

The County of Peterborough  
Waste Management Committee

To: Chair and Members of Committee  
From: Laurie Westaway, Manager of Environmental Services  
Date: March 4, 2013

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**Subject: Waste Management Master Plan**

**Recommendation:** Receive for Information

**Financial Impact:** No budget or financial implication associated with this report

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**Background:**

In February of 2011, the County of Peterborough commenced the development of the Waste Management Master Plan (WMMP). The purpose of the plan was to understand the existing diversion and disposal systems in order to improve and analyse current and future waste management services.

**The Plan:**

The final document outlines the options to improve efficacy of waste management and increase the County diversion rate from 39% (2010) to the socially and politically desired goal of 60%. The WMMP also outlines potential disposal options for future consideration in the required Environmental Assessment.

Included in the plan is:

- Current system overview – programs, challenges, and finances
- Waste composition, projected waste needs and opportunities over the 20 year planning period for diversion and disposal of materials
- Strengths and challenges outlined for options considered
- Key recommendations for the short, medium, and long term with an implementation plan, projected diversion impact, and financial estimates

The City has developed a WMMP separate from the County; however both municipalities are committed to working together effectively and efficiently to manage municipal solid waste through formal partnerships, aligned policies, and operational relationships.

County Council endorsed the WMMP at the January 23, 2013 meeting, with the direction for staff to present phased program implementation as a part of successive future Public Works Environmental Services annual budget presentations.

A copy of the County of Peterborough Waste Management Master Plan can be found on the County website at

<http://county.peterborough.on.ca/waste-management-plan>

Respectfully submitted,

Originally signed by

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