

Waste Legislation and Waste Division Program Update

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- Initiating annual report to Council on Waste Division Programs in the City of Vaughan
- Opportunity to gain Council feedback on current and future programming
- Update on the new provincial legislation, the Waste-Free Ontario Act, and coming changes to Blue Box Program Plan



Waste Division Program Update

- Achieved target waste generation rates – second lowest in York Region
 - 284 kg annual waste generation per capita in 2016
- Mature organics diversion program in place for those receiving curbside collection
- Working towards waste diversion programs that include batteries, clothing/textiles and three-stream multi-residential services, to be put forward for future budget deliberations



Outreach and Events – Environmental Days

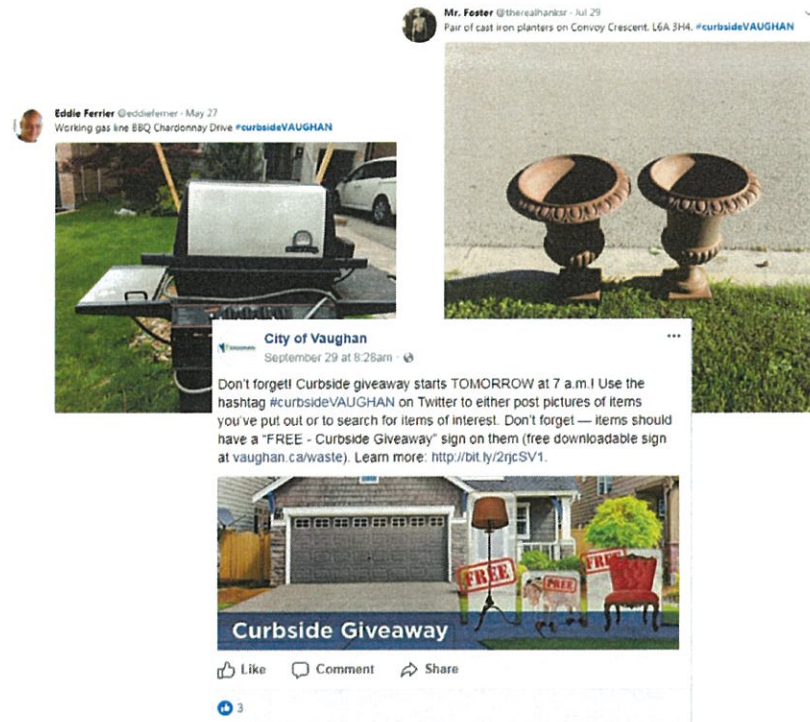


Bin exchange and sales, e-waste and clothing collection, Plug 'n Drive electric vehicle showcase, and free garden mulch to residents

Outreach and Events - Libraries



Outreach and Events – Curbside Giveaway Weekends



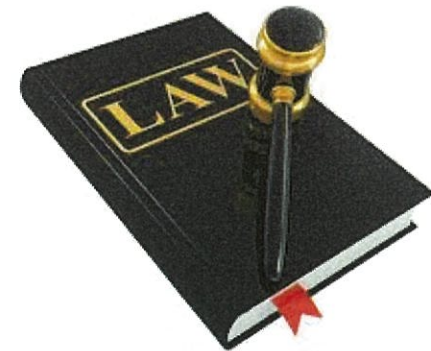
Service Expansion – Multi-Residential Condominiums

- Phase 1 of service expansion scheduled to start with our new waste contract January 1, 2018
- Application process underway, site visits complete
- Amended Waste Collection By-law provides guidance for multi-residential condominiums, for Council review in October



Waste Legislation Update

- The Waste-Free Ontario Act was enacted June 1, 2016
 - Waste Diversion Transition Act & Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act
- Goal of the legislation is to divert more waste from landfills, build a circular economy for these materials, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions



Waste Legislation Update

- Council directed City of Vaughan staff to participate in the development of the new legislation and accompanying regulations
 - In-person meetings
 - Board of Directors, Municipal Waste Association
 - Comments through the Environmental Registry
 - Final Draft Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy
 - Discussion Paper: Addressing Food and Organic Waste in Ontario



Waste Legislation Update

- Changes to the Blue Box Program Plan are underway
- The Industry Funding Organization, *Stewardship Ontario*, which is funded by private sector producers, will continue to administer funding providing approximately 50% of eligible municipal Blue Box Program costs, \$1.28 million for the City of Vaughan in 2016
- Through the new legislation, Blue Box recycling collection and processing can be fully funded by private sector producers, reducing the cost of this program to the City of Vaughan



Waste Legislation Update

- Based on interest and support from Ontario municipalities, the Municipal 3Rs Collaborative advocacy working group formed early 2017
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario
 - Municipal Waste Association
 - Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario
 - City of Toronto
- Municipal 3Rs Collaborative requested early transition of Blue Box Program Plan on July 7, 2017, through an accord with producer representatives



Waste Legislation Update

- On August 14, 2017, Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, directed Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority and Stewardship Ontario to produce an amended plan by February 15, 2018
- Consultations scheduled, with staff participating October 11, 2017
- It is expected that staff will be able to present the draft Blue Box Program Plan Amendment in January for Council review and comment



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