

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 20, 2010**

### **2009 RESIDENTIAL WASTE DIVERSION UPDATE WARDS - ALL**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That the presentation by the Director of Public Works be received.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

Through the City's various waste collection programs and initiatives, a significant amount of waste is being diverted from landfill, thereby contributing to environmental sustainability.

#### **Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact associated with this report.

#### **Communications Plan**

N/A

#### **Purpose**

To update Council on the significant success with respect to improving the City's waste diversion for the period of 2005 to 2009.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

Since its start in 2005, the City's "Greening Vaughan" waste reduction and diversion strategy, has resulted in a marked increase in curbside diversion numbers. The residents of Vaughan have embraced the Greening Vaughan strategy, and their efforts have allowed the City to go from a curbside diversion rate of 21% in 2005, to 68% in 2009. Details as to what makes up these numbers, are provided in the presentation.

Although the 3 phases of the Greening Vaughan program were completed in 2007, staff continue to work towards increasing overall residential waste diversion through ongoing outreach, promotion and education to the community, and through new waste diversion initiatives.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and ties into the following Vaughan Vision 20/20 Goals and Objectives:

Goal: Service Excellence  
Objective: Lead and Promote Environmental Sustainability  
Objective: Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery

#### **Regional Implications**

The Region is responsible for processing, marketing and disposal of all materials collected by the City. Any changes to increase the City's waste diversion will be done in conjunction with the Region to ensure that the respective municipal operations are not detrimentally impacted.

**Conclusion**

The Greening Vaughan strategy has proven very successful, and Vaughan residents should be congratulated for their waste diversion efforts.

Through ongoing outreach, promotion and education to the community, as well as new waste reduction and diversion initiatives, more materials will be diverted from landfill in the future.

**Attachments**

N/A

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