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Executive summary

This is a final report of two projects implemented by the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet from April 2014 to December 2014. The project goals were to increase diversion percentage annually to 30% by the end of 2015, decrease the estimated current contamination of 3.8%, increase plastics diversion by 10%, and meet Best Practice requirements by having a communication plan in place for the program. The Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) provided financial and technical assistance in completing the project.

In March 2014 the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet began implementation of a communication plan for the Blue Box recycling program. During the first year of implementation, the municipality began implementing the following promotional & educational (P&E) tactics:

- Flyers distributed to new residents
- Newspaper advertisements
- Website updates

In order to assess the impacts of P&E activities, specific to increased plastic capture, the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet has completed the following measuring & monitoring activities:

- Compared monthly tonnages of HDPE, PETE, and other accepted materials
- Compared yearly contamination rates.

The tonnage of materials collected from residents have slowly been increasing year over year since 2011. Plastics, specifically HDPE and PETE has risen 11% in 2014 over 2012 figures, and at the time of this report is on track to exceed that for 2015. Other material tonnages are up as well. In total, tonnage is up 2% in 2014 of all materials over 2013. Interestingly, contamination is also increasing year over year, again by 2% in 2014 over 2013.

While exceeding our goal of increasing the capture of plastic by 10% has been realized, contamination is still on the rise, and the Township will need to address this issue in the near future. The next phase of increasing participation and capture of plastics will be rolled out with a new multi-residential CIF project this Fall.

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1 PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 Municipal Information

Population	Permanent – 7,948
Households (single family)	3,678
Blue Box Tonnage (2012 Datacall)	719.3 MT
Municipal Grouping	Small Rural
Blue Box Program net cost (2012 Datacall)	\$304,604
Net cost per tonne	\$423.50
Annual P&E Budget	\$3,000

The municipality of Alfred and Plantagenet provides residents with multi-stream recycling through weekly curbside collections. The municipality targets all materials accepted through the Blue Box program, including polystyrene. As of 2015, collection is completed by Cool Containers and Rental; based on a set fee for the contract year. Materials are trucked to RecycleAction at 1301 Spence Avenue in Hawkesbury, Ontario; costs are accrued on a \$60/tonne basis as of 2015.

1.2 Project Description

The Continuous Improvement Fund provided the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet with technical assistance and a grant of \$5,000 for the development of a communication plan for promotion and education of the Blue Box program and the implementation of P&E tactics, and 60% of costs to an upset limit of \$4,000 to undertake a campaign to increase plastic packaging recovery. Tactics used by municipal staff include development of newspaper advertising, information flyers, and website updates.

Overall, this project was created to educate and promote Blue Box waste diversion in our municipality.

2 IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 Goals and Objectives

Increase Diversion: In 2011, the municipality's blue box marketed materials diversion percentage was 25.6%. The Township of Alfred and Plantagenet set the objective to increase this by 1.5 to 2% annually to reach 30% by the end of 2015. This statistic is compiled annually by staff during the WDO datacall submission process.

Decrease Contamination: Contamination of materials in 2011 was 3.8%. The overall goal is to reduce this by the end of 2015. Contamination is recorded annually at the processing facility.

Increase Plastics Diversion: A 10% increase in overall plastics (HDPE, PETE) tonnage will be managed through an increased focus on educating the public about the plastics that are recyclable, including the new materials of plastic film and polystyrene that are recyclable.

2.2 Messages Used

- You Can Recycle
- Recycle All Plastics

2.3 Target audiences

The promotion and education campaign will target both English and French speaking populations within the township and include all dwellings such as multi-residential, campsites, new subdivisions etc.

2.4 Tactics Utilized

Table 1: P&E Implementation tactics, targets, and respective costs

Tactic	Description	Budget	Actual
Plastics Flyer	In September of 2014, 5,000 plastics recycling flyers were printed to distribute to new homeowners, and inquiring residents. These same flyers will also be used to distribute to multi-residential units when the next phase rolls out in the Fall.	\$1000	\$497.20
Website updates	The Township unveiled a new website in April, 2015 showcasing improvements to recycling information. The site is still under construction, but improvements are ongoing.	\$1000	Staff time
CNA/OCNA In-	The Township utilized CNA/OCNA In-Kind advertising space	Staff time	Staff time

Kind Advertising	to run full-page advertisements regarding recycling and plastics in in 2014. Advertisements mimicked the plastics flyer.		
Recycling Flyer	In September 2014, this flyer promoted all of the acceptable blue box materials, with a special emphasis on polystyrene as a new product that is now accepted in the blue box.	-	\$335.61

Table 2: Implementation schedule, proposed versus actual, of P&E tactics and activities

Task	Description	Timeline	Actual
Recycling Flyer	Double-sided flyer promoting plastics and polystyrene	2014	September 2014, and Jan., Mar., and Apr. 2015
Coordination with Outsource Agency	Consultation with CIF/WDO and SO	Ongoing	Ongoing
Program Tracking	Tracking recycling tonnage and comparison with previous year	Twice yearly 2014	Twice a year 2014, and ongoing 2015
Website	To inform the residents about	3-4 times	One update in 2015
Management	changes and improvements to	per year	
	recycling program		
Community Liaison	In accordance with community events	Summer	Not Completed
	organizing committees' requests	2015	

3 RESULTS

3.1 Results

Increasing desirable plastics by 10% since 2012 has been achieved, but contamination at the RecycleAction MRF has increased as well. Currently, HDPE and PETE are the only types of plastic tracked by the Township. Although we have asked RecycleAction for tonnages for all plastics, we have yet to hear back. 2015 tonnages will not be known until the end of the year.

Table 3: Measuring and Monitoring activities of Blue Box recy	ling program for the Township of Alfred & Plantagenet
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Measure	2012	2013	2014	Goal
Bluebox Marketed Tonnes	691.87 MT	753.83 MT	768.58 MT	Any increase
Contamination Rate	27.63 MT	30.10 MT	30.69 MT	Any decrease
Plastic Tonnage	19.07 MT	20.78 MT	21.19 MT	21 MT
Blue Box Diversion Rate	21.81%	19.74%	Not yet determined	30%

3.2 Analysis of project

Increasing the awareness of plastics recycling by using flyers, and newspaper advertising seems to have increased our desired plastic (HDPE and PETE) tonnages by 11% in 2014 over our 2012 figures, thereby exceeding our goals for increasing plastic tonnage by 10%. In fact, overall blue box marketed tonnages have increased year over year since 2012. However, we have noticed an increase in contamination, which has hurt our goal of reducing our contamination rate. Although increases are minor, more work needs to be done to reduce contamination.

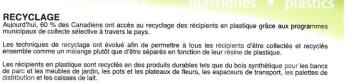
New to 2014 was the acceptance of polystyrene in the blue box. Prior to 2014, this material was counted as contamination, and landfilled. Once this material became an acceptable product, residents could put this material in the blue box, or take it to a depot. RecycleAction reported that 95% of polystyrene was from residents dropping this material off at a public depot, while the remaining 5% was collected curbside. Unfortunately, RecycleAction was unable to determine how much polystyrene was specific to Alfred and Plantagenet, as this material is mixed with several other municipalities. It is necessary to note that 10 MT was collected from municipalities, in which Alfred and Plantagenet is one. As noted above, we are still waiting for RecycleAction to provide us with tonnage of all accepted plastics.

Overall we felt the program was a success. It was difficult to determine if our increase in desirable plastics was in relation to our expanded communications efforts, but an increase was felt nonetheless. We plan to expand our communications efforts, including that of increasing desirable plastics to our multi-residential residents this Fall.

APPENDIX

Plastics flyer and advertisement





RÉUTILISATION

Les plastiques prévus pour l'utilisation au four à micro-ondes sont étiquetés comme tels par le fabricant, puisque le récipient a été conçu pour résister à des températures élevées et à la chaleur sans se déformer ou fondre.

Recyclez tous les plastiques!

RECYCLING

Today, 60 % of Canadians have access to the recycling of plastic containers thanks to the municipal programs of selective collection throughout the country.

The techniques of recycling evolved to allow all containers to be collected and recycled as a mixture rather than to be separated according to their resin of plastic.

The plastic containers are recycled in sustainable products such as some synthetic wood for park benches and garden furniture, jars and trays of flowers, transport spacers, pallets and the plastic cases (for milk).

RE-USE

Plastics used in microwave ovens are labelled as such by the manufacturer, because container was designed to resist high temperatures and heat without deforming or melting.















La styromousse blanche, propre, sans ruban adhésif, triée et placée dans un sac ou dans une boîte, sans autres produits, peut être déposée à côté de votre boîte bleue. White Styrofoam, clean, no scotch tape, sorted and placed in a bag or a box, without any other product, can be placed beside your blue box.

OR

OU

Vous pouvez déposer votre styromousse à l'endroit désigné au centre de dépôt, entre 8h et 16h, du lundi au vendredi. Pour information: 613 632.8508. You can bring your Styrofoam at the designated place at the depot centre, between 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For information: 613 632.8508.

Centre de dépôt de Styromousse Styrofoam depot centre



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