

# The Waste Strategy Project Update #2

## Updates from Phase 1 of the Waste Strategy!

The first round of public consultations for Toronto's Waste Strategy took place from the late Spring to the Fall helping "build the foundation" for the project. Residents and stakeholders told us how they use the current waste management system, what's working and how it could be improved.

Four public open houses took place across the City in June 2014. City staff attended two dozen additional community events during the Summer and Fall to talk about the Waste Strategy. A survey was distributed at these events and was available online. We are happy to report that almost 500 responses were submitted. Thank you everyone that completed the survey! These comments will be considered in the development of the Waste Strategy.

### Toronto's search for a Long Term Waste Management Strategy

The City is developing a Long Term Waste Management Strategy for the next 30-50 years to find new ways to look after our waste. The Waste Strategy will recommend waste management policies and programs, including how to manage the garbage remaining after reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting.

# We asked: What common items do you wish could be recycled? You answered:



Some items that were mentioned in the survey are already recyclable! Check out the Waste Wizard to learn what can and

can't be recycled (toronto.ca/wastewizard)

#### What We Heard From You

- > 75% believe the Waste Strategy is very important
- There is too much plastic packaging!
- > 80% find the annual collection calendar helpful
- You wish that apartment and condo buildings had better access to diversion programs
- > 90% are very satisfied/satisfied with the recycling program
- 60% consider buying used goods instead of new
- Ways to further reduce and reuse waste:
  - o Wash and reuse plastic zipper and milk bags
  - o Repair items instead of buying new
  - o Tear up old clothes into rags
  - o Plan meals to avoid wasted food
  - o Use recyclable materials for crafts







# As part of this ongoing process, we want to keep hearing from you!



The goal of the Waste Strategy is to determine solutions that are cost-effective, socially acceptable and environmentally sustainable. The timeline below shows the three phases involved in developing the Waste Strategy. We are entering Phase 2: Develop the Strategy which will involve identifying and assessing options to address waste management needs.

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#### 2. DEVELOP THE STRATEGY\*

3. DOCUMENT & DECIDE

Spring 2014 to Fall 2014

Winter 2014 to Spring 2015

Summer 2015 to Fall 2015

#### Upcoming Phase 2: DEVELOP THE STRATEGY Consultation Activities

Survey #2: Early in 2015, we will seek your input on the vision and principles for the Waste Strategy.

Survey #3: In the Spring of 2015, a third survey will seek your input on options for managing waste and criteria for evaluating the waste management options.

Public Consultation Event #2: In Spring 2015, we will discuss the options being considered. The event will also be an opportunity for you to provide input on criteria for evaluating the waste management options.

We need to hear from you! Look for us at community events and access any of the channels below to find more information on the consultation activities and the Waste Strategy.



Visit us at our project website at toronto.ca/wastestrategy to stay informed and to hear about upcoming events.



To receive updates and be added to the electronic mailing list, visit is.qd/wastestrategy (and click 'Send')



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