# Ontario Recycler Workshop

June 4, 2014 ORW begins at 9:30 a.m. ET





# Ontario Recycler Workshop June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Mike Birett CIF



#### Intro & Welcome

- Good morning & welcome to the 18<sup>th</sup> ORW
- 140+ participants registered to participate online & in person
- Thank you all for taking the time out of your busy schedules to join us today

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#### Snapshot...Today's Program

#### **Morning Session**

- CIF & Partner Updates
- REOI & Centre of Excellence
- Morning Break
- Advances in Public Spaces
   Recycling
- Waste Reduction Planning: Planning Ahead to Get Results
- Lunch

#### **Afternoon Session**

- A New Look at P&E for Recycling
- Factors Affecting Processing
- Afternoon Break
- Problematic Materials & Consistency: Costs & Challenges
- Factors Affecting Collection
- Summary & Concluding Remarks

### A Sincere Thank You To Today's Speakers!

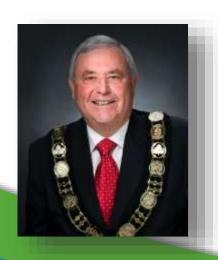
- Alyssa Broadfoot
- Barbara McConnell
- Brad Whitelaw
- Cameron Wright
- Daniel Orr
- Elizabeth Ramsay
- Francis Veilleux
- Gary Burroughs
- George South
- Kevin Mehlenbacher
- Kyle Labbett

- Lori Andrews
- Michelle Shannon
- Monika Turner
- Naz Ritchie
- Paulina Leung
- Rob Orpin
- Sherry Arcaro
- Stephanie Sidler

Special thanks to Chair Gary Burroughs for helping us launch today's session!

## Niagara Region

#### Welcome to the Niagara Region!



Gary Burroughs
Regional Chair, Niagara Region



## **CIF Update**

Mike Birett CIF



#### Mid Year Summary – Business as Usual?

- The arbitration has made some aspects of CIF's operations challenging
  - Operating under an Interim Operations Plan
  - Routine approvals may become an issue
  - We're behind schedule on project work

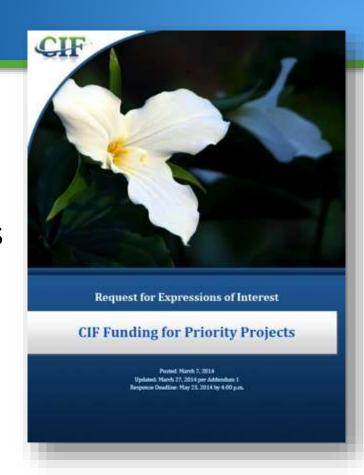
# Spring AMO/CIF consultation proved to be very successful

#### What we heard:

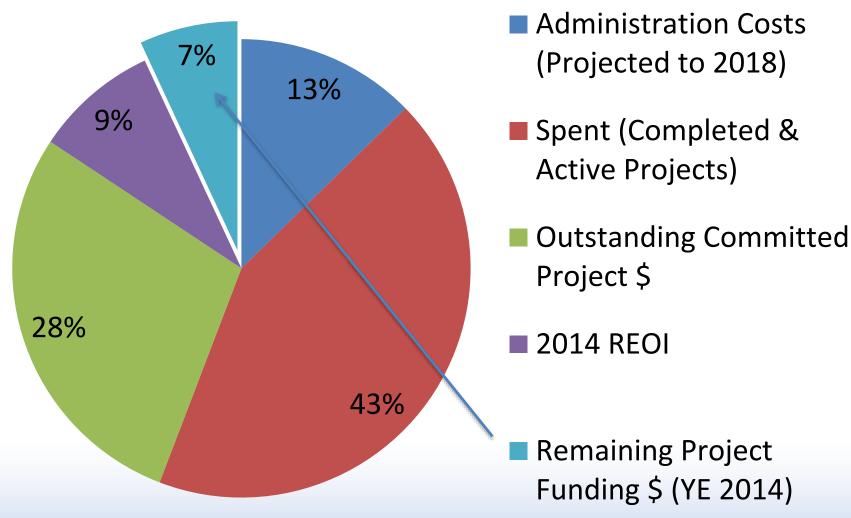
- Municipalities were generally happy with CIF focus
- Concerns are being heard & addressed
- Current CIF reserves will meet municipal needs
- 2014 will be a year of limited engagement
- 2015 budget should not change dramatically
- Some concerns but overall support for new Best Practice
   (BP) questions
- Concerns with impact of the arbitration
- Sessions are valuable & should be continued

### **Current Internal Projects**

- Continued effort to move regionalization projects forward
- Blue box (BB) procurement RFP is wrapping up
- Depot RFP closed last Friday
- 2014 REOI closed earlier in May
- Closed project review underway



#### **CIF Current Financial Status**



#### Looking Ahead – Fund Admin

- MIPC will need to deal with the CIF MOA
- Closure of 2010 projects
- Signed agreements for 2013 projects
- Approvals for 2014 REOI projects
- Approval of revised evaluation format
- Closed project review

## Issues We're Seeking Feedback On

- Depot BP project
- 2015 budget



#### For More Information

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## Working Together to Optimize Markets & Revenue

Sherry Arcaro
Stewardship Ontario





### Stewardship Ontario's Role



- Assist municipalities in finding markets for materials
- Work with markets & municipalities to help solve contamination & other issues resulting from BB program
- Work with stewards to identify optimal materials to use in packaging
- Fund markets R&D for new or problematic materials



### Mixed & Film Plastics

Material	General Specifications	ON Processing Capacity
Curbside Mixed Plastics	• Primarily PP (#5), HDPE (#2), LDPE (#4) containers	40,000+ TPY
Curbside Film	<ul> <li>Primarily grocery &amp; retail bags, newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags, milk, produce &amp; other bags used as packaging for household items</li> </ul>	~5,000 TPY
Bulky Rigid Plastics	<ul> <li>Note: Not BB Program material for funding purposes</li> <li>Plastic buckets &amp; pails, plastic crates, trays, laundry baskets, plastic lawn furniture, plastic pots, plastic garbage cans &amp; recycling bins, large plastic toy (playhouses)</li> </ul>	20,000+ TPY 19

## Market Concerns & Opportunities

Material	Potential Contamination	Key Contaminants/ Issues	Financial Implications	
#8 Old Newspaper	10-20%	<ul><li>Cardboard</li><li>Boxboard</li><li>Plastics</li><li>Metal</li><li>Wood</li></ul>	<b>Processors:</b> bleaching costs for brown grades; residue disposal costs <b>MRF's</b> : lost revenue from OCC, plastics, metal	
Plastics	20-40%	<ul> <li>Non-conforming plastic grades</li> <li>Aluminum &amp; steel containers</li> <li>Bale integrity, light loads</li> </ul>	<b>Processors:</b> residue disposal costs; cross-contamination, handling costs <b>MRF's</b> : lost revenue from metal, charges	
Aluminum & Steel	2-10%	<ul><li>Plastics</li><li>Glass</li><li>Fiber</li><li>Moisture</li></ul>	Processors: furnace fires MRF's: downgrades, rejections, freight costs	

## End Market Challenges (1)



- Reluctance or inability by MRF's to follow specifications
  - Contamination & yield loss = higher disposal costs for end markets
- Need to support local end markets significant investments made by private companies
  - Local capacity may not be sustainable if MRF operators continue to sell to markets outside ON for small, short term revenue gains

## End Market Challenges (2)

- Continuous supply monthly bid process by some MRF's prevents consistent material flow to end markets
- Need standardized basket
   of goods to offer markets
   standardized commodities
   = Increased value of materials
- Inconsistent processing systems results in different bale sizes & freight challenges – light loads for some plastics



#### MRF Opportunities

- Seasonal residue studies –
   identify capture opportunities
- Outbound bale studies identify contamination & potential items to be captured (or combined) for improved net
  - OCC (\$150/MT) from ONP (\$75/MT)
  - CPP (\$85/MT) from mixed paper (\$50/MT)
- Maintenance to maximize MRF efficiency
  - Ensure optical sorters are cleaned frequently
  - Monitor baler pressure levels & eddy current effectiveness

# Stewardship Ontario Annual MRF Material Studies

- In 2013, spring & fall in 11 facilities representing ~20 municipal programs
- Paid for by Stewardship Ontario; data provided to municipalities & their contractors
- Completing RFQ for 2014 two-season
  - looking for more sites to study





### Thank-you!

#### **Sherry Arcaro**

**Director of Field Services** 

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#### **WDO Update**

Lori Andrews, WDO

Data Manager



#### **Presentation Will Cover**

- Updates
  - Municipal Datacall Roundtable
  - ISPs (Industry Stewardship Plans)
  - Blue Box (BB) funding & arbitration
- Looking Ahead

#### Municipal Datacall Roundtable

- WDO residential diversion rate methodology mostly unchanged since 2003
- During our CEO's spring community visits, we heard ideas from stakeholders to help WDO tell a more accurate story on residential waste diversion in Ontario (e.g., how we document reuse and measure diversion results)
- WDO to work with municipalities to find solutions for residential waste data gaps (e.g., multi-family data)

### Municipal Datacall Roundtable

All are welcome to participate

Future meeting dates to be determined

 To participate, please contact Sarrah Young at WDO syoung@wdo.ca

#### **ISPs**

- Call2Recycle Canada (single-use batteries)
- Product Care Association (paints and coatings)
- Product Care Association (pesticides, solvents & fertilizers)

http://wdo.ca/programs/industry-stewardship-plans/

#### Blue Box Arbitration

- AMO/City of Toronto & Stewardship Ontario are currently in arbitration to determine the 2014 BB steward obligation
- WDO has continued to work with AMO/City Toronto & SO to ensure that any extended timeline to conclude the arbitration process does not affect the flow of 2014 BB funding to municipalities

### **Looking Ahead**

- Verification of the 2013 Municipal Datacall is underway
- We encourage continued feedback on the recent Datacall redesign
- WDO will continue to work with municipalities to improve how we measure residential waste diversion in Ontario

#### Canadian Anti-Spam Law

Canada's "Anti-Spam Law" takes effect July 1, 2014

 A WDO email is forthcoming to request your consent to continue receiving WDO emails

 WDO website NEWS section also has a link to submit your consent (CEO Update Report for May) http://wdo.ca/news/ www.wdo.ca

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#### **AMO Update**

Monika Turner

AMO Director of Policy



### Policy Update

Waste Diversion Activities

Provincial Election observations

- Blue Box Arbitration
  - Status update
  - Interim 2014 payments

ISPs

### Questions





#### 2014 CIF REOI Request For Expressions of Interest

Gary Everett
CIF



### **Key Dates**

Submission Deadline

Friday, May 23 Project Awards

October 2014

#### Overview

- Fifth REOI
- Over \$44M already invested in Ontario
- More than 530 projects funded
- Designed to encourage municipalities to undertake new effectiveness & efficiency projects
- 2014 REOI will build on past success

#### What's New: More Online Support

- REOI documents, sample application & fillable forms
- CIF Funding Process Guide
- Monitoring/Measuring and Reporting Guidebook
- Cost & payback analysis model
- Frequently asked questions
- Updated evaluation form
- http://cif.wdo.ca
  - 1<sup>st</sup> item under Resources





#### What's New: REOI Evaluation Form

Use green tabs 1-5 to evaluate COST SAVING projects.  REOI Evaluation Form: Use Blue tabs 6-10 for INCREASED DIVERSION projects.  Use red tabs 11-12 for CENTRE of EXCELLENCE projects.						
pplicant:				Review Date:		
roject Name:				CIF Project #:	999	
Criterion (Crit				Criterion Weighting	Overall Weighted Score	Overall Percentage Score
1: Increased Cost Effectiveness			0	35	0.0	35%
2: Increased Blue Box Diversion			100	10	10.0	10%
3: Regionalization Benefits			100	10	10.0	10%
4: Payback Period and Return On Investment			0	30	0.0	30%
5: Project Implementation Measures/Aspects			100	15	15.0	15%
		Total:		100	35.0	100%
	Funding	Recommendati	on			
Project Payback	Did the project have a payback period less than 8 years(Yes/No)?				Yes	
Minimum Acceptable Scorir	g Level Did the project have a Consensus Criterion Total score of at least 25					Yes
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#### What's New: Available Funding by Priority Areas

#### \$5.425M in potential project awards

Priority Areas	Available Funding		
System rationalization	\$1,750,000		
Projects achieving cost savings	\$1,750,000		
Blue box harmonization	\$300,000		
Addressing problematic materials	\$800,000		
Centre of Excellence	\$825,000		

## What Happened: Applications & Funding Requests

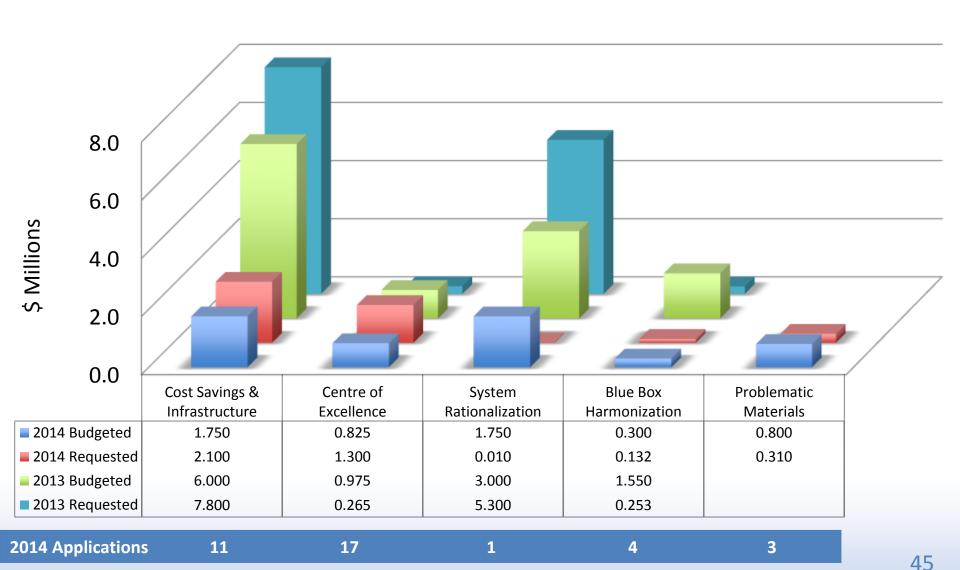
**\$6.5M**Total

Project Value

Cost Savings Applications (\$4.2M) Centre of Excellence Applications (\$1.3M)

36 Applications Submitted

# What Happened: 2014 Subscription Level (vs. 2013)



#### What's Next?

- 1 All applications & projects reviewed
- 2 Applications strengthened, supported, finalized
- 3 Applications evaluated
- 4 Funding Committee meeting
- ⑤ Approval/rejection letters sent
- 6 Agreements signed
- 7 Get started!



#### **Contact: Gary Everett**

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#### **Centre of Excellence Updates**

Carrie Nash, CIF



#### Centre of Excellence

- A knowledge based centre of expertise dedicated to:
  - Best Practice compliance & datacall support
  - Better Practices toolkit
  - Marketing materials
  - RFP & tender development
  - Training opportunities
  - Outreach Services
  - Performance auditing

#### **Current Activity: Training**

- Contract Management
  - 40+ participants
  - Plan to help reduce risk & control cost
- Benchmarking & Assessing
  - 35+ participants
  - Identifying cost saving opportunities & related, easy-to-use measuring & monitoring plan



#### **Current Activity: Tool Kits**

- Small Depot Guide Book
  - "How to" depot guidebook aimed at small municipalities
  - RFP closed May 30; received 8 proposals
    - Evaluation in progress; award pending
  - Guidebook delivery: Fall 2014



#### **Current Activity: Cooperative Procurement**

- Blue Boxes, 83L
  - Sceptre (30% PCR)
  - Gracious Living (70% PCR)
- Carts, 360L
  - IPL
- In Unit Containers, 30L
  - InStore Productions
- Details to be circulated via CIF eBulletin
   & posted to CIF website







#### 2014 & 2015 Activities (1)

- P&E Shop update
  - Updated guidance documents, templates & samples
  - Samples to be available via social media (Pinterest or other)
- New course delivery
  - RFP Development; advanced program analysis & planning
  - Fall 2014
- Fundamental Principles
  - Early 2015

#### 2014 & 2015 Activities (2)

- Curbside audits
  - Continuation of 2012 efforts to update waste composition data throughout the province
- MRF audit protocol
  - Protocol for audits at private sector facilities
- Continued outreach
  - BB consultation session, Fall ORW, eBulletins, eNewsletter

### Questions





#### Break





#### **Welcome Back**





## Advances in Public Spaces Recycling

Stephanie Sidler Regional Municipality of Durham





#### Public Space Recycling: Why It Matters

- "Final frontier" for BB materials
- Increases diversion potential
- Reinforces at home recycling behaviors
- Added resource to addresses litter concerns
- Lends welcoming aspect to downtown, park or special event



Public space bins in Kenora, ON Source: Mike Mostow, April 2013 ORW

#### Public Space Recycling: What's Involved

- Developing programming for Public Space requires consideration of:
  - Containers type, size, number
  - Signage
  - Collection
  - P&E to prevent contamination
  - Budget

#### Speakers

- Rob Orpin, City of Toronto
  - Signage, semi automated collection, health & safety
- Cameron Wright, Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA)
  - Container choices & dealing with contamination
- Michelle Shannon, City of St. Thomas
  - Exploring differences between parks, special events & downtown business areas



Public Space Recycling in Parks CIF Project #: 548.7 & 396 - Update

Rob Orpin
City of Toronto



#### **Project Highlights**

- Project goal: increase diversion by providing recycling options in Toronto parks
- Anticipated impacts:
   greater operating
   efficiency, increased diversion, lower health
   & safety impacts
- More information:
  - email: rorpin@toronto.ca
  - website: www.toronto.ca

#### Background (1)

- Why this project?
- Maintain clean & safe parks
- Health & safety, reduce injuries
- Improve operating efficiency
- Increase diversion from landfill



#### Background (2)

## Waste Management System in Parks prior to SMWS collection

- Waste Materials collected in 2 streams
- Litter & Recycling collected in plastic bags in metal mesh containers or barrels





#### Program & Service Changes (1)

- Operational Changes Implemented
  - Installation of approx. 6,000 (95 gallon) waste and approx. 6,000 (95 gallon) recycling domed & non-domed bins





#### Program & Service Changes (2)

2. 24 vehicles retrofitted with lifters (semi-automated collection)





#### Program & Service Changes (3)

- Introduction of new signage for Recycling (two signs tested)
  - One recycling & one waste bin per sign
  - Signs mounted on post





#### Project Funding Breakdown

Total funds for project

\$1,193,185

CIF funding (approx. 40%)

\$479,801

City of Toronto funding (approx. 60%) \$713,383

Materials	Quantity	Average Unit Cost	Total Cost	CIF Funding
XL Blue bins	6,000	\$125	\$774,546	\$296,161
Semi-Automated Lifters	24	\$5,740	\$138,097	\$52,398
Signs & Posts	3,600	\$78	\$280,542	\$107,074
Audit, Analysis & Report				\$24,168
		Grand Total	\$1,193,185	\$479,801

#### **Audit Methodology**

- Audit 340 litter & recycling bins in 54 parks in 2013
- Sorted into 24 recyclable material categories
- Determine effectiveness of signage
- Contamination & capture rate of Recyclables





#### Project Findings (1)

- Capture rate improved from 51% in 2008 to 68% in 2013
- Diversion rate increased since bin program was fully implemented in 2011
  - Diversion rate 2012: 14%; 2013 20%
- Reduction in worker injuries
- Automated collection is more effective & efficient than manual collection
  - Single Operator/No Bags/Plastic bins less expensive than metal baskets
- Ease of access to recycling significantly influences diversion rate
- Ensuring signage is present at bins seems to have more impact on recycling rates than type of sign which is present
- Lids are important for preventing the contamination of the litter in recycling stream & preventing rain from saturating recyclables

### Project Findings (2)

- Project challenges:
  - Graffiti on bins
  - Arson
  - Aesthetics
  - Cleaning







## Large Containers in Public Space CIF Project #340

Cameron Wright
Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority



#### **Project Highlights**

- Project goal: Implement recycling in public spaces to promote recycling behavior in parks & at home
- Anticipated impacts: Improve overall diversion in effort to reach provincial standards & increase capture rate of Blue Box (BB) material
- More information:
  - Email: cwright@ewswa.org
  - Website www.ewswa.org OR wecanrecyclemore.ca

#### Why this Project?

- Increase The City of Windsor's residential recycling rate
  - Outlined in the City's Environmental Master Plan
- Work towards EWSWA goal of 60% diversion as outlined in Master Plan
- Reinforce at home recycling behaviors
- Provide same service for recycling as garbage in parks,
   while making use of existing equipment



## Parks Targeted for Recycling









#### Key Elements

- 90 large capacity bins to minimize service
  - 2013: bins were serviced only 4 times
- Costs to implement program \$143,000
  - Purchase of 90 containers = \$112,000
  - Installation = \$31,000
- Bags
  - \$7 per bag
  - 3m<sup>3</sup> storage capacity
- Issues with Lexan wraps



## Impacts/Results

Park	Annual Tonnes	Capture	Contamination
Mic Mac Park	1.20	82.5%	32.0%
River Front Park	4.46	53.5%	31.5%
Ganatchio Park	0.48	67.0%	20.5%
Total:	6.14	67.7%	28.0%





#### Successes & Key Learnings

- Contamination was high = 28%
  - Recyclable fibre was a large portion (nearly half)
- Unsure if frequency of garbage service was sufficient
  - Possible contributor to contamination
  - 2014 operations to monitor container fullness
- Goal to achieve operational sustainability:
  - Costs to service = \$10,800
  - Revenue from sale of materials = \$4,800
  - Tipping fee cost avoidance = \$600
  - 2013 net operational loss of \$5,400

#### **Next Steps**

- Expansion of recycling
  - Additional 10 containers in Riverfront park
- Contamination & capture
  - New stickers on bins
  - High visibility logo
- Further evaluate sustainability







# City of St Thomas Public Space Recycling CIF Project #666.13

Michelle Shannon
City of St. Thomas



#### **Project Highlights**

- Project goal: Develop & implement recycling programming for downtown, park, & special events
- Anticipated impacts: Support City's goal to reach 50% waste diversion by January 2014 & 65% by January 2016
- More information:
  - email: mshannon@stthomas.ca
  - website: www.stthomas.ca

#### Why this Project?

- 2011 Integrated Waste Management Master Plan
- Increase diversion to provincial goal of 65%
- Pressure from Downtown development board to replace existing garbage cans due to age
- Promoting at home recycling behaviours & creating a more welcoming town for tourists
- Funding received from multiple sources
  - It was the right time to do this

#### Public Space Area Profiles

- 3 areas for phases of implementation
  - Downtown
  - Pinafore Park
  - Special Events





#### Containers

- Container types
  - 1. Dual sort 50
  - 2. Single Sort 12
  - 3. Recycling Carts 10

Item	Costs
Containers	\$69,500
Waste Audits	\$4,000
Total	\$73,500



#### Results – Waste Audits

Location	Diversion Capture		Contamination	
Downtown	19%	97%	43%1	
Pinafore Park	4%	21%2	18%	
Special Events	20%	75%	8%	
<b>Annual Blue Box diversion</b>	~1.5 – 2 MT			

<sup>1</sup>Contamination = non-recyclable material and cross contamination <sup>2</sup>Capture = recyclables



#### **Evaluation of Programming**

- Excellent capture downtown
- High contamination downtown
  - Recyclable fibres largest contributor
- Low diversion in parks
  - Result of incomplete twinning
- Special events are a success
  - 100% capture
- 'Soft bins'-vandalism target
  - Front panel would be kicked in



#### **Moving Forward**

- Twinning every bin in Pinafore Park
- Introducing recycling into Waterworks Park
- New materials into recycling stream
- Identify costs to operate current system



Evaluate costs to implement & operate recycling in parkettes

## Questions





# Waste Reduction Plans: Planning Ahead to Get Results

Alec Scott, CIF





#### "Failing to plan is planning to fail"

Quote: Alan Lakein

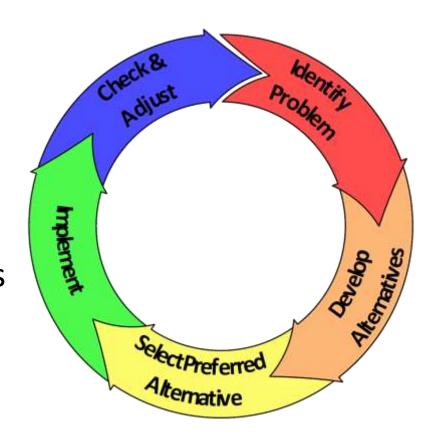


"My question is: Are we making an impact?"

Source: Sam Gross, New Yorker Magazine (1991)

#### Planning is a Cyclical Process

- Nice job! Now do it better!
  - Set goals
  - Define benchmarks
  - Improve
  - Measure...and do it again!
- Balancing conflicting interests
  - Recovery
  - Net cost
  - What looks good politically



#### There Is No Universal Plan

- Waste Reduction Plans are unique
  - Local conditions
  - Local priorities
  - Local constraints
- Look around see what's working & not working
- Borrow successes and tailor them to your needs
- Improve & redefine don't "reinvent the wheel"
- Select your goal, define your path, identify critical points, monitor, re-adjust & re-plan as necessary

#### Getting Access to Information

- Background & Benchmark Information
  - WDO Datacall information from 2002 to present
    - Custom searches available by request
  - SO reports & PIM
    - Gross & net costs per material
    - Densities
  - RSE Price Sheet
    - Revenues for selected material classes
  - CIF Project Reports
    - Information on project contacts, successes & valiant attempts

#### Today's Speakers

- Brad Whitelaw, Regional Municipality of Niagara
  - Niagara Region's 2011-15 Blue Box Recycling Plan
- Kyle Labbett, Township of Central Frontenac
  - Blue Box Recycling in Central Frontenac



#### Niagara Region's 2011-15 Blue Box Recycling Plan

Brad Whitelaw
Regional Municipality of Niagara
CIF Project #648.11



#### **Project Highlights**

#### Project Goals:

- Increase diversion of residential Blue Box (BB)/Grey Box (GB)
   materials from disposal
- Extend life of existing landfills
- Anticipated Impacts:
  - Fulfill BP requirements of WDO Datacall
  - Achieve 65% diversion from disposal by 2012
- More Information:
  - Email: brad.whitelaw@niagararegion.ca

#### Goal: Improve BB Program Performance

- Requires continuous improvement
  - Optimize collection & processing
  - Monitor & report on BB diversion against recycling targets
  - Develop/implement social marketing & education plan
  - Increase program participation & customer satisfaction





Comprehensive P&E to encourage new material recycling



#### Developing 2011-2015 BB Recycling Plan

- Niagara Council approved BB
   Strategy development in place of Long-Term WM Strategic Plan (2011)
- Staff researched/developed 2011-2015 BB Recycling Plan (Plan)
  - Used results of extensive public consultation & waste audits
- Plan approved by Niagara Council (January 19, 2012)
- CIF provided ~\$10K towards Plan





Waste audit curbside prep & measurements

#### Interim/Target Results

WDO-Related Performance Measures*	<b>2010</b> (Actual)	<b>2012</b> (Actual)	<b>2015</b> (Targets)	
Residential Diversion Rate	42%	50%	57%	4
BB Diversion (Recovery) Rate	74%	77%	80%	
BB Residue Rate	4.2%	2.0%	2.5%	
Net Cost/Tonne Marketed	\$162	\$195	\$150	

<sup>\*</sup>Additional data will be available through completion of new waste audits in 2015

#### Successes & Learnings to Date (1)

- Key elements to monitor & assess
  - Residue, net cost/tonne, audit defined data
- May need to adjust plan
  - Address future changes (related to Bill 91)
  - WDO Datacall BP requirements



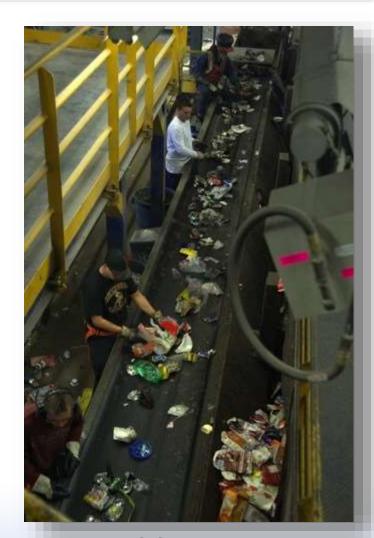
Auditing is vital to program monitoring

#### Successes & Learnings to Date (2)

- Niagara recommends municipalities develop a Plan to:
  - Track performance measurement targets
  - Develop long-term strategy to achieve waste diversion goals
  - Streamline reporting process to Council



Starting P&E early!



QC on the containers line

#### **Next Steps for Niagara**

- Optimized System Design Comparative Assessment RFP
  - Collection options analysis
  - MRF/transfer station analysis
  - System analysis
  - Additional requirements
  - Timeline: mid-2014-mid-2015
- Optimize Niagara's WM system
  - Identify most cost-effective system with greatest potential for diversion
- Results will be used to develop Niagara's new Plan



# Blue Box Recycling in Central Frontenac CIF Project #318

Kyle Labbett
Township of Central Frontenac



#### **Project Highlights**

- Project goal: Improve performance of Blue Box (BB) program & extend life of the landfill
- Anticipated impacts: Increase diversion of BB materials from landfill
- More information:
  - Email: klabbett@centralfrontenac.com
  - Website: www.centralfrontenac.com



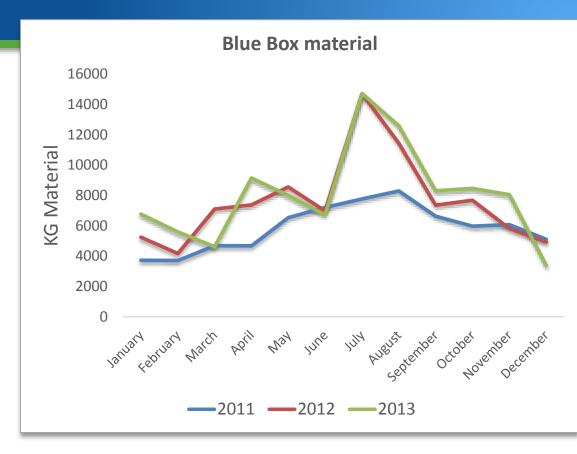
#### Developing the Plan

- Compliance with Best Practices (BP)
- Public Survey
- Council approval on clear bags July 13, 2011
- Priority Initiatives
  - 1. Clear bags
  - 2. P&E & signage
  - 3. Staff training
  - 4. Hire summer staff



#### Impact of Clear Bags

- Clear bag switch
  - Huge success
  - Transition period took 1 year
  - Focus on staff training
  - Summer students essential to success



- Success encouraged residents
  - Public pressure to increase diversion
  - Increased the list of targeted materials

### **Programming Changes Impacted Costs**

<b>Key Performance Indicators</b>	Baseline (2009)	2012
Diversion	18%	42%
BP performance	12.5%	70.4%
BP funding	\$495	\$4,126 <sup>1</sup>
Annual tonnes marketed	209	244
Net cost/tonne	\$437	\$688
Hauling costs	\$50,365	\$64,250
Number of lifts	275	358

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Funding for 2013 based off of scores from 2011 Datacall

#### Purchase Bins to Control Hauling Costs

- Focus: Reduce hauling costs
- Existing bins
  - 18 small 16 yard bins owned by contractor
- Purchase 18 40 cubic yard bins
  - Reduce # of lifts
  - Improved streaming
  - Generate revenue



40 cubic yard roll-offs in place at Central Frontenac depot

#### Successes & Key Learnings

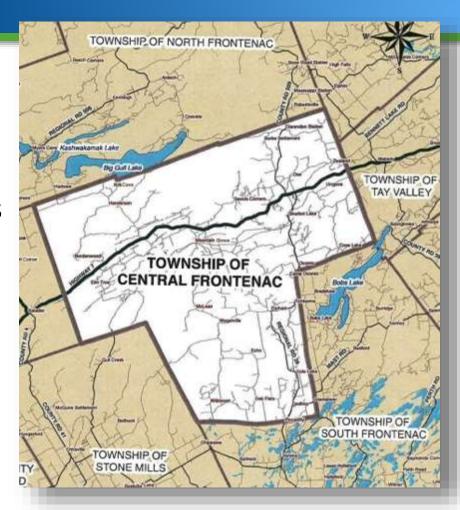
- Goals & Objectives
  - Initially diversion-focused
  - Successful diversion &BP performance improvements
  - Transitioned to cost focus
- 40 Cubic Yard Bins
  - Realized immediate payback
  - Site organization
  - Resident safety
  - Room for contractor improvements



Increased visibility makes for cleaner recyclables in the new bins

#### **Next Steps**

- Optimize hauling system
  - Working with neighbours
  - Evaluate contractor options
- Optimize processing
  - Evaluate options
- Optimize collections
  - Drop problem materials
- Waste Recycling Planning is evolving & becoming a collaborate effort



Central Frontenac is surrounded by good neighbours & potential partners

# Questions





# In Summary...





# **Enjoy Your Lunch!**





# We're Starting Up Again Soon...





### Welcome Back...





## Afternoon Agenda

- Afternoon Session
- A New Look at P&E for Recycling
- Factors Affecting Processing
- Afternoon Break
- Managing Problem Materials
- Factors Affecting Collection
- Summary & Concluding Remarks

# A New Look at Promotion & Education for Recycling

Barbara McConnell
McConnell Weaver Strategic
Communications





#### A New Era for Recycling P&E

#### Today you must contend with:

- Often doing more with less
- Complex messages; more diverse subject area
- Developing strategies based on research & logic
- Choosing from an endless list of paid & unpaid, traditional & contemporary tactics:
  - newspaper ads, radio, tv, transportation ads, billboards, mail inserts, videos, websites, smart phone apps, blogs, facebook, twitter, pinterest, etc.

#### P&E Continues to be a Priority

#### Here's why...

- P&E has the power to affect every aspect of the business: participation, tonnage, capture & contamination
- It's what turns our projections, goals, objectives & aspirations...into results

#### Recycling P&E Challenges – Then & Now

#### Then?

Introducing new ideas to eager citizens

#### Today?

- Audience mix:
  - Started recycling 30 years ago got a pretty good handle on it
  - Young adults never lived in a world without recycling

How do we successfully reach these diverse audiences?

### Today

#### Four Speakers to share with us:

- How they fine tuned their messages, defined their target audiences, selected their messaging tactics
   & evaluated their campaigns
- What their results were
- What worked, what didn't work & what's next

#### Speakers

- Cameron Wright, Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA)
  - Benefits of Rebranding
- Alyssa Broadfoot, Dufferin County
  - 2013 Transition
- Elizabeth Ramsay, City of Brantford
  - Adding Capacity & Increasing Diversion
- Daniel Orr, Quinte Waste Solutions
  - Plastics Around the House



Cameron Wright
Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority



#### **Project Highlights**

- Project Goal: Rebrand recycling program to promote participation & therefore diversion
- Anticipated Impacts: Increase capture of recyclable materials curbside by 10%, increase participation, & decrease contamination
- More information: <u>cgriffin@ewswa.org</u>
- Website www.ewswa.org



#### Re-Branding Process







- 2010: Blue Box (BB) climate declining
- January 2011: Decision to rebrand
- Honey Design study & IPSOS-Reid
- Rebranding of communications
- Baseline waste audits conducted
- Program launched
- Evaluation of promotion & education (P&E) programming

# Project Costs/50% Funded by CIF

Waste Audits (\$20,000)	Baseline & follow-up audits
Surveys (\$8,500)	Research, telephone surveys, website surveys, & consolidation
P&E Strategy (\$5,000)	Strategy, tactics, plan
Website (\$11,000)	Design & development
Marketing Development (\$4,000)	Refreshing corporate look, new logo & other branding
Video (\$10,000)	Videographer, editing, animation
School Curriculum (\$5,000)	Frog logo, smart board, footprint calculator, etc.

#### Creating the Brand

#### Branding



"Hop to it"

#### Messaging



"We Can Recycle More"

#### Education



A Day in the Life of Wally Water Bottle

#### School Focus: Creating Recycling Ambassadors







#### Results & Analysis

Blue Box Performance	2011	2013
Capture Rate (%)	69.09	69.22
Participation Rate (%)	72.75	74.49
Contamination (%)	4.25	5.54
Tonnage	28,287.4	28,436.8





# Results & Analysis (2)



Capture (%)	2011	2013	%
PET	68.6	71.3	4.0%
HDPE	62.3	62.2	0.27%
Mixed Plastics	32.0	36.1	12.8%
Cartons & Tetra	61.8	68.9	11.5%
Aluminum	72.3	72.7	1.9%
Glass	68.0	71.4	5.0%
ONP	83.7	85.8	2.6%
OCC	84.5	88.5	4.7%
OBB	56.5	62.9	6.4%
Mixed Paper	25.9	44.1	70.2%

#### Successes & Key Learnings

- Key Learning: Choose your headline carefully
  - Recycle More! Just not shovels & fry-pans
- We're confident that branding matters
  - It's a slow, but consistent, building process
  - Great feedback from residents & web traffic is growing
- Measuring and Monitoring informs data for decisions
  - Identified issue with contamination; corrections made
  - Identified that 25% of households are not recycling

"We don't want to figure out what goes in each bin, we want to recycle everything & have you sort it out"

#### **Next Steps**

- Currently developing updated 3-year recycling plan
- P&E will continue to play a key role in:
  - Establishing the EWSWA brand
  - Developing recycling ambassadors through school program
  - Keeping our messaging current & contemporary
- Key Messaging:
  - Benefits of recycling (community & personal)
  - Why it's important to recycle properly
    - We have 2-stream system residents need to separate materials



#### **2013 Transition**

Alyssa Broadfoot
Communications Coordinator
Dufferin County Waste Services



#### **Project Highlights**

- Project goal: inform residents of changes to waste collection system
- Anticipated impacts: smoother transition – less confusion, less service disruption
- More information:
  - email: abroadfoot@dufferincounty.ca
  - website: www.dufferincounty.ca/waste

## Why this project? Background

**1988** Local municipalities begin Waste Management Master Plan

**1990** County assumes responsibility to develop a landfill

**1997** Landfill site purchased 🐣



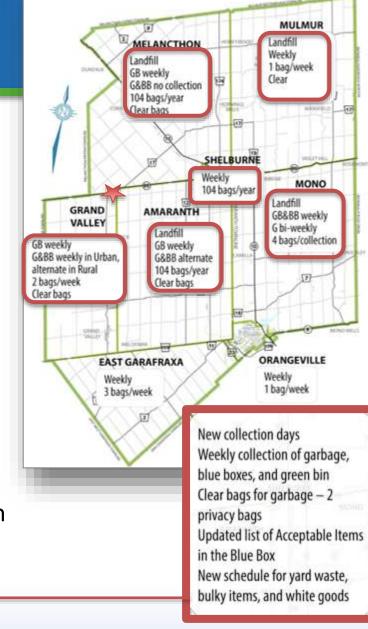
**2000** County decides to look at alternatives

**2002** Vision of DEEP emerges – EFW, Composting & more...

2007 Green Bin program expands

January 2013 County assumes all waste collection services – takes over existing programs

June 2013 New amalgamated program began



#### Considerations

- Need to communicate THAT it's changing & WHAT is changing
- Jan-May 8 different programs = 8 calendars
- For June 1 reach as many people as possible
  - All ages, all demographics
  - Urban, rural, weekenders, commuters, farmers
- Limited local media no radio or TV





# WASTE GUIDE

the start of a new curbside collection program in Dufferin County. Keep in mind that starting June 1:

Green Bins and garbage will be collected every week. ion day may change (the map is now available online). With new utes, it is important to have your waste at the curb by 7 a.m., on the our scheduled collection.

will now be collected in rural areas on a call-in basis.

and white goods will be collected on a monthly call-in basis for a fee. III be required for garbage. Each clear bag can contain two small opaque "privacy" bags and garbage can be placed at the curb in a container, if desired.

Want more information? Attend a coffee chat,

Tues. May 7 Alder Street Arena 275 Alder Street, Orangeville Sto 7 p.m. Wed, May 8

2 to 7 p.m. 157101 Highway 10. Melancthon East Garafraxa Public School

Tues, May 14 063066 County Road 3, Marsville 3 to 7 p.m. **Dufferin County Museum and** 

Wed. May 15 Corner of Highway 89 & Airport Ro-5 to 7 p.m. Thurs, May 16 Hyland Heights Public School

200 Fourth Ave. Shelfaume

New Waste Program Starts June 1, 2013!

Melancthon Municipal Office Dufferin County Waste Services sent by Dufferin County Waste Services Sont: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 9:47 AM

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If you'd like a free sample and coupon for clear garbage bags, contact <u>Oufferio County Waste 5</u>

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The Waste Services Guide, with full details about the new ERIN program, is being mailed to all households. If you do not receive yours by May 15th, please contact Dufferin County Waste Services.

isteardufferincounty,cs | 519,941,2816 ext. 2620 | Eign up for the Dufferin Waste Bulletin e-Newsletter at expun/com/vf2Fv



#### **NEW WASTE PROGRAM TO BEGIN JUNE 1**

We're gearing up for the start of a new curbside waste collection program, set to begin on June 1, 2013! Flead on to find out what's happening or visit dufferincounty calwaste for more information.

In order to make collection routes more efficient, some collection days will be shifted to another day. The new collection schedule and map with collection days will be



Look inside for information about curbside collection Look invite for information about curbing cone from or waste, true bones and oreen piro, prus detain, take it Back.
Hazardout and Electronic Waste Events, Take it Back.

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# Impacts/Anticipated Results

Metric	Before	Goal	As of Jan. 2014
Contamination Rate of BB	9.6%	7%	6.9%
BBTonnage	5,640 tonnes (2011)	6,204 tonnes	6,166 tonnes (2013)
BB Participation	80%	90%	94.8%
Smartphone App		2,000 downloads	448
Social Media	DOWNLOAD  WASTE  Your smartphone  GRAM DETAILS  REMINDERS  SEARCH	<ul><li>10 new Twitter followers/month</li><li>10 new Facebook fans/month</li></ul>	<ul> <li>1,800 interactions by 1,200 unique users</li> <li>24 Twitter followers/month</li> <li>21 Facebook fans/month</li> </ul>

### Findings

- Value
  - Newspaper ads
  - Smartphone app
  - Free/low cost mediums
  - Location specific downtown cores & along roadways
- Help people help themselves
- Lesson learned: don't expect people to read more than headline



#### Next steps

- 1 year later still in transition
  - Bag limit remained in place for 1 year
  - Just transitioned to "1 bag a week" county-wide
  - Using lessons learned –
     simple messaging, location
     specific
- Moving forward
  - A shift to improving performance





# Adding Capacity & Increasing Diversion CIF Project #419 & 534.3

Elizabeth Ramsay City of Brantford



#### **Project Highlights**

- Project goal: New bigger blue boxes (BB) to reinforce
   2-stream sorting curbside & promote introduction of new plastic packaging
- Anticipated impacts: Increase participation, capture of new plastic packaging
   & tonnage
- For more information:
  - email: ERamsay@brantford.ca
  - website: www.myBrantford.ca



#### Why this project?

- Long Term Sustainability
   Solid Waste Plan
- Increase Diversion:
- 1. Expand list of materials
- 2. Provide bigger boxes
- 3. P&E campaign





#### Two streams = Two Blue Boxes

**Before**: 16 gallon box overflowing & not sorted properly



**After**: 16 gallon box & 22 gallon box sorted properly



#### P&E Campaigns

- Multi-media campaign: newspaper, radio, calendar, bus ads
- Advertising campaign: Oct. 2012 Jan. 2013
- Container rollout: Nov. 5 2013
- Budget: Plastic is In!: \$11,700 or 0.47¢/household
  - Large Container: \$15,600 or 0.63¢/household



#### Roll-out

- Delivery of 25,000 large boxes (22 gallon)
  - Bin purchases cost \$159,000 or \$5.85/bin
  - Delivery costs at \$29,549 or \$1.18/bin delivery
- Some issues with subcontractors
- Follow up survey:

Blue Box Use	
1 large, 1 Small	53.8%
1 large, only	20.5%
1 small, only	21.8%
1 large, 2 small	3.6%



#### Interim Results

<b>Data Collection Point</b>	Baseline (2012)	Actual (2013)	<b>Goal</b> (2015)
Participation	70%	82%	85%
Diversion (MT)	6,600	7,550	6,930
Residual (MT)	257	549	244
Plastics (MT)	768	862	806
Aluminum (MT)	129	210	none
Steel (MT)	180	287	none



#### Successes and Key Learnings

- Short multi media campaign yields immediate results
  - High exposure campaign
- Plastic capture is up
- Bigger recycling profile has increased capture of other materials
- Residual has doubled
  - New processor
  - Sorting curbside



#### Take-Aways & Next Steps

- Capacity increases diversion
- Plan for logistic problems
- Plan for residual
- Transition P&E focus from curbside to Multi-Residential sector
  - Include key learnings: multi media campaigning works





# Plastics Around the House CIF Project #660.4

Daniel Orr Quinte Waste Solutions



#### **Project Goal**

- Project Goal: To increase capture of desirable plastic containers
- Anticipated impacts: Reach a broader audience leading to increased capture rate
- For more information:
  - email: dan@quinterecycling.org
  - website: www.quinterecycling.org

#### Is There a Blue Box In Your...?

Is there a Blue Box in *your* Bathroom?



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### Approach



## Budget Breakdown – Total cost \$17,664



Item	Hours	Costs
Billboards		\$3,841
Mall Posters		\$3,785
Newspaper Ads		\$6,406
Rink Boards		\$1,500
HDPE Poles		\$98
Staff – design time		\$2,064
Newspaper	24	
Billboard	24	
Mall ad	24	
Rink board	5	
Social Media graphics	1	
Blogging	6	
	TOTAL	\$17,664

#### Online





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Is there a Blue Box in *your* Bathroom?

What's Missing in Your Bathroom?

Read More

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#### **Upcoming Events**



#### News & Events Blog

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Hazardous Waste is Horrifying!

No Comments – 28/10/2013

#### The Case of Hazardous Waste Video No Comments – 22/10/2013



Madoc Township – Last Mobile Collection Event for 2013!

No Comments – 22/10/2013

#### Take our Poll

Do you recycle in your bathroom?

O Yes

Vote

Results

#### The Results

<b>Input Material</b>	Weight	(tonnes)	<b>Plastics</b>
	1,2,4,5,	6	

September 2012

103.3

September 2013

89.71

October 2012

96.71

October 2013

141.95

\*\*\*Contract Change/Baler Breakdown\*\*\*

November 2012

171.56

November 2013

188.24

December 2012

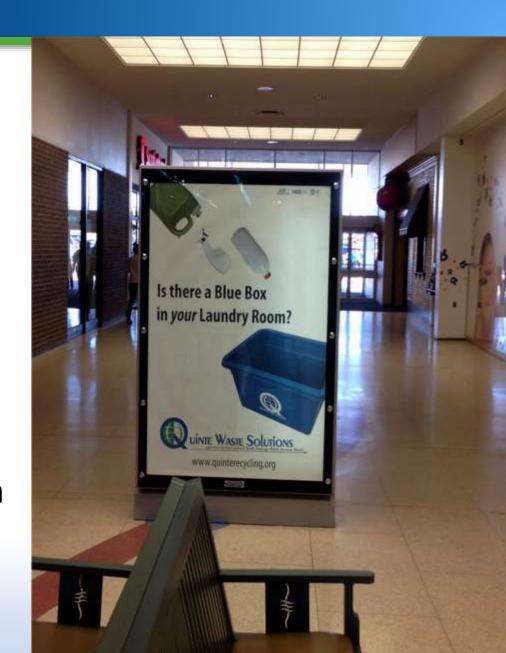
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December 2013

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#### **Moving Forward**

- Focus on bathroom, longer period of time
- Actively sell/promote smaller desk side BB for under sink
- Continue with billboards/mall posters in conjunction with traditional & social media





## Questions





# Factors Affecting Processing: Cost vs. Diversion Potential

Carrie Nash, CIF





#### What are Top Factors in Cost/Diversion?

- Response from the experts:
  - Responsiveness
  - Technology
  - Operational efficiency
- Knowing key factors allows for better RFPs & contracts



#### We Heard: Contract Management is Key

- Embrace change
  - Municipalities need technology & performance metrics to keep pace with collection activity & material changes
  - Be open to contract amendments
- Adjust your perspective
  - Are you marketing everything you can?
- Make informed choices when selecting a processor
  - Seek out processors who prioritize operational efficiency

#### Speakers

- Paulina Leung, Emterra Environmental
  - Post-Collection Operations: A MRF Operator's Perspective
- Kevin Mehlenbacher, The Region of Peel
  - MRF Upgrades for Mixed Rigid Plastics Recovery
- Naz Ritchie, The Region of Waterloo
  - MRF Upgrade: Balancing Current & Future Needs



# Post-Collection Operations: A MRF Operator's Perspective

Paulina Leung Emterra Environmental



#### Highlights

## **Key Factors Affecting BB Processing Changes:**

- 1. Harmonization
- 2. Residual
- 3. P&E
- 4. RFPs & contracts
- 5. Single vs. dual stream
- Evaluation & compensation metrics

#### **Contact Info:**

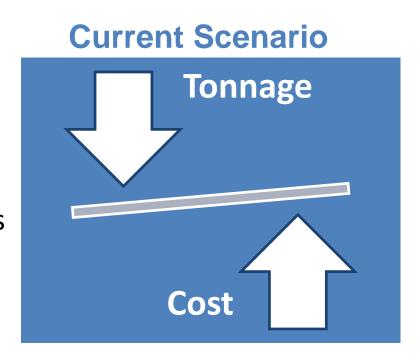
Email: Paulina.Leung@emterra.ca

Phone: 905-336-9084 ext. 130

Website: www.emterra.ca

#### Tonnage

- Basis of municipal evaluation
   & contractor compensation
- If tonnes are down, why are costs up?
  - Fewer tonnes over which to amortize capital and fixed costs largely unchanged
  - Higher demands on processor to deal with complex material groups and shrinking quantity of heavier material groups



#### Fewer Tonnes & Complex Material Groups

- Changes in most abundant stream fibres
  - Shift to electronic media
  - Yellow Pages to discontinue print directories
  - Online shopping may result in more OCC
- Increase in new types of packaging
  - Out of home and ready cooked meals growing
  - Shrink wrapped products
  - Multi layered packaging
  - New packaging uses for plastics
- Light weighting
  - Substitution of lighter packaging for heavier glass and steel
  - Lighter packaging; smaller portions



# Fewer Tonnes & Complex Material Groups: A Closer Look at What's Happening

#### Year Over Year Change by Weight (MT)

	2011	2012	% Change
Paper-Based Packaging	169,413	169,413	1.0%
Polycoat	4,956	5,567	14.1%
<b>Printed Paper</b>	508,269	493,966	-2.8%
Mixed Papers	27,767	22,998	-17.2%
Glass	88,335	87,224	-1.3%
Aluminum	10,314	11,208	8.7%
Steel	30,800	30,825	0.1%
Plastic	66,720	71,634	7.4%
Totals	904,850	892,924	-1.3%

#### Counteracting Tonnage Decreases (1)

- Harmonize P&E
- Stop residual at curb; bridge gap between haulers & processors

Every box is turned over



But not necessarily empty...





### Counteracting Tonnage Decreases (2)

3. Use simple but clear P&E for residents





#### Counteracting Tonnage Decreases (3)

- Use clear & evocative images
  - They can't/won't be comprehensive
- Choose words & media carefully
  - Simple, accessible, visible, appropriate



#### Counteracting Tonnage Decreases (4)

#### Use Practical P&E



#### Preparing recyclables is easy

- Recyclables should be clean, rinsed, dry and empty. (Milk sours and will leave odors in the cart, it also can contaminate the paper.)
- Rinse containers with water and leave no food residue.
- Do not bag items, unless it is shredded paper.
   Put shredded paper in a paper bag.
- Labels can stay on.
- Plastic lids & caps must come off. Throw them away.



#### Counteracting Tonnage Decreases (5)

#### 4. RFP & contract language that:

- Allows flexibility to respond to changes in packaging composition, weight & volume
  - Change is rapid; be prepared to keep pace
- Promotes partnership
  - Encourages discussion/negotiation about potential changes (e.g. PPP to expand targeted materials, increase capture or improve end product value)
- Establishes re-negotiation terms & conditions
  - Set thresholds, timelines & both parties' obligations

#### Counteracting Tonnage Decreases (6)

- 5. Single stream (SS) or dual stream?
  - SS MRF operators have 10+ years human capital, processes
     & systems, etc.) in effective/efficient operations
  - SS collection makes cart usage viable
  - SS is growing, esp. in Western Canada & USA
    - Half of BC, all of SK, Calgary, Edmonton, most of MB
  - SS not the work of the devil!



#### Counteracting Tonnage Decreases (7)

- 6. Commodity markets are international
  - Allow for overseas sales
  - The municipality & processor responsible for due diligence
- 7. Consider new payment & evaluation model
  - Then: \$/tonne
  - Now: \$/piece

And here are 3 reasons to consider...

### 1: Product Light Weighting

# Increase in number of pieces needed to generate 1 tonne



### 1: Product Light Weighting

# Year over year INCREASE by piece count for the SAME tonne

Material	# Pieces/Tonne*		
	2008	2009	% Increase
Aluminum	70,000	71,000	1.4%
Plastic 1L	34,000	38,000	12.0%
Pouches	167,000	176,000	5.4%
Gable Top 500ML	52,000	69,000	33.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Encorp Pacific Annual Report 2009

## 2: Proliferation of Packaging Formats

#### Packaging Innovation = Recycling Challenges









#### Rationale for New Payment/Evaluation Model

#### 3: Composition Changes in PPP Basket

- Less heavy items (e.g., newspapers, glass bottles, and heavier plastic bottles)
- More plastic packaging
- More multi-layer composite packaging
  - Many/most not "accepted" in BB programs

#### We Can Do This Better...!

#### Challenges:

- Light-weighting
- Proliferation of packaging formats
- Changing material composition
- Residual entering MRF
- Lag time & lack of consultation w/MRF operators

#### Solutions:

- Keep residual out of MRFs
- Consider change to performance measures
- Be open to partnerships,
   contract amendments &
   re-negotiation
- Earlier consultations
   between packaging
   producers, municipalities
   & MRF operators



# MRF Operations - Improving Efficiency MRF Upgrades for Mixed Rigid Plastic Recovery CIF Project #439

Kevin Mehlenbacher Region of Peel



#### **Project Summary**

- Project goal: Recovery of Mixed Rigid Plastics
- Anticipated impacts:
  - Recovery of MRPs
  - Improved material recovery (all materials)
  - Improved material throughput
  - Improved material quality (all materials)
- More information:
  - email: kevin.mehlenbacher@peelregion.ca
  - website: www.peelregion.ca

#### The Issue (1)

- Other local Blue Box (BB) Recycling Programs already added or were adding MRPs to their programs
- Large volumes of unsolicited MRP's being collected & ultimately shipped as residue
- P&E for not including MRP's with others recyclables ineffective
- Operational concerns with adding MRP's:
  - Reduced MRF throughput, material recovery and quality
  - MRF capacity reached in 2016
  - Additional labour costs for recovering MRP
  - Increased maintenance costs for aging MRF equipment

#### The Issue (2)

- MRF upgrades required to successfully recover MRP's if added to the Region's Recycling Program
- Business case for MRF upgrades less expensive than alternatives
- Other Considerations
  - MRF equipment downtime increasing with age
  - Bi-weekly cart collection beginning in 2016 projected an additional 10,000 tonnes of recyclable material requiring processing

#### New MRF Equipment

- New Glass Screen & Overhead Magnet for improved separation of Glass, Metals & Plastics
- New secondary Glass Cleanup Screen for improved Glass quality
- New Ballistic Screen for improved separation of Fibre & Container material
- New Eddy Current for improved Aluminum recovery & quality
- 2 new Optical Sorters for improved recovery of all Plastics, including MRP's
- Modifications to chutes & transfer conveyors for more efficient movement of material

# New MRF Equipment









#### Joint Project Between MRF Operator & Region

- Key factors in project success:
  - Clearly defined project management roles & responsibilities for MRF Operator & Region
  - Open 2-way communications by all parties involved
  - Time spent pre-planning project scope of work, MRF operational impacts during construction & associated project risks
- Project & budget approved by Regional Council July 2013
- Construction began mid February 2014 & was completed by end of March 2014

# **Projected Impacts**

Financial Impact	<ul> <li>Total project budget: \$3,107,500</li> <li>Business case identified potential cost savings: \$2.2M/yr. vs. manual recovery of MRPs</li> <li>CIF approved funding: 48% of project costs – \$1,511,528 (max)</li> </ul>	
Tonnage Impact	<ul> <li>Project 1,500–2,000 tonnes MRP</li> <li>Estimate 300–500 additional tonnes of other recyclables</li> </ul>	
MRF Throughput	<ul> <li>Adding MRP's without upgrades: est. reduction of 3.5 TPH MRF capacity (~13,500 TPY)</li> <li>Est. reduction in MRF downtime will increase overall MRF capacity by 7,500 –11,000 TPY</li> </ul>	

# Before & After Upgrades









# Actual Impacts

Financial Impact	• \$42,000 in additional revenues
Tonnage Impact	<ul> <li>180 tonnes of MRP recovered</li> <li>100 additional tonnes of other materials recovered</li> </ul>
MRF Throughput	<ul> <li>MRF throughput increased by 10.5%</li> <li>55.3% reduction in MRF downtime</li> </ul>

Note: Based on two months of post upgrade operations

#### Preliminary Results & Findings

- Overall, upgrade project has been successful
- New MRF processing equipment performing well
- Ongoing equipment adjustments & fine-tuning
- Initial analysis indicates improved MRF operations:
  - Improved recovery of material
  - Improved material quality
  - Reduced MRF downtime
  - Reduced sorting staff
  - Increased material throughput

#### **Next Steps**

- Commissioning of new MRF equipment
  - Does new equipment achieve equipment suppliers' guarantees?
  - Does MRF achieve specified contractual requirements with new process equipment?
- Continued analysis of equipment performance & operational impacts
  - Identification of potential operating efficiencies to reduce costs



# Material Recycling Centre Baler Upgrade CIF Project # 829.3

Naz Ritchie, M.Eng., P.Eng. Region of Waterloo



#### **Project Goals**

- Project goal:
  - Install Energy Efficient Baler
  - Find right balance between current & future needs

- For more information:
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  - website: www.regionofwaterloo.ca



#### **Baler Selection Process**



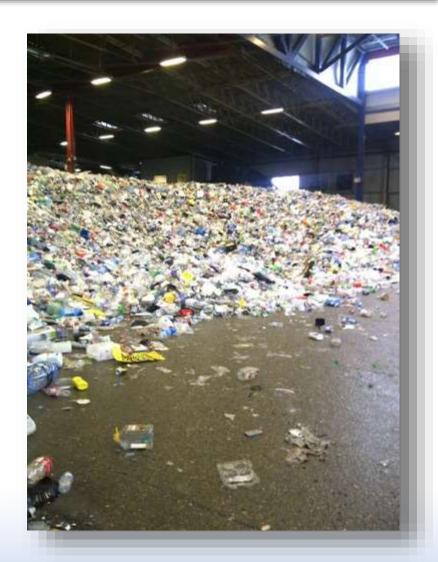






#### Considerations for Baler Selection

- Population growth
- Trends in recycling industry
  - new streams & fibres
- Technical:
  - Bale Dimensions & Density
  - Cycle Time
  - Energy Usage
- Other: Vendor Experience,
   Service, Life Cycle Price



#### **Evaluation of Options**

- Different types of balers
- Spoke to other municipalities
- Baler manufacturer reps
- Conducted site tours
- Issued competitive RFP with critical factors



#### Selected Baler

- Harris HRB 240T Twin Motor Baler
- Energy efficient 25-30% less power than other 200 HP
- Flooded pump suction hydraulic system



## **Installation & Commissioning**





#### **Installation and Commissioning**

- Tight schedule to minimize MRC downtime
- Equipment removal & installation <1 week</li>
- Issues during
   Commissioning with
   hydraulic valve



# The Culprit!!!



### **Project Outcomes & Impacts**





### **Cost Savings Opportunities**

Energy savings

Machine Speed

Less bale wires

Labour savings

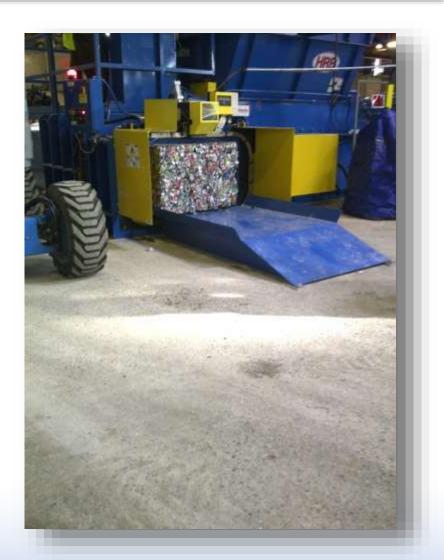
Bale density

Preventative maintenance

Material	Gorilla Baler	Harris 240T HRB
HDPE and PET	650 lbs (295 kg)	725 lb (329 kg)
Mixed Plastics	600 lbs (272 kg)	650 lbs (295 kg)
Tetrapak	550 lbs(250 kg)	600 lbs (272 kg)

#### Project Highlights: Anticipated Impacts

- Reduce operation costs
- Total price: ~1M –
  installed/commissioned
  - Capital cost \$50,000 more than smaller model
- Payback on Energy Savings:
  - 5 to 6 years based on estimated saving \$8,500/yr



#### Consideration for Similar Projects

- What are the key considerations & timing for equipment upgrades?
- How are new equipment selected?
  - What are the cost/benefits?
  - Is the processor looking at various options?
  - Will selected equipment improve efficiency of overall operations
- Are there other benefits labour savings, more revenue?
- Is there a benefit to the client/owner?

# Questions





#### Break





#### **Welcome Back**





#### The "Problem Children"

# Problematic Materials & Consistency: Costs & Challenges

Mike Birett, CIF



# You've Heard Us Talking About Them







## Some of You Have Them In Your Program







# Everyone Recognizes the Benefits of Program Harmonization

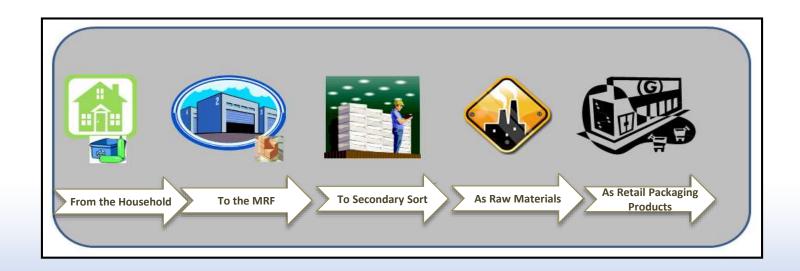






#### So How Do We Move Forward?

- We need to:
  - Develop stable, domestic markets
  - Develop & implement best practices
  - Understand cost implications of various collection/processing options



#### EPS as an example

- Joint REOI (CIF/SO/CPIA) July 2012 for EPS management
  - HGC selected as successful proponent
  - Issues with non-EPS contamination in bales
- CPIA Ontario PS Foam MRF
   & Recycling System Audits,
   Sept. 2013



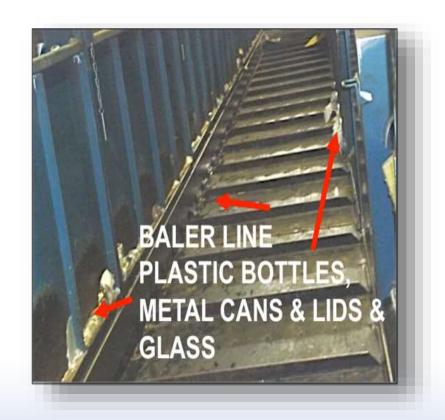
## **Key CPIA Conclusions (1)**

- CIF wanted to understand the cost implications
- Densification required to economically access markets
- EPS must be positively sorted before densification to meet domestic markets



## **Key CPIA Conclusions (2)**

- Baling in an undedicated MRF baler reintroduces significant contamination
- MRF sorters focus on large clean EPS pieces



## Key CPIA Conclusions (3)

- Depot foam is cleaner than curbside but needs to be monitored
- Additional P&E is required
- Packaging design is key



## CIF #715 Examined the Cost Implications

- Develop and test a model for allocating full costs by material, not just incremental costs
- Advance our understanding of EPS cost management





## The Methodology Builds on Existing Frameworks

- 12 collection & processing scenarios were modelled
  - Curbside, depot, collection in bags, loose shipment vs.
     densification



## Methodology (Cont'd)

#### Datasets:

- WDO muni groupings (urban/rural) & costs
- SO cost allocation principles
- CIF #711 Curbside Single Family
   Audits, MRF Commodity Bale &
   Residue Audits & MRF Composite
   Paper or Packaging Observations
- 2013 Stewardship Ontario
   Fee-Setting Model



# Operating Costs Were Based on Existing EPS Programs

- Factors considered:
  - Collection & processing costs
  - Existing/additional capital, sorting,
     storage & shipping costs
  - Debagging and densification costs where appropriate





## Limited Data Resulted In Broad Cost Ranges

#### **Urban Collection:**

Collection Location	Collection Method	Densification	Estimated Cost Range (\$/tonne)			
Location				Low		High
Curbside	Comingled Loose	No densification	\$	1,653	\$	2,849
		Densification	\$	1,507	\$	2,707
	Comingled in Bags	Shipped in bags	\$	1,653	\$	2,849
		Debag, Densification	\$	1,522	\$	2,747
Depot	Comingled Loose	No densification	\$	769	\$	1,573
		Densification	\$	627	\$	1,411
	Comingled in Bags	Shipped in bags	\$	769	\$	1,573
		Debag, Densification	\$	637	\$	1,461
	Segregated in Bags	Shipped in bags	\$	523	\$	559
		Debag, Densification	\$	401	\$	457
	Segregated Loose	Shipped loose	\$	523	\$	559
		Densification	\$	361	\$	417

## Limited Data Resulted In Broad Cost Ranges (2)

#### Rural & Depot Collection

Collection Location	Collection Method	Densification	Estimated Cost Range (\$/tonne)			
Location			Low	High		
Curbside	Comingled Loose	No densification	\$ 1,139	\$ 4,139		
		Densification	\$ 787	\$ 3,787		
	Comingled in Bags	Shipped in bags	\$ 1,139	\$ 4,139		
		Debag, Densification	\$ 807	\$ 3,807		
Depot	Comingled Loose	No densification	\$ 1,593	\$ 7,639		
		Densification	\$ 1,346	\$ 7,287		
	Comingled in Bags	Shipped in bags	\$ 1,593	\$ 7,639		
		Debag, Densification	\$ 1,375	\$ 7,307		
	Segregated in Bags	Shipped in bags	\$ 989	\$ 7,219		
		Debag, Densification	\$ 771	\$ 6,887		
	Segregated Loose	Shipped loose	\$ 989	\$ 7,219		
		Densification	\$ 742	\$ 6,867		

#### **Next Steps**

- Refine the modeling
- Refine our dataset
- Refine costs by municipal groupings
- Build on our understanding of depot ops

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## Questions





## Factors Affecting Collection

Gary Everett, CIF





## Managing Collection Costs Pays Off

- Collections are part of our everyday activity
- ~60% of costs are collections related
- Infrequent opportunities for change infrequent; contracts last 7 years (avg.)
- Knowing key factors allows for better RFPs & contracts



### **Ongoing Initiatives**

- Automation
  - Collecting more material, faster
- Health & safety
  - Protecting health, preventing risk
- Technology
  - Vehicle options, fuel considerations
- Contract management
  - RFP & contract improvements

## Speakers

- Francis Veilleux, Bluewater Recycling Association
  - Transitioning from Manual to Automated Collections: A Case Study
- George South, Progressive Waste Solutions
  - The Future of Curbside Collection



# **Automated Collection Conversion CIF Project 559.3**

Francis Veilleux
Bluewater Recycling Association

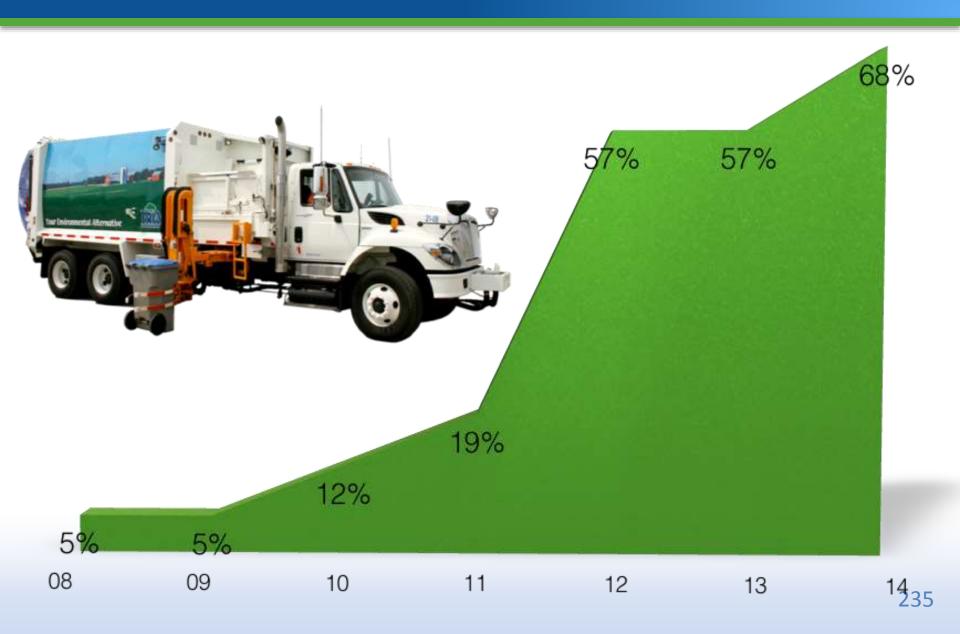


## **Project Highlights**

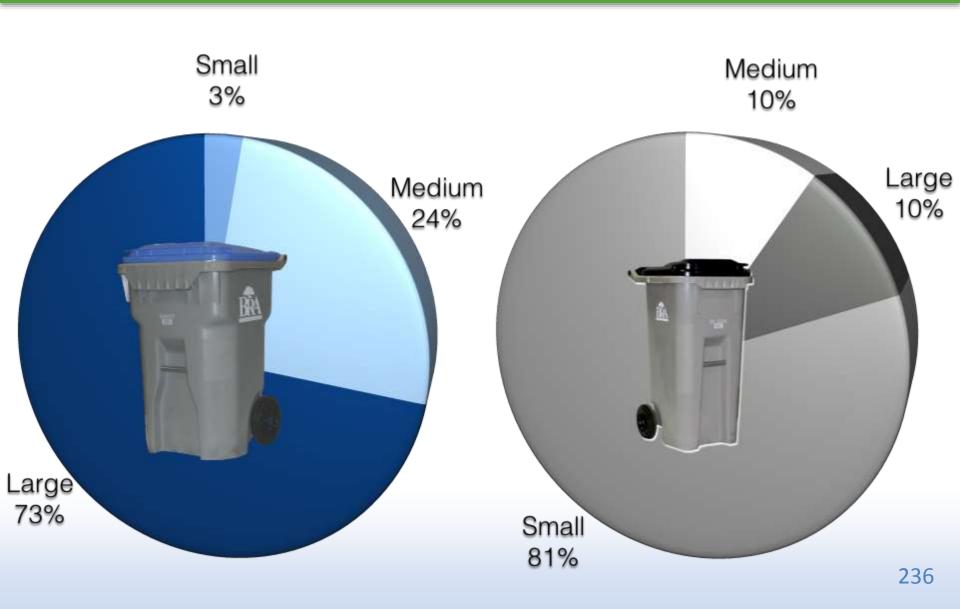
- Goal Today:
  - Program Update since November 23, 2011

- More information:
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  - website: www.bra.org

## **Automated Conversion Progress**



### **Container Distribution**



## Not a One Size Fits All Program





## Material Variety

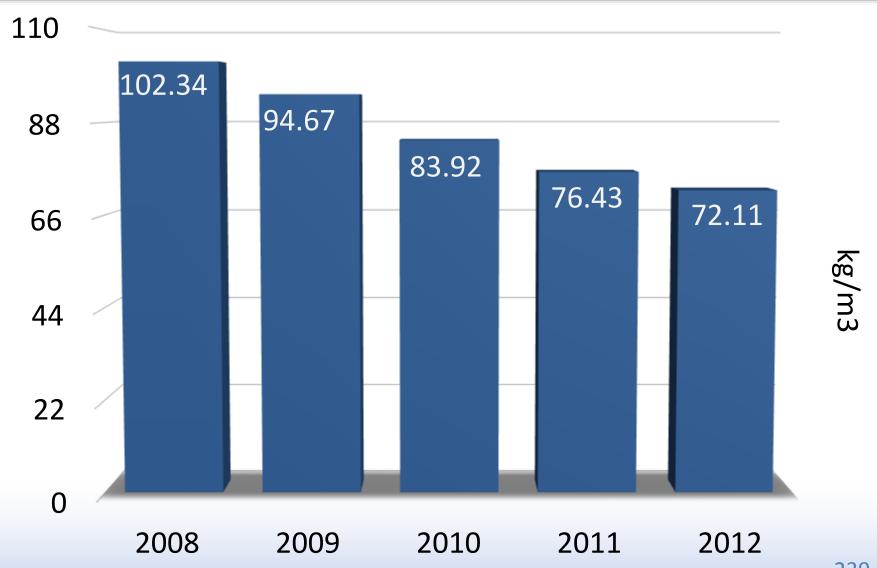
#### Now

## Then





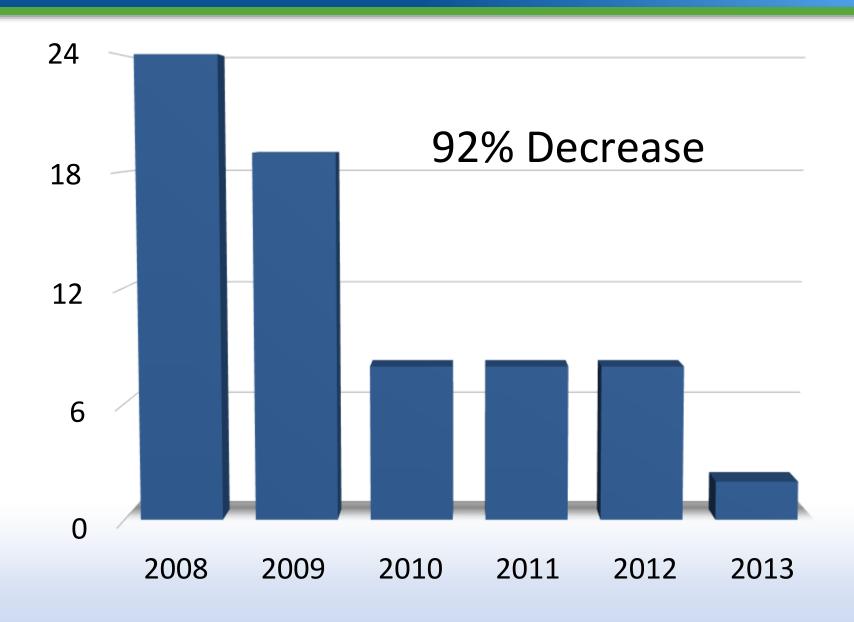
## Material Density



## Recovery Increase

Service Area	Launched	Increase	
St. Marys	October 2008	37%	
Central Huron	November 2010	39%	
Goderich	June 2010	59%	
Strathroy-Caradoc	January 2013	40%	
Lucan Biddulph	August 2012	71%	
Seaforth	June 2010	79%	
West Perth	August 2013	57%	
Brooke Alvinston	October 2011	18%	
South Huron	May 2013	65%	

## Health & Safety Performance (WSIB Claims)



## Health & Safety Performance (WSIB Costs)



## **Delivery Cost**





## Wind Tolerance

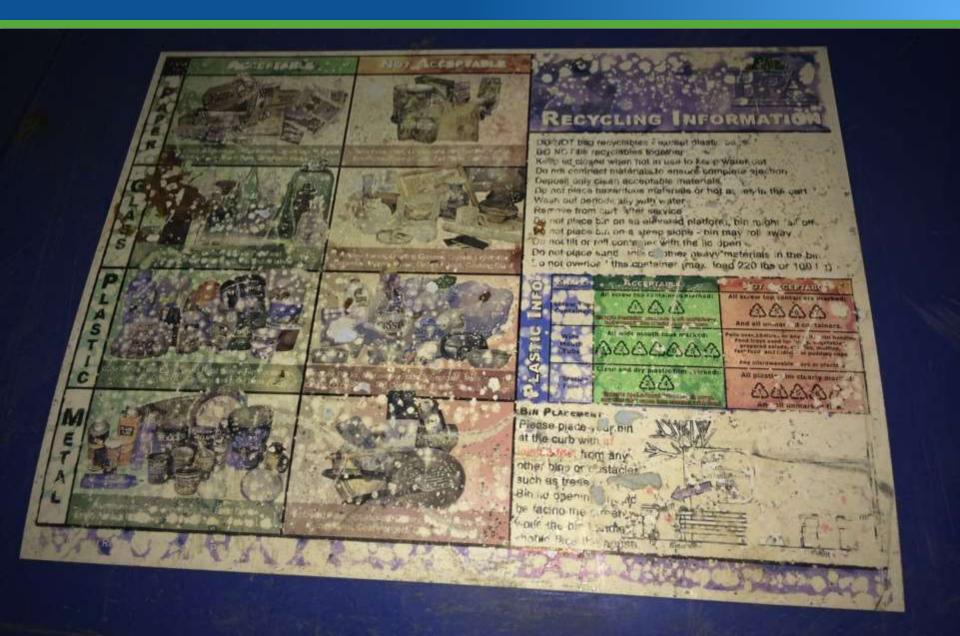


#### In Mold Labels

#### RECYCLING INFORMATION Glass Paper Do not place bin on an elevated part form, bits trait in tall off. Do not tilt or reli container with the lid open Do not place sund, soil, or other flexes materials is the lan-Newspapers, Magazines, Pizza Boxes, Clear and Coloured Class, Food and Do not overload this continuer (max, load a to this or too lut) Beverage Containers with lids and/or labels Flattened Cardboard, Flyers, Egg Cartons, Paper Towel Rolls, Bagged Shredded Paper BIN PLACEMENT Please place your bits at the could be within these place. Metal Plastic main any other bins or obstacles such as trees, cars, or malboxes. Do not place the bin casto the mid surface. Bin lid opening should be facing the street while the bin handle should take the house. All right plastic packaging labeled Attrough A. Set mit your Retail bags must be bagged and kept separate FINANCIAM - F / No plastic lids smaller than 3" are accepted See important exceptions below Bluewater Recycling Association - P.O. Box 547, Huron Park, Ontario NoM 1Yo

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## **Identity Crisis**



## No Vandalism Warranty



## **Split Personality**



## RFID Technology

- Useful for Service Verification
- Good Performance Metric
- Assist In Maintaining Inventory
- Required to Control Contamination

## **GPS Technology**

- Good Directional Tool
- Not accurate enough to find missing bins
- Subject to cell network connectivity for live data



#### **Overall...Pleased with Results**





#### The Future of Curbside Collection

George South - Ontario Region Progressive Waste Solutions



#### Overview



- Safety is the overriding priority
- Key operating principles through times of change
  - Focus on the wildly important
  - Act on lead measures
  - Keep compelling scorecard
  - Create cadence of accountability

### Collection: How we Manage Our Business

- Driver manages minute to minute
- Dispatcher manages hour to hour
- Supervisor manages day to day
- Operations manager manages week to week
- District manager manages month to month
- Area manager manages quarter to quarter
- Regional VP manages year to year
- Executive team focuses on a 3 year plan

# Everybody wants to get better... But nobody wants to change

We need to change daily behaviour, re-evaluate behaviour & strive to set best standards



#### Planning for Change: How Do We Get Better?

#### Operational model leads to:

- The right type of trucks
- Technology
- Labour/supervisory competency
- Maintenance standards
- Procedures that lead to safety culture outcome



#### **Priorities**

#### Investments in:

- Safety essential & translates into our community & organization
- Training, role definition& responsibility
- Maintenance programs& systems

## **Equipment: Present & Future**

#### Present

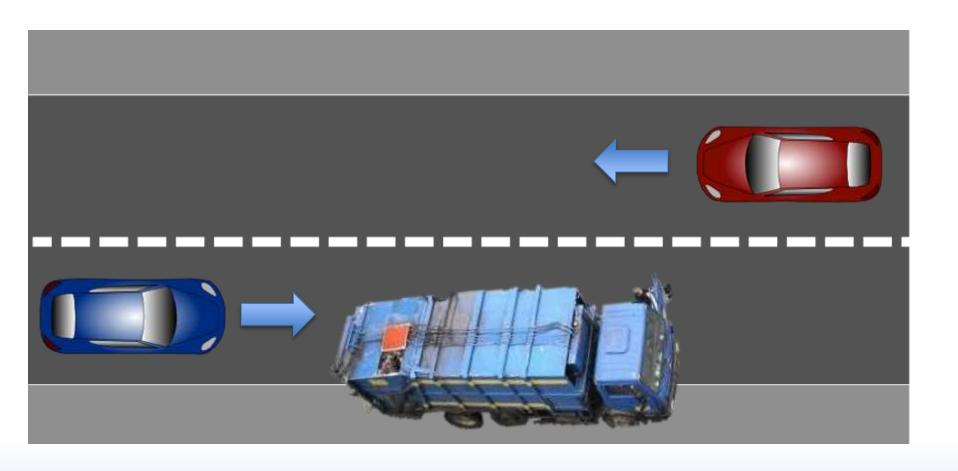
- Rear-loader has been king
- Most ubiquitous & productive curbside vehicle in N.A.
- Prediction: Rear-loader's days as industry mainstay are over



End of an era for the rear loader?

- New direction focused on:
  - Enhanced operator safety
  - Right piece of equipment for the right job
  - Automation infrastructure dependent
  - Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) but be careful!

#### Equipment: Rear-loaders Put Drivers In Harm's Way



#### Quick-view on Rear-loaders

#### Pros

- Productive; dependable; less moving parts
- Adaptable for changing waste streams
- Capital & operating costs lower than the options
- Considerations
  - Safety issues
  - WSIB: rear-loader is a young-person's game

#### Equipment: Automated Side-loader (ASL) Styles





Automated Sideloaders: more productive than ever before but infrastructuredependent



Automated systems for single & 2-stream

#### Quick-View on ASL Trucks

#### Pros

- ASL comes in single or co-collection form; based on:
  - waste stream splits
  - distance to transfer/landfill/processing
  - whether multiple streams means multiple tip facilities

#### Considerations

- Ergonomic constraints: driving ahead & looking behind at all times/split attention
- Little to no opportunity to handle bulky items
- Need for "chaser" truck

## Equipment: Other Automated Options – "Curotto-Can"



Single or 2-stream trucks; front box can split longitudinally to accommodate different streams



#### Quick-view on "Currotto-Can" Automation

#### Pros

- High productivity
- Can pick up carts & manual loads



- All activity takes place in front of driver position & on curbside with truck between public & driver
- Driver in cab; eyes forward
- Ease of overflow & bulky item loading
- Considerations
  - Higher capital cost



## Progressive's Waste Fleet

4987

**On-road vehicles** 

826

**Post-collection vehicles** 





## Progressives' CNG Waste Fleet

## 391

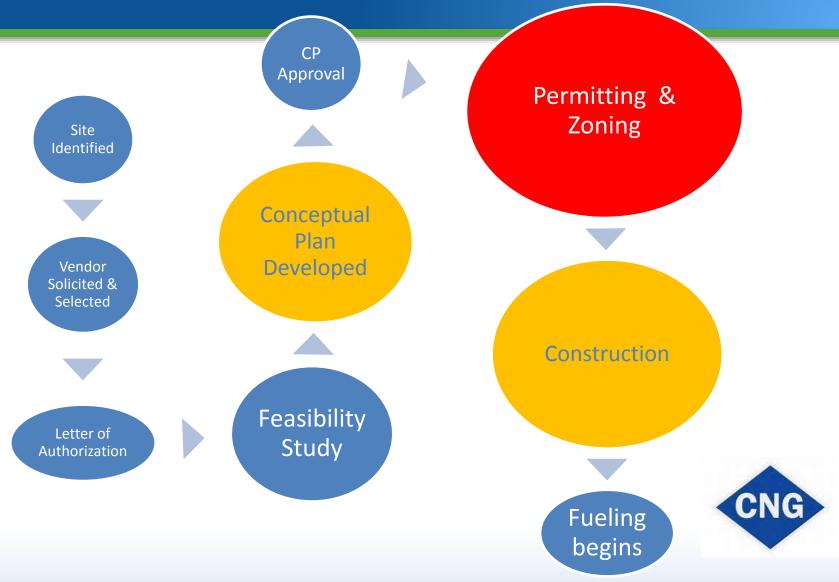


CNG powered trucks \*

Current	
Vancouver, BC 90 units	St Louis, MO (Bridgeton) 12 units (adding 18 in 2014)
Barrie, ON (Simcoe) 90 units (adding 20 in 2014)	Montreal (Laval) PQ 30 units
Dallas, TX (expanding) 12 units (adding 11 in 2014)	Tampa 44 units (add 4 in 2014)
Haltom City, TX 32 units	McKinney, TX Adding 25 units in 2014
New Orleans (Bridge City) 12 units (adding 18 in 2014)	Pompano Beach, FL 11 units

\*2014

### **CNG Sites & Future Planning**



## CNG: Siting to Start-up (1)



Trenching



Rebar section for compressor stations



Concrete pad



Slow-fill fueling standpipes

## CNG: Siting to Start-up (2)



In-ground pipeworks



Compressor arrives on skids



Finished standpipes



Finished compressor

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## CNG: Siting to Start-up (3)

Finished CNG system







Dryers remove moisture from CNG system

## Top, Bubble & Cab Mounts

Compressed natural fuel tank on top





Compressed natural fuel tank in tailgate area; shielding prevents safety concerns

#### Quick-view: CNG Vehicles



#### Pros:

- CNG onboard tanks becoming more innovative
- Quieter with lower carbon footprint
- Considerations
  - Cold weather challenges
  - Watch new diesel truck fuel use
    - Some are 30% more efficient than first diesel particulate fuel (DPF) systems (2008)
    - Throws out CNG economics

#### Summary: Future Predictions

- Rear Loader significance will decline in our industry
- Where there are carts there will be automation
- Safety focus will drive activity in front of operator
- Efficiency will drive special collections to be combined (bulky)
  - Necessitates adaptable truck body design
- Diesel prices will influence CNG inroads, but can all be derailed by taxes & diesel efficiency improvements
- Evolution in cart systems
  - Front-load automated collection, powered by CNG

#### Your Future RFP Considerations

- Safety
  - Have specific CVOR requirements & stick to them
- Economies of Scale
  - Consider cross-municipal cooperation
  - Optimal equipment usage:
    - 1,200 hh/day urban
    - 500-600 hh/day rural

#### RFP Tips

- Set performance expectations in RFP & enforce them
- Consider your options
  - 5 stream, dual stream, single stream
  - Weekly, bi-weekly, alternating rotational days

Pre-screen up front to get better contractors:

- Check CVOR
  - Historical performance & safety records
- Check references
- Look for red flags
  - Low price not always best contract

Info is available; find it online or ask for it

## When we execute, we win & deliver on the promise

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## Questions





## In Summary...





## **Closing Remarks**

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#### See You at the Fall 2014 ORW!

Thank you to ORW speakers, attendees & support team





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