

Manitoba's Waste Diversion and Recycling Framework Review

Results, Consultant
Recommendations & Next Steps



Overview

- Why Modernization is Needed?
- Extended Producer Responsibility Overview
- Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Levy Overview
- Framework Review Methodology and Approach
- Stakeholder Perspectives
- Recommendations
- Analysis and Next Steps

Why modernization is needed:

- Mandate to modernize the regulatory and programming frameworks for waste diversion and recycling in the province
- Early adopter of Extended Producer Responsibility model.

Extended Producer Responsibility

- Market-based approach to waste diversion and recycling, consistent with the “Polluter Pays” principle.
- Producers or “industry stewards” are obligated to take responsibility for the recycling or safe disposal of products and materials they supply into Manitoba.
- Producer Responsibility Organizations operate stewardship programs on behalf of industry.
- Programs are funded through eco-fees and/or direct financial contributions from industry stewards.
- Manitoba government provides regulatory oversight.

EPR Programs in Manitoba



Municipal Role

- Program success depends on the support and participation of individuals, businesses and municipalities/communities.
- Municipalities have collection sites where residents can drop off a wide range of materials that can be recycled or safely disposed.
- Some municipalities have curbside collection for residential packaging and printed paper (blue box materials)
- Convenient way for residents to divert materials from landfill.

Waste Reduction and Recycling Support (WRARS) Levy

- Announced in March 2009 Budget
- \$10 per Tonne Levy on all waste landfilled
 - Includes residential, ICI and CR&D waste
 - Exemptions: private industrial landfills, First Nations landfills and waste transfer stations



Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park Waste Transfer Station

Waste Diversion and Recycling Framework Review

- Program Enhancement
- Program Accountability
- Program Effectiveness
- Circular Economy
- Funding Allocation
- Barriers and Opportunities
- Alignment with National Targets
- GHG Targets
- Partnership Synergies



What we heard

Public Surveys

- 71% of participants recycle
- 41% of participants satisfied with recycling program availability
- Recycling information is confusing
- 50% of participants compost
- Support diversion of organics
- Lack education on how to compost

What we heard

Municipalities

- Need consultation on transition to 100 per cent EPR (packaging and printed paper)
- Inadequate funding to municipalities for recycling
- Issues with municipality-enforced landfill bans

Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs)

- Need government support with free riders
- Support national harmonization
- Support landfill bans

What we heard

Service Providers, NGOs, others

- Lack of recycling funding and services in the North
- Need role clarification between PROs and communities
- Need regional servicing and better coordination with PROs

Remote and Northern Communities

- Limited capacity, funding and service for waste management
- Need a northern regional strategy
- Support diversion of organics, large appliances and mattresses

Key Recommendations

Program Enhancement

- Add new Stewardship Materials
- Expand Diversion programs to service the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector
- Expand Diversion programs to service the Construction Renovation and Demolition Sector

Program Accountability

- Increase Program Accountability through updated key performance indicator targets
- Increase Enforcement Measures
- Introduce Enhanced Data Reporting Requirements

Program Effectiveness

- Implement 100% extended producer responsibility for packaging and printed paper
- Update Material Recovery Targets
- Increase Accessibility to Waste Diversion
- Landfill Levy Updates

Key Recommendations

Support for Circular Economy

- Add the Waste Hierarchy to the WRAP Act
- Introduce Circular Economy Policy Levers

WRARS Funding Allocations

- Re-Design the Funding Allocation System

Other Considerations

- Introduce Organics Diversion Programs to Reduce Waste to Landfill and GHG Emissions
- Consult on Landfill Bans as a Tool to Incentivize Waste Diversion
- Align Provincial Targets with National Targets
- Coordinate with AB and SK who are currently planning transitions on 100% EPR for PPP
- Look to lessons learned from work already completed by ON, BC, and QC

Framework Review Analysis and Next Steps

- Analyzing the recommendations
- Transition to full extended producer responsibility model for packaging and printed paper

Feedback:

- What recommendations did you like?
- What recommendations did you not like?

Thank you!

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