

2020-132 Attachment-2 Solid Waste Management Master Plan progress summary

Solid Waste Management Master Plan

Q2, 2019 - Q2, 2021; 45% complete

Recent progress/achievements to date

Public Advisory Committee meetings have restarted with meeting #3 held via Webex on July 30th. Presentations and discussions included:

- High level findings of draft Future State Report (disposal capacity, legislation, and emerging issues);
- Brainstorming exercise for long-term waste option considerations for “aspirational” and “out of the box” ideas
- Review of the Public Engagement Plan and how the SWMMP engagement process is adapting to COVID-19

Due to COVID-19, the engagement plan has been adjusted, in consultation with the City’s engagement team, as follows:

- Engagement Lab #1 (Open House) was replaced with an online StoryMap; providing information about the City’s current waste system, future pressures, and key challenges such as single-use plastics and food waste; and
- Survey #1 was posted on Have Your Say Guelph, and is seeking community opinions and perspectives regarding a variety of topics such as single use plastics; industrial, commercial and institutional collection service standards; cost and fairness of service and funding models such as exploration of user pay models.

Draft reports on future state and growth, and IC&I collection service standards are undergoing staff review. Research and development of other deliverables such as the food and food waste mapping study (with guidance from Our Food Future), program and performance enhancement, and options for user pay and cost of service review are in progress.

New opportunities or relevant challenges

- Changing practices during the pandemic, such as the suspension by some stores of reusable bags in favour of single-use items, may have impacted attitudes concerning sustainability. Public survey # 1 will probe potential changes in attitude.

Next steps

Public Advisory Committee

- Future meetings will focus on program and performance enhancement options and reviews of technical reports and recommendations.

Downtown Stakeholder Group Meeting

- Working with the Downtown Stakeholder Group to determine interest, current priorities and capacity to participate in a virtual meeting
- Future meetings will focus more directly on problem solving, identifying design possibilities and making recommendations

Upcoming Community Engagement

- Telephone interviews will take the place of pop-up events; and
- Sector workshops are under review to determine best approach.