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Background

Located in NE Ontario, Temiskaming Shores has a population of 10,400, which is comprised of 4,448 households. In September 2014, they moved from depot service to cart based curbside collection and established a regionalized transfer station, which provides service to six municipalities.

While the transition has helped increase diversion more than 35%, the initial P&E strategy was unsuccessful in keeping unwanted materials out of residents' recycling carts. With contamination levels reaching 20% and higher, the municipality passed a City By-Law permitting its contractor to leave behind overly contaminated carts, and City Staff to levy fines against repeat offenders.

Goals

The goal is to reduce residue levels from 20% to below 15% through a P&E campaign.

Baseline Audits

Residue Management Pre-Audit

Collection of 20 Household 95 Gallon Recycling Containers per Day

	June 13, 2016	June 14, 2016	June 15, 2016	June 16, 2016	June 17, 2016		
Material Category	Weight (kg)	Total					
Printed Paper							
	35.7	26.1	48.3	54.7	14.5	179.3	
Paper Packaging							
	27.8	39.1	27.7	33.4	11.9	139.9	
Corrugated Cardboard							
	12.3	23.7	33.2	23.8	5.6	98.6	
Plastic							
# 1-7	20	20.8	17.3	27.1	15.2	100.4	
Film	10.8	13.2	7.1	6.5	9.6	47.2	
Metal							
Aluminum	8.8	9.9	3.1	3.5	6.1	31.4	
Steel	6	3.9	4.9	2.6	8.3	25.7	
Glass							
	19.5	9.1	5	13.3	5.5	52.4	
Styrofoam							
	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.4	2.9	
Other Materials							Total
Non Blue Box	9.8	8.4	10.8	15.5	4	48.5	52.8
HHW	0.1	0.2	1	2	0	3.3	
Electronics	0	0	0	1	0	1	
	151.2	155	159.1	184.2	81.1	730.6	
RESIDUE RATE	: 7%	6%	7%	10%	5%	7%	

Outcomes

Given the baseline audit results showed that the contamination levels were lower than the 15% goal set for this project the staff from Temsiksaming Shores elected to not to proceed with a P&E campaign. The Municipality was faced with other pressing priorities and limited budget. The funds previously dedicated to this project were allocated to other initiatives.