Recycling and Transfer Facilities; and
- ❖ Overall System Considerations.

Waste Education Speaker Series

- ❖ In April 2015, the City initiated the Waste Education Speaker Series; showcasing leading Toronto initiatives changing the way we reduce, reuse and recycle including:
 - Wast(ED): Community (April)
 - Wast(ED): Clothing (May)
 - Wast(ED): Food (July)
 - Wast(ED): Recovery (Fall)
- ❖ Visit toronto.ca/wastestrategy to register for an upcoming event.

If you have questions about the Waste Strategy, or want to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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