



**Town of Aurora  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Revised Agenda**

**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2026  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

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<b>1. Call to Order</b>	
Note: Added items are marked with an asterisk (*).	
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<b>7. Matters for Consideration</b>	
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2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments	

regarding Corporate Waste Audit and Reduction Plan Update be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**7.2 Memorandum from Manager, Public Works; Re: Waste Program and Recycling Update**

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1. That the memorandum regarding Waste Program and Recycling Update be received; and
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding Waste Program and Recycling Update be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**8. Informational Items**

**9. New Business**

**10. Adjournment**



**Town of Aurora  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2026  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

**Committee Members:** Ron Weese (Chair)  
Victor Carvalho  
Shun Chen\*  
Jason Cheng  
Angela Daust  
Leta Dayfoot  
Denis Heng  
Ken Turriff (Vice Chair)

**Members Absent:** Alain Godin

**Other Attendees:** Councillor Wendy Gaertner\*  
Natalie Kehle, Program Manager, Energy and Environment  
Matthew Volpintesta, Manager of Parks and Fleet\*  
Will Stover, Analyst, Energy and Climate Change  
Julia Shipcott, Council/Committee Coordinator

\*Attended electronically

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the

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Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by** Ken Turriff

**Seconded by** Jason Cheng

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**Carried**

**4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

**5. Receipt of the Minutes**

**5.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2025**

**Moved by** Leta Dayfoot

**Seconded by** Ken Turriff

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 20, 2025, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Delegations**

None.

**7. Matters for Consideration**

**7.1 Memorandum from Program Manager, Energy and Environment; Re: Draft Home Energy Retrofit Program Design Study**

Staff introduced Janice Ashworth, Senior Consultant, and Alex Hill, Partner, Dunsky Energy before providing a brief overview of the evolution of the Feasibility Study to the Draft Home Energy Retrofit Program Design Study. Janice reviewed the study's main objectives, recapping the main

sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Aurora, identifying the demographic characteristics of energy poverty and retrofit barriers, and reviewing recent changes to various multi-level government and utility program initiatives. Multiple short-, medium- and long-term initiatives, both individual and in collaboration with various levels of government, were outlined, along with funding resources to address the inadequacy of natural gas emissions reduction efforts.

The Committee inquired about loan and grant options geared to low-income households, marketing efforts to piggyback on existing energy-efficiency programs and utilize local social networks to reach the target audience.

Additionally, the Committee expressed concerns regarding the publication of household energy ratings and their accuracy, as well as energy data collected by the Town being shared with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (M.P.A.C.), which could adversely affect home valuation. Feedback was provided that the homeowner will maintain the ability to opt-out or update energy ratings, as per a national energy standard.

The Committee requested further details on the reliability and return-on-investment of heat pumps and the optimal energy upgrade time for homeowners, as well as alternate solutions through partner programs to achieve the Town's retrofit targets. It was noted that knowledge barriers will be targeted through a variety of awareness methods to incentivize households.

The Committee further inquired on the availability of natural gas consumption details through home energy retrofit programs pre- versus post-retrofit, as well as historical data available from the federal EnerGuide program.

**Moved by** Ken Turriff

**Seconded by** Leta Dayfoot

1. That the memorandum regarding Draft Home Energy Retrofit Program Design Study be received; and

2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding the Draft Home Energy Retrofit Program Design Study be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**7.2 Memorandum from Manager, Parks and Fleet; Re: The Protection and Commemoration of Aurora's Oldest Trees that Hold Natural and Cultural Significance**

Staff provided an overview of the program to be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting regarding the inventorying of Aurora's significant heritage trees and employing preservation, commemoration and potential lineage redistribution to continue their legacy. Staff noted that various revenue generation opportunities are also to be considered.

The Committee provided suggestions on location of commemorative plaques as well as providing protection to the root systems from future development in the immediate area of identified trees. Staff noted that setbacks will be incorporated into the new program.

The Committee inquired whether heritage tree designation would extend to trees on privately-owned land. Staff responded that legalities limit the Town's ability to protect those trees but current penalties are being reviewed, and the Private Tree Protection By-law will be updated in 2027 in order to strengthen the protection of significant trees located on privately-owned land.

The Committee queried how invasive tree species will be managed and how the heritage tree inventory will be generated and maintained. Staff provided details that the current significant tree inventory is regularly updated and will include a public call-out to provide an opportunity for the public to add new tree locations.

**Moved by** Leta Dayfoot

**Seconded by** Ken Turriff

1. That the memorandum regarding The Protection and Commemoration of Aurora's Oldest Trees that Hold Natural and Cultural Significance be received; and

2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding The Protection and Commemoration of Aurora's Oldest Trees that Hold Natural and Cultural Significance be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**8. Informational Items**

None.

**9. New Business**

The Committee inquired about tracking of waste diversion, and to what location recyclables will be taken, with the province awarding the recycling contract to Circular Materials. Additionally, concerns were shared relating to the closure of multiple Beer Stores in Ontario and the effect it will have on recycling and waste diversion. Staff commented that Amanda Cutler, Coordinator Waste/Recycling will attend a future meeting.

The Committee shared concerns regarding the lack of clearing of some storm sewers and ponds, which could lead to an increased risk of flooding, and queried how the Town may account for climate change and new development, and how maintenance may be affected due to the shortfall on infrastructure funds. funds.

The Committee inquired about how tree canopy projections may have changed based on recent tree losses on private property, and staff provided a response.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Ken Turriff

**Seconded by** Angela Daust

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**Carried**



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Town of Aurora

## Memorandum

Planning and Development Services

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**Re:** Corporate Waste Audit and Reduction Plan Update

**To:** Environmental Advisory Committee

**From:** Natalie Kehle, Program Manager, Energy and Environment

**Date:** April 20, 2026

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### Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Corporate Waste Audit and Reduction Plan Update be received; and
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding Corporate Waste Audit and Reduction Plan Update be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

### Background

The Town's latest five-year Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan (ECDMP) includes the quantification of GHG emissions from Town-owned facilities, fleet, water/wastewater facilities, street lighting and from corporate waste generation. Solid waste sources from corporate sources including facilities, parks and public waste receptacles. Quantification of solid waste generated at the Town under the 2024 ECDMP was based on desk-top estimations. Performing physical waste audits to improve accuracies and to create a targeted reduction plan for corporate waste was identified as an action item in the 2024 ECDMP.

### Analysis

The Town retained the consulting services of AET Inc. to perform the waste audits and develop the reduction plan. The project commenced in December 2025 with the study completion date planned for May 2026. The project consists of the following elements:

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1. Undertaking a review of relevant regulations and trends that may impact corporate solid waste management practices and circular economy and how they impact the Town's corporate reduction plan.
  2. Reviewing best practices and undertaking a comparative analysis from other municipalities and corporations to inform the reduction plan.
  3. Performing solid waste audits at selected Town-owned locations including at facilities, parks and other public receptacles.
  4. Developing a baseline inventory of corporate solid waste and 2050 projections.
  5. Developing a solid waste reduction plan that aligns with the Town's 2024 ECDMP net-zero by 2050 target, including an implementation plan, monitoring strategy and financial impacts.

The following Town locations were selected for the waste audit:

**Facilities:**

- Joint Operation Centre
- Stronach Aurora Recreational Complex
- Aurora Senior Centre
- Aurora Town Hall
- Aurora Town Square

**Parks, roadside receptacles and Town-run events:**

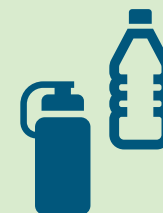
- Arboretum Trail and Lambert Wilson Park
- Aurora Town Park
- Edward Coltham Park
- Fleury Park
- Machell Park
- Roadside receptacles along Yonge Street and Wellington Street (5 locations)
- Arctic Adventure – (Town run event held on February 16<sup>th</sup>)

**Attachments**

none



# **TOWN OF AURORA** CORPORATE WASTE AUDITS AND REDUCTION PLAN





# PROJECT INTRODUCTION



# CORPORATE WASTE AUDITS AND REDUCTION PLAN

## Key Objectives

-  Measure corporate waste and emissions
-  Improve data accuracy and reporting
-  Identify diversion opportunities and inefficiencies
-  Deliver practical, cost-effective reduction plan



## Project Approach





# TOWN FACILITIES AND AUDIT LOCATIONS



# CORPORATE WASTE AUDITS

Waste Audit Locations	Location Names
Corporate Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Operations Centre (JOC)</li> <li>• Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex</li> <li>• Aurora Town Hall</li> <li>• Aurora Senior Centre</li> <li>• Aurora Town Square</li> </ul>
Public Bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks (Leisure Complex (Arboretum Trail And Lambert Park), Edward Coltham Park, Fleury Park, Machell Park)</li> <li>• Roadside bins (5 bins selected, mainly on Yonge St, between Wellington St and Church St)</li> </ul>
Town Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Arctic Adventure (February 14 &amp; 16)</li> </ul>



# OVERVIEW OF CURRENT WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM





# EXISTING CORPORATE DIVERSION PRACTICES

## CORPORATE & PUBLIC EVENTS

### INDOOR EVENTS

- Reusable tableware, linens, glassware and utensils through contractor
- No bottled water (water coolers and paper cups)
- If disposable items are required, they must be compostable

### OUTDOOR EVENTS

- Food vendors required to use compostable tableware

### RIBFEST

- Two main waste stations with 3 streams
- Problem with contamination – GFL puts all in garbage stream

## CORPORATE FACILITIES

### STAFF

- Corporate E-waste collection and disposal; managed by IT
- Ink cartridge recycle program
- Three stream waste bins with signage; high contamination rates
- Water bottle refilling stations
- Successful cardboard recycling program with GFL
- Successful Senior Centre composting program

### VENDORS

- No supply of plain bottled water in vending machines; flavoured water available
- Vending machines sell reusable bottles

## OUTDOOR SPACES

### OUTSIDE FACILITIES, PARKS, ROADS

- Three stream receptacles
- Some garbage only
- Maintenance/landscaping material sent to JOC compost system

### DOG WASTE PILOT PROJECT

- In-ground waste receptacles installed in 11 park/trail locations
- Approx. 30 tonnes per annum diverted from landfill



# SOLID WASTE AUDITS








# WASTE AUDIT RESULTS OVERVIEW

Location	Garbage Audited (kg)	Recycling Audited (kg)	Organics Audited (kg)	Diversion Rate (%)	Capture Rate (%)
Joint Operations Centre (JOC)	8	4	1	17	30
Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex	30	15	0	1	1
Aurora Town Hall	3	5	1	12	14
Aurora Senior Centre	14	3	2	23	26
Aurora Town Square	17	9	0	5	6

\*Numbers have been rounded; percentages reflect diversion and capture rates based on actual values

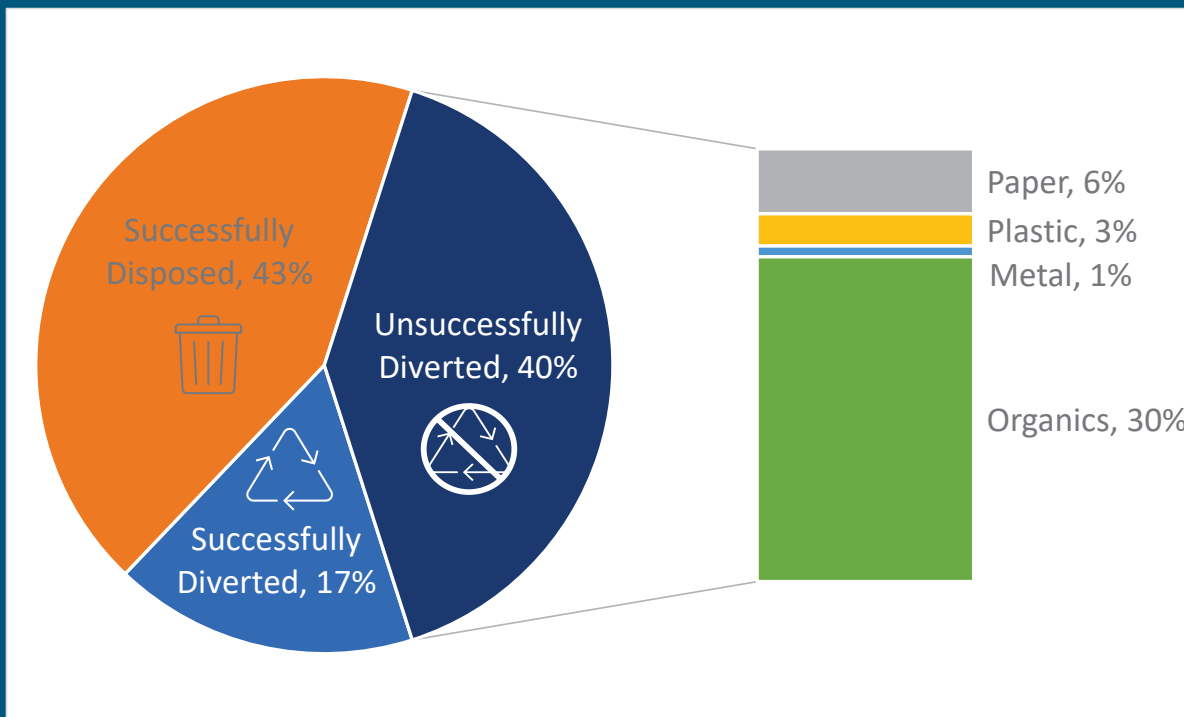


# DEFINITIONS

Term	Symbol	Definition
Successfully Diverted		Waste materials that can be redirected from landfill through recycling, composting, or reuse programs.
Successfully Disposed		Waste that cannot be redirected from landfill through diversion programs and is disposed of in landfill.
Unsuccessfully Diverted		This term refers to both Blue Box and green cart items being disposed of in the garbage or showing up as contamination in the wrong diversion program.



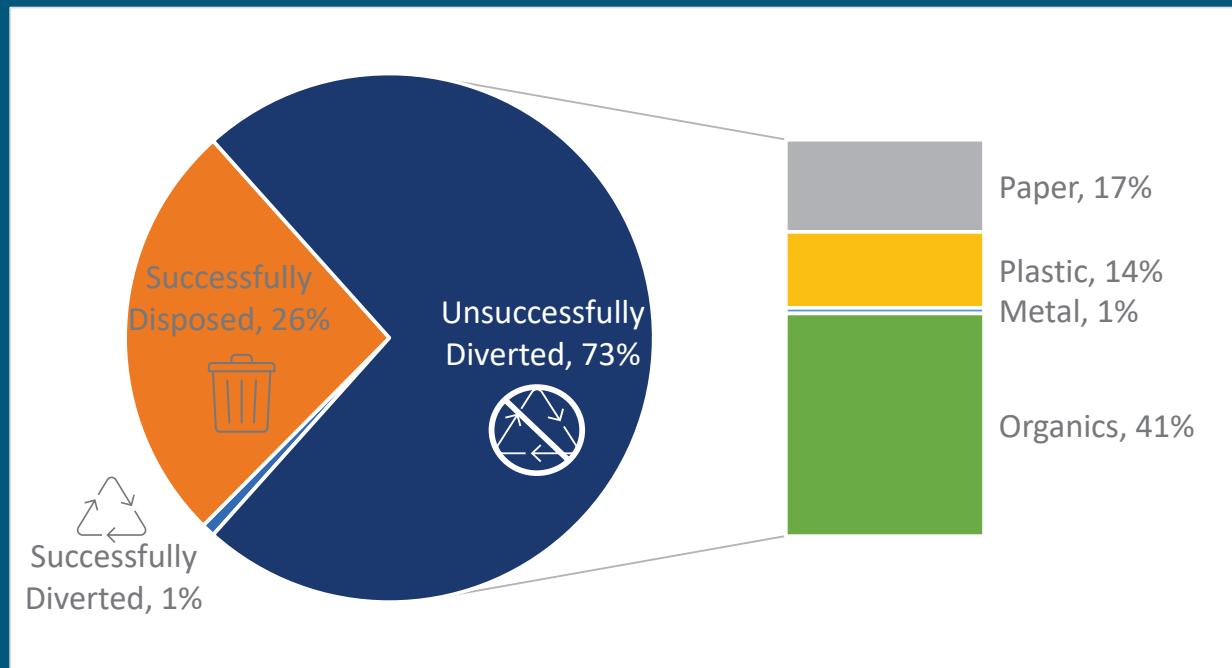
# JOINT OPERATIONS CENTRE



**Total Annual Waste Generated: 4,894 kg**



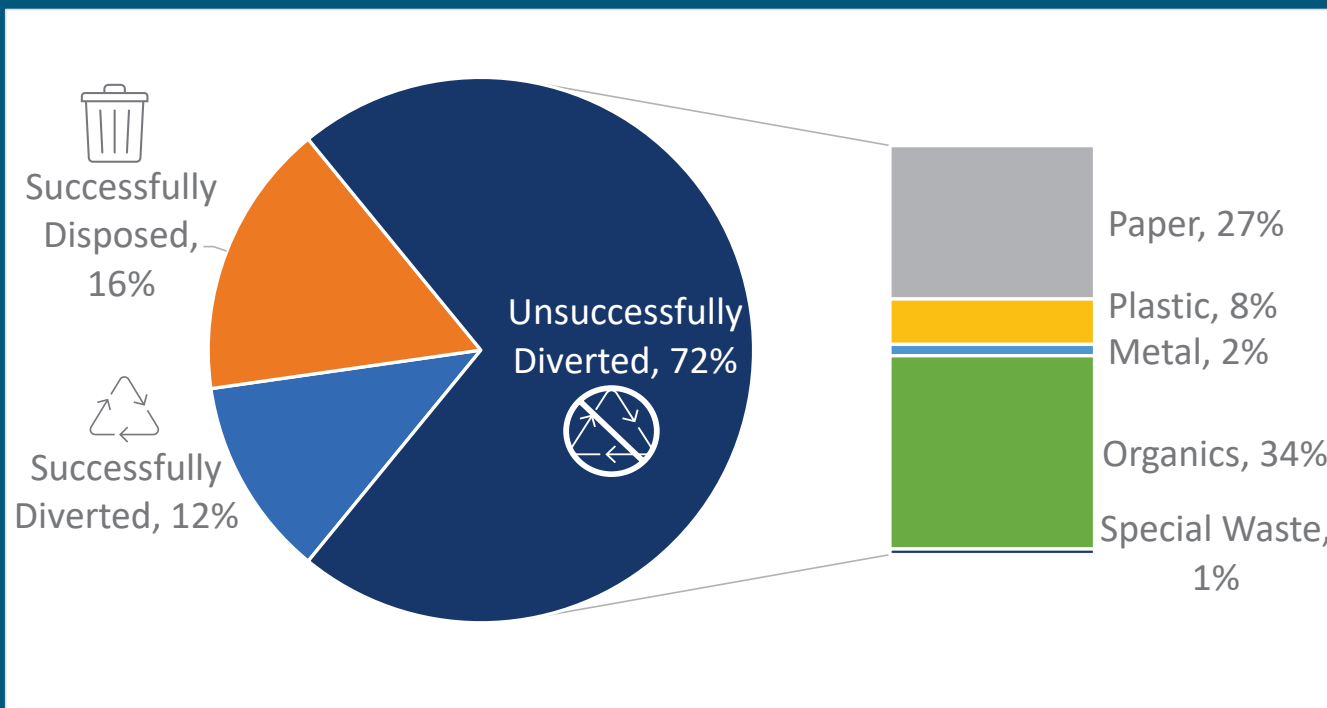
# STRONACH AURORA RECREATION COMPLEX



**Total Annual Waste Generated: 16,218 kg**



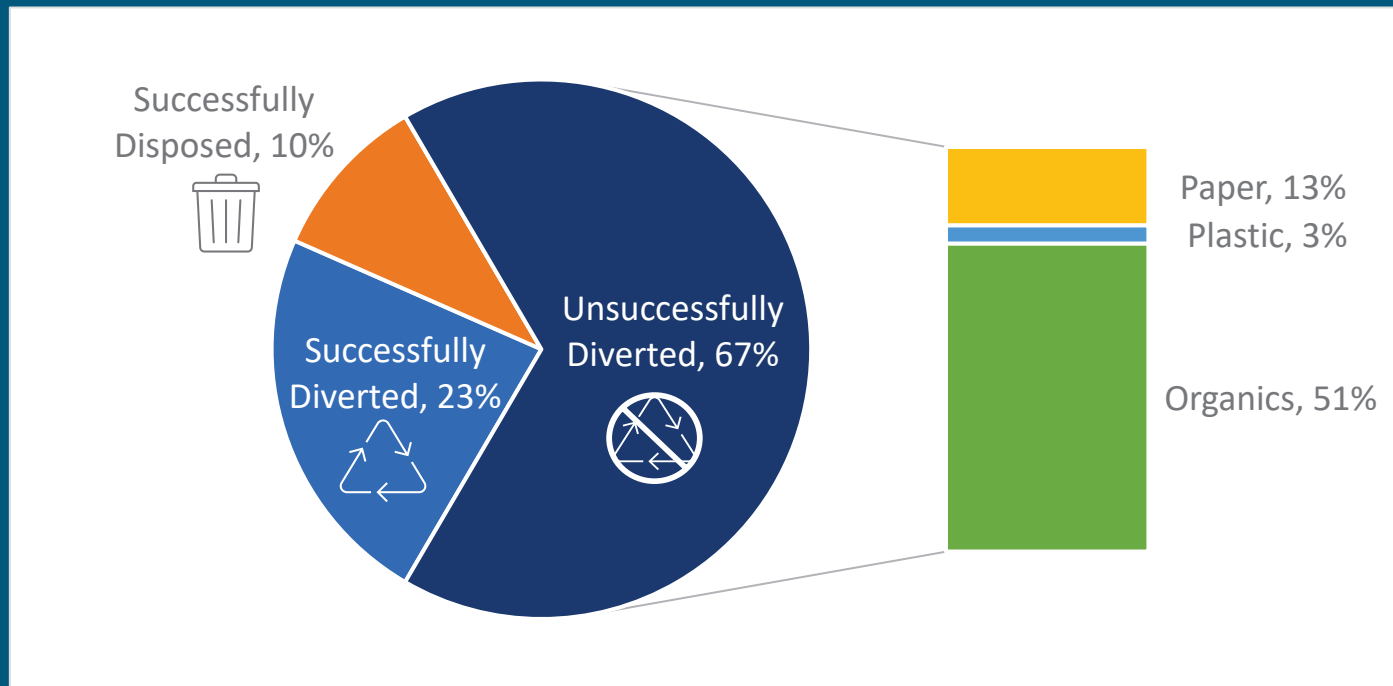
# AURORA TOWN HALL



**Total Annual Waste Generated: 2,390 kg**



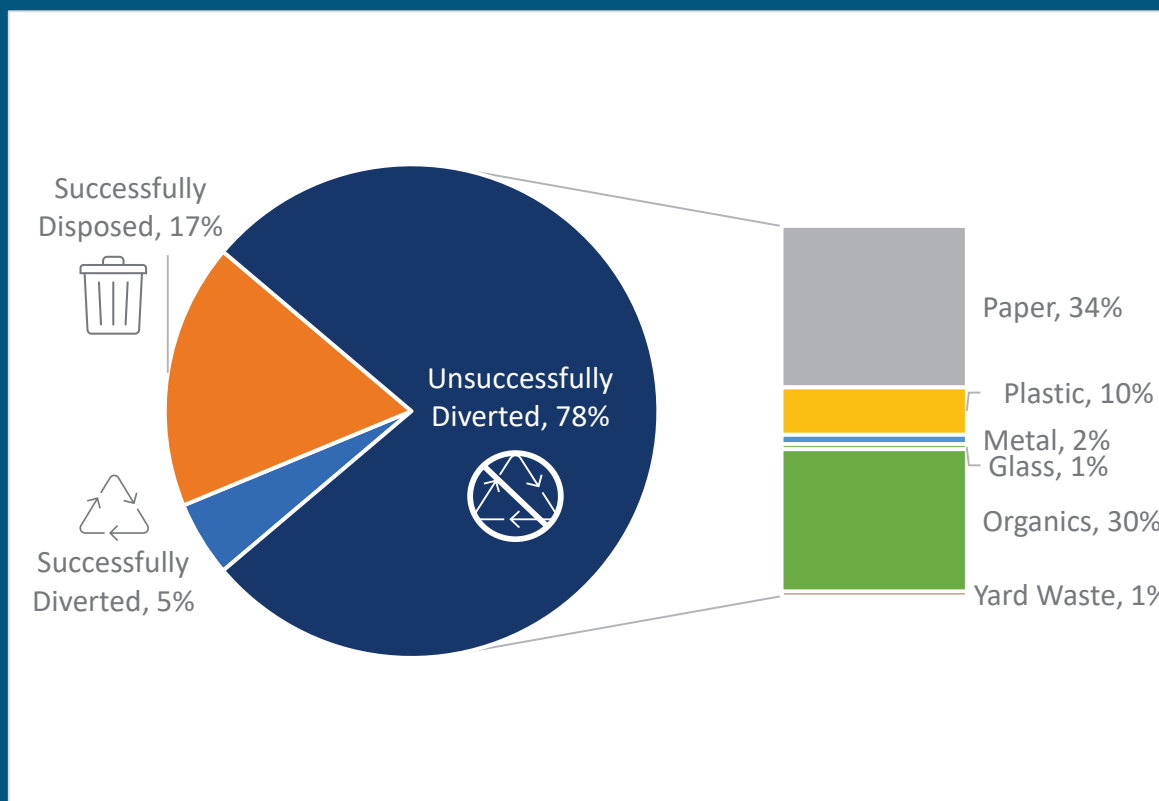
# AURORA SENIOR CENTRE



**Total Annual Waste Generated: 6,792 kg**



# AURORA TOWN SQUARE



**Total Annual Waste Generated: 12,057 kg**



# PARK, ROAD, & EVENT RECEPTACLES

Locations	Results
Aurora Town Park - Arctic Adventure	Data review in progress
Leisure Complex (Arboretum Trail and Lambert Park)	Data review in progress
Edward Coltham Park	Data review in progress
Fleury Park	Data review in progress
Machell Park	Data review in progress
Old Post Office – Wellington Street North	Data review in progress
15222 Yonge Street (walkway to Temperance)	Data review in progress
Yonge St. and Church Street	Data review in progress
Yonge St. and Mosley	Data review in progress
15213 Yonge Street (old Town hall)	Data review in progress



# ONGOING MONITORING FRAMEWORK



# CORPORATE WASTE AUDITS

- ONGOING WASTE AUDITS FOR FACILITIES AND PUBLIC BINS IS RECOMMENDED EVERY 1-3 YEARS
  - 1 YEAR IS BEST PRACTICE
- METHODOLOGY TO FOLLOW PREVIOUS WASTE AUDIT PROCESSES FOR REPEATABILITY AND COMPARABLE RESULTS
- CONTINUED DATA MANAGEMENT OF DOG WASTE PROGRAM
- REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY
  - ON-SITE PROGRAM MONITORING
  - INTERNAL REPORTING AND ESCALATION FRAMEWORK





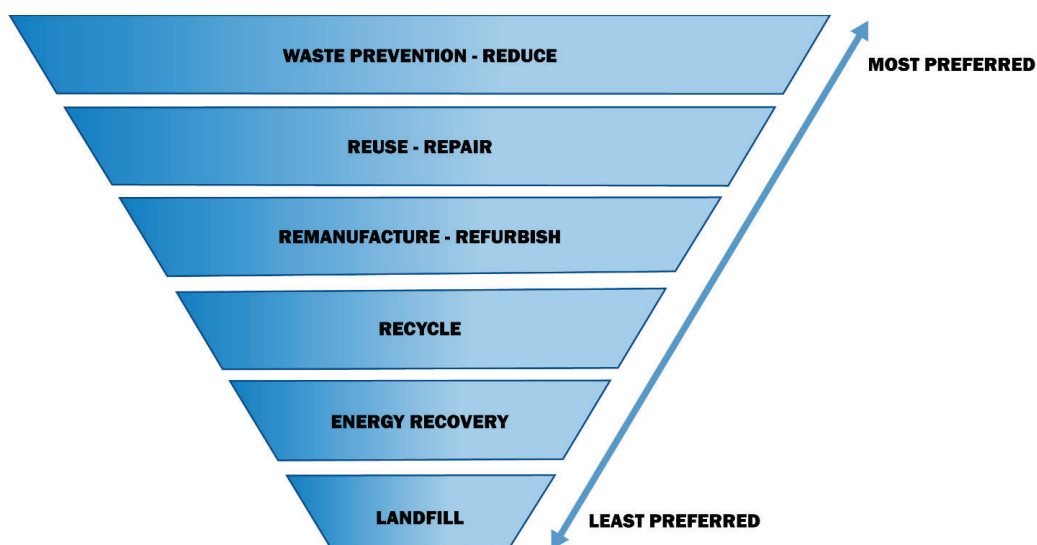
# WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGY OVERVIEW





## STRATEGY PRINCIPLES AND ALIGNMENT

- ALIGN WITH NET-ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2050
- FOLLOW WASTE HIERARCHY, PRIORITIZING WASTE REDUCTION/ AVOIDANCE/ PREVENTION
- FOCUS ON OPERATIONALLY FEASIBLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS
  - PROPOSED EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
  - INTERNAL STAFF AWARENESS OPPORTUNITIES
  - PUBLIC-FACING MESSAGING
  - ROLE OF SIGNAGE, DIGITAL TOOLS, AND EVENTS
- ADDITIONAL REDUCTION STRATEGIES



## DISCUSSION POINTS

What is your experience with corporate waste bins in public spaces (ie. Town facilities, parks, and roads)?

What education tools do you think would be most impactful to the public in terms of proper waste diversion at Town locations?

What do you think is working in terms of the Town's corporate waste management practices? What are areas of improvement?

What strategies can the Town explore to increase successful waste diversion at corporate locations?



# THANK YOU

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Town of Aurora  
**Memorandum**  
Operational Services

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**Re:** Waste Program and Recycling Update

**To:** Environmental Advisory Committee

**From:** Dan Naccarato, Manager of Public Works

**Date:** April 20, 2026

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## Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Waste Program and Recycling Update be received; and
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding Waste Program and Recycling Update be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

## Background

The Town of Aurora continues to implement a range of waste management programs and initiatives aimed at reducing waste generation, increased diversion rates, and to support the municipalities broader environmental sustainability objectives.

This update is to provide the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) with an overview of current waste management initiatives and key program updates including:

- Key waste initiatives
- Overview of 2026 waste events
- Update on upcoming waste collection contract
- Review of 5-year waste trends
- Overall diversion performance
- Dog waste diversion
- Look ahead at future initiatives

This update is intended to provide the Committee with a high-level overview of the Town's waste management activities and support ongoing discussion regarding

opportunities to enhance waste diversion and environmental stewardship within the community.

## **Attachments**

1. Attachment 1: Presentation - Waste Program Overview



■ TOWN OF AURORA, OPERATIONAL SERVICES

# Waste Program Overview

Environmental Advisory Committee  
April 20, 2026



■ Outline



- Key Waste Initiatives
- Waste Events
- Waste Collection Contract
- 5-Year Waste Trends
- Dog Waste Diversion
- Looking Ahead



 Context & Purpose – Program Overview

The Town manages curbside waste, organics, yard waste, bulky items/white goods, and supports education and events.

**Purpose of the presentation:**

- To provide an update on Aurora's waste program and performance
- To outline recent initiatives
- To highlight community events
- To review upcoming changes to the waste program including the 2027 contract





# Key Waste Initiatives

 **Key Waste Initiatives**

**The Town continues to support, promote and implement many key waste initiatives including:**

- Recycle Coach app
- Updated Waste & Recycling Collection Guide
- Blue Box transition to Producer Responsibility
- Public education & outreach campaigns
- Corporate Waste Audit
- Rain Barrels
- Events
- Battery recycling
- Textiles





## Waste Collection App

Stay up-to-date on collection days and have your waste questions answered in one place!

### What does Recycle Coach offer?

- Personalized collection schedules
- “What Goes Where” search tool
- Push notifications for service changes/and event reminders
- QR code integration in 2026 collection guide



Waste Program and Recycling Update

■ Blue Box Transition



### Provincial Recycling Program Overview

- Circular Materials now oversees recycling
- GFL continues collection under new framework
- Expected benefits:
  - Lower contamination
  - Standardized recycling rules
  - Improved material recovery

**Effective December 31, 2025**

**Mandated by the Ontario Government**

Town of Aurora will no longer manage recycling.

**Questions about the changes?**  
 CustomerService@CircularMaterials.ca  
 1-833-779-4351

CircularMaterials.ca 



**NEW** More items can now be recycled



<https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/aurora/>



## Waste Program and Recycling Update

### ■ Education & Outreach



### How we educate, promote and connect with our residents

Social media messaging, website, public notice boards, digital media, curbside signage.

### What are we promoting?

- Curbside Giveaway Days
- Seasonal reminders (yard waste, holiday waste)
- Contamination reduction messaging
- Public Information Centres (PICs) for 2027 contract
- Events
- Proper waste set out

**Rain Barrel Pre-Order Sale**



**\$79.95**

Conserve water today for a greener tomorrow.

Order by May 2, 2025

[aurora.ca/RainBarrel](http://aurora.ca/RainBarrel)

**Winter Waste Reminder**

Do not place bins on the road



[aurora.ca/WasteAndRecycling](http://aurora.ca/WasteAndRecycling)





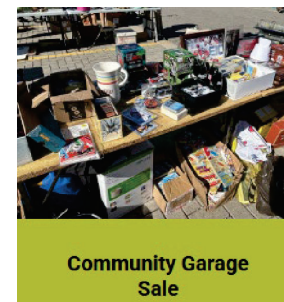
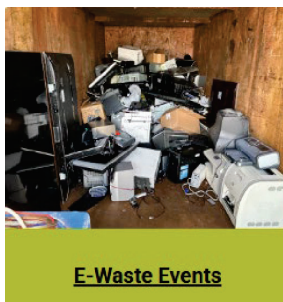
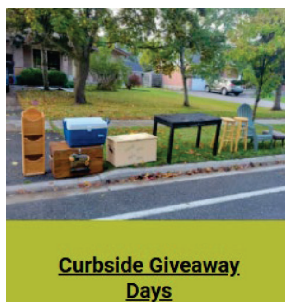
# Waste Events

## ■ Waste Events Overview



### Current Events for 2026

- Curbside Giveaway Days – The last weekend of each month from April to October
- E-waste events - May 9 and October 3
- Community Clean Up – April 25 and September 19
- Community Garage Sale - May 30
- Repair Café - March 28





# Waste Collection Contract

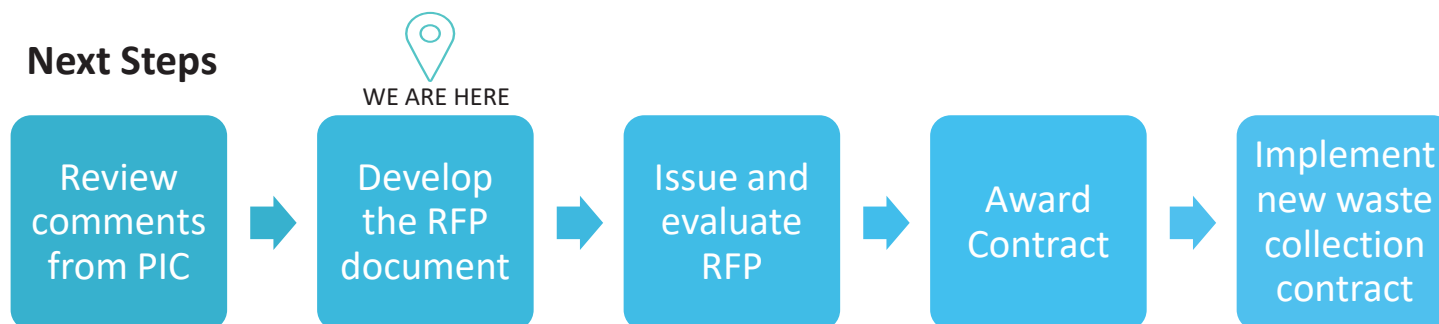


## ■ Background



- Aurora part of Northern Six (N6) municipalities
- Reviewing future waste collection options
- Public Information Centre (PIC) held on September 24, 2025
- Resident survey
- Aligning service levels across municipalities
- Automated cart and Manual collection under consideration
- New contract set to be in place by January 2029

### Next Steps

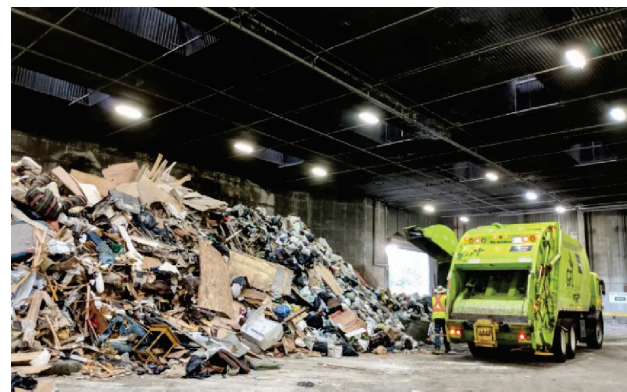


## ■ Key Considerations



### Changes, additions and considerations

- Cost stability
- Service level improvements
- Automated vs. Manual collection
- Impacts of producer responsibility
- Organics program enhancements including multi-residential and Aurora facilities
- Contamination reduction opportunities



 Public Engagement

## Survey Results

- PICs held in 2025
- Survey feedback collected until October 17, 2025
- Themes from residents:
  - Desire for consistency
  - Interest in automated carts
  - Concerns about cost and storage space
  - Overall satisfied with existing service
  - Options for choice in carts





# 5-Year Waste Trends

 Existing Solid Waste Management Services**Curbside Garbage / Large Items**

- Collected every-other-week
- 3-container limit/3 bag limit
- Bag tags required if over the limit
- \$5 per Bag Tag
- Curbside garbage collected in 2025:  
5,215 tonnes

**Curbside Source Separated Organics**

- Weekly collection
- Includes residential, some multi-residential, and municipal facilities
- Curbside Source Separated organics collected in 2025:  
5,092 tonnes

**Metal Items / Large Appliances**

- Starting in 2026 large items, metals and appliances will not automatically be picked up at the curb
- Residents will need to schedule a pick-up directly with GFL
- Curbside large metal appliances collected in 2025:  
19.08 tonnes

**Curbside Yard Waste**

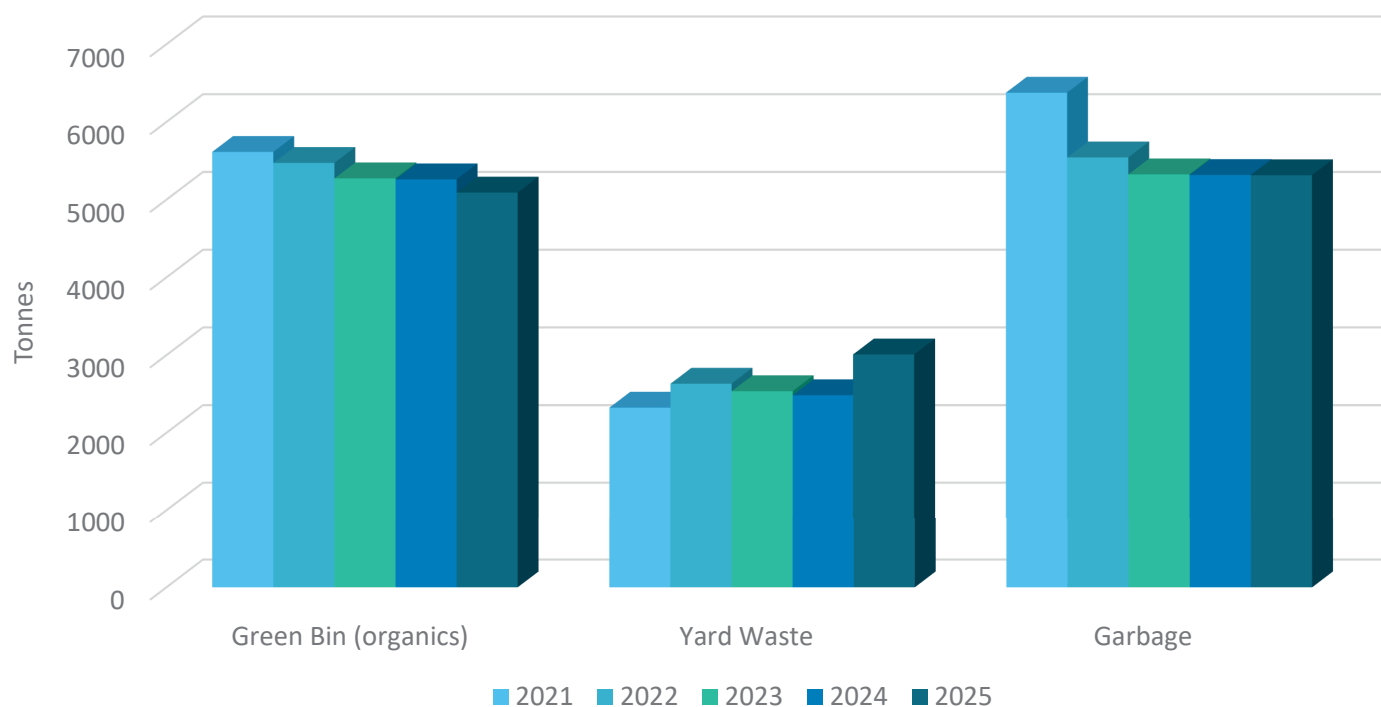
- Collected every other week, April to November
- Christmas trees collected in January
- Curbside yard waste collected in 2025:  
3,009 tonnes



## Waste Program and Recycling Update 5-Year Waste Trends Overview



### 5-Year Waste Trends



## Waste Program and Recycling Update

### Green Bin



#### Program Overview

- Green bin (organics) are collected weekly
- Material is delivered to a transfer station in York Region where its gathered and transported to contracted composting facilities in Ontario
- Materials accepted include: food products, paper products, personal hygiene products, pet waste, other compostable products.



#### What we know so far about food waste

- 60% of food in Canada is wasted
- Food wasted in Canada generates as much greenhouse gases as 2.1 million cars on the road ([Love Food Hate Waste](#))
- In Canada, the average household wastes over \$1,300 per year of good food that could have been eaten ([Love Food Hate Waste](#))
- The Region reporting Canadians are wasting less food
- In 2025, more than 108,000 tonnes of green bin waste were collected and composted from over 424,000 York Region households
- Residents are also choosing another option to dispose their organic materials through backyard composting.



Source: <https://www.york.ca/environment/garbage-and-recycling/compost-and-green-bin>

## Waste Program and Recycling Update

### Garbage Trends



- York Region residual waste to energy-from-waste:
- The facility accepts 30,000 tonnes annually
- Produces approximately 14 megawatts of power (powers about 10,000 homes)
- Aurora household garbage is decreasing each year since 2021
- Opportunities:
  - Increased organics participation
  - Reduced contamination/bag limits and Bag Tag program
  - Multi-residential improvements





# Dog Waste Diversion

## Waste Program and Recycling Update

### ■ Dog Waste Diversion

#### In-ground waste containment

- Number of dog waste bins installed – currently 23
- Annual tonnage diverted: 27,770 kg since 2021

Plans for the future:

- 2026 - add three more locations
- 2027 - add five more locations
- 2028 – another five locations

Benefits:

- Reduced landfill methane
- Cleaner parks- odour reduction in waste receptacles
- High capacity – reducing servicing frequency
- Higher diversion rates

Challenges/Considerations:

- Contamination (garbage in dog waste bins)
- Requires vertical-lift truck servicing
- Weather conditions – frozen or snow covered





# Opportunities for Improvement

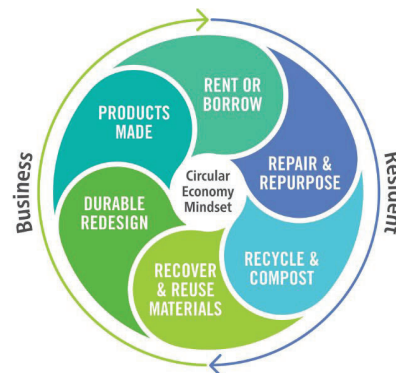


## Waste Program and Recycling Update

### ■ Opportunities for Improvement



- Increase green bin participation
- Expand textile and e-waste diversion
- Improve multi-residential waste management
- Pilot food waste reduction programs
- Update the Waste By-law
- Education – Circular economy, the 4+ R's
- Reduce            Repair
- Reuse             Refuse
- Recover          Rethink
- Recycle          Refill





# Looking Ahead

## ■ What's Next



### Looking ahead – what's next for Aurora's waste program?

- Contract decision timeline
- Continued alignment with York Region Circular Economy Strategy
- Potential pilot programs:
  - Smart bins
  - AI contamination detection
  - Multi-residential organics
- Enhanced digital tools and resident engagement
- Recycling in Parks
- Streetscape promenade outcome – molok, traditional garbage cans?
- Additional events





Thank You

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