

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Panel Session 1 (9:30am - 10:30am)	The ongoing plastics conundrum (Panelists to be announced) - Plastics continue to create challenges for recycling/diversion programs. Closed markets, low commodity prices, confusion about which plastics are actually getting recycled, are some of the challenges. The panel will discuss these issues, how they affect recycling/diversion programs and what actions could and should be taken at local, provincial and macro level.
Session A1 (10:55am - 11:30am)	Community/Region Success Story: Solid Waste Area Management Project, SWAMP (Presenter: Brent Kletke) - Established in 1996, Solid Waste Area Management Project (SWAMP) is a Class 1 Landfill that services the City of Winkler, City of Morden & RM of Stanley. SWAMP receives consistently positive reviews for its clean and organized approach and for its comprehensive recycling and diversion initiatives. Brent will explain how their facility is set up, why they set it up this way, what issues and challenges they face, and SWAMPs strategies for protecting the health and safety of their workers and visitors to the site.
Session B1 (10:55am - 11:30am)	Regen Composites – Update on Regen’s Activities and Plans (Presenter: Michelle Gowdar, Regen) – Regen is an innovative new Winnipeg-based company that has been manufacturing commercial and industrial products from wood, fibre and plastic wastes. The company continues to experience growth and is navigating both challenges and opportunities. Michelle will provide participants an update on the company’s activities and insight into their plans for Manitoba and beyond.
Session A2 (11:35am – 12:10pm)	A First Nations Perspective on Waste Management: Brokenhead Ojibway Nation (BON) Community Sustainability Plan and Waste Management Law (Presenters: Bev Smith and Ariel Lupu) – Under authority of the BON Land Code, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation recently developed a Sustainable Development Plan and is now in the process of developing and implementing a Waste Management Law. These components will set the stage for the development of a comprehensive Recycling Strategy for the community. Bev and Ariel will share highlights from BON’s sustainability plans and also provide insight into the consultation and decision making process involved.
Session B2 (11:35am – 12:10pm)	Product Care Recycling’s Household Hazardous Waste Program & Update on their NEW Commercial Lightbulb recycling program (Presenter: Kathy Cass) – Product Care Association manages The Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. In addition to providing information about the program and how communities can participate, Kathy will also provide an update on Product Care’s NEW commercial lightbulb recycling program.
Panel Session 2 (1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Dealing with Contamination in the recycling stream (Panelists to be announced) - Contamination is a growing problem for recycling programs and it's a confusing one for the public. This panel will focus on the factors that make contamination such a difficult challenge, and strategies for reducing and/or handling contamination in the waste stream.
Session A3 (2:05pm – 2:40pm)	Compost Winnipeg: Setting up and managing a composting program (Presenter: Kelly Kuryk) Compost Winnipeg is a social enterprise of the Green Action Centre that provides composting service to offices, multi-family residential buildings, on-site composters, small restaurants and cafes. These are people who love compost(!) and they have a lot of great insight and information to share with anyone thinking about setting up a community composting initiative.
Session B3 (2:05pm – 2:40pm)	Lessons from the North (Presenters to be announced) Recognizing that remote communities across northern and rural Manitoba face some unique challenges when it comes to operating efficient and effective recycling programs, a number of Manitoba’s stewardship agencies, (aka Producer Responsibility Organizations or PROs), have been working collaboratively to develop tools that will help these communities safely collect, store and transport a range of recyclable materials. While the focus of their work has been in northern Manitoba, the lessons, insights and tools they’re developing may be valuable to all community recycling program planners.

<p>Session A4 (3:00pm - 3:35pm)</p>	<p>Community/Region Success Story: RM of St. Andrews (Presenter: Ron Hahlweg) - The Rural Municipality of St. Andrews currently operates two small waste disposal grounds and 5 satellite recycling depots. Ron will outline how the community's approach to waste management and recycling continues to evolve and how the RM operates the 2 landfills and 5 depots as an integrated system designed to provide convenient, accessible and efficient service to its nearly 12,000 residents spread across the 752 square kilometers.</p>
<p>Session B4 (3:00pm - 3:35pm)</p>	<p>Question Period with Manitoba's Product Stewardship Programs (aka PROs) – Group 1: Vehicles and Vehicle-Related Products (Presenters: Tire Stewardship MB, Manitoba Assoc. for Resource Recovery Corp. and Canadian Battery Assoc.) – Got a question about tires, oil, antifreeze, and lead acid battery recycling in Manitoba? This is the place for answers. This session will follow a town hall format. Each presenter will get about 4-5 minutes to explain the basics of their program and then your questions will drive the rest of the discussion.</p>
<p>Session A5 (3:40pm - 4:15pm)</p>	<p>Update on Winnipeg Metropolitan Region Waste Management Planning Discussions and Activities (Presenter: Natalie Lagassé and Richard Bolton) - The Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) is comprised of 18 municipalities that include and surround the City of Winnipeg. WMR has recently initiated discussions and planning with their members and a number of First Nations in the region towards partnership and collaboration on waste management. Natalie and Richard will provide an update on discussions and planning underway and answer questions about how WMR and its members envision recycling and waste reduction initiatives in the region moving forward.</p>
<p>Session B5 (3:40pm - 4:15pm)</p>	<p>Question Period with Manitoba's Product Stewardship Programs (aka PROs) – Group 2: All Things Electronic (Presenters: EPRA-Manitoba, Call2Recycle, RecycleMyCell) – Got a question about electronics, household batteries and cell phone recycling in Manitoba? This is the place for answers. This session will follow a town hall format. Each presenter will get about 4-5 minutes to explain the basics of their program and then your questions will drive the rest of the discussion.</p>

