



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING
STEERING COMMITTEE
AGENDA

WMPSC 1-2026

Monday, April 27, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Committee Room 4

Niagara Region Headquarters

1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold ON

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Waste Management 2026 Workplan

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Dave Yousif, Manager, Waste Policy and Program Development

Waste Management – 2026 Workplan

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WM Services

Mission: We provide fiscally responsible waste management and resource recovery services to meet the needs of the community and promote environmental sustainability

Mandate: Provide safe, reliable, efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible waste collection and disposal services that meets the needs of the public, enhances resource recovery and ensures regulatory compliance. Also responsible for outreach and enforcement of the waste management bylaw



Strategic Context

- 2026 marks the start of implementation of the Niagara Region Waste Strategy
- Key legislative and market changes continue to affect waste collection, recycling/processing and disposal
- Infrastructure, contracts and funding decisions made now will shape outcomes for the next 10 - 25 years

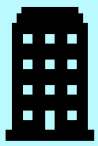
Targets Guiding the 2026 Workplan



Contribute to the Region's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by 2050



Increase capture of organic waste by 10% by 2035



Increase the number of multi-residential properties participating in the green bin program by 10% by 2035



Maintain the average rating of critical waste management assets in fair condition or better

Waste Reduction and Diversion

- **Food Waste Reduction and Diversion Strategy**
 - Food waste diversion from curbside, MR and IC&I
- **Illegal Dumping Strategy**
 - Prevention-focused, long-term reduction approach
- **Public Spaces and Parks Waste Strategy**
 - To meet growing waste collection needs from parks and public spaces
 - Collaboration with Local Area Municipalities
 - Service level agreements, container management and education



Service Delivery and Policy Modernization



- **Drop-Off Depot Levels of Service**

- Identify gaps and opportunities across the network
- Accessibility, hours of operation, service expansion and diversion improvements
- Negotiate agreement with CM for recyclables collection

- **Waste Collection Guidelines for New Developments**

- Updated standards for residential, multi-residential, commercial and mixed-use developments
- Ensuring new growth is designed for effective waste diversion

Collection Systems

- **Waste Collection RFP / Contract Optimization**
 - Operational efficiencies and evaluation of service models (e.g., automated cart collection)
- **Collection Contract Funding Strategy**
 - Planning for anticipated cost increases (50%+)
- **Blue Box Transition**
 - Collect data and prepare summary reports tracking producer compliance and trends/impacts
- **Garbage Bag Tag Fees**
 - Fee increase to support full cost recovery, with public communication as part of implementation



Disposal Planning

- **Excess Soil Management Strategy**
 - Reduce or eliminate soil disposal at Regional landfills
 - Operational, policy, and fee-based options
- **Short-Term Disposal Capacity Plan**
 - Planning for capacity following expiry of the Walker Landfill contract



Infrastructure and Facility Improvements



- **Paving Upgrades**

- Multiple sites, including drop-off depots; coordinated with Transportation's Hot Mix Program

- **Glenridge – Boardwalk Structure**

- Underwater condition assessment; scoping for rehabilitation or replacement

- **Landfill Gas Collection and Control System**

- Design following federal regulations

- **Humberstone – New Scales**

- Review and replacement planning

- **NR-12 – Cell #5 (Pre-Design Work)**

- Early work to support future disposal capacity needs

Digitization and Data Modernization

- **Digital Public Education Initiative**
 - Digitized waste guides
 - Public performance dashboards
- **Operations Software Assessment and Implementation**
 - Review of existing systems
 - Potential Geoware upgrade (weigh scale software)



Memorandum

WMPSC-C 5-2026

Subject: Waste Management 2026 Workplan

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Catherine Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Council with an overview of the Waste Management Services 2026 Workplan. The workplan outlines the priority initiatives proposed for 2026 and reflects the first year of implementation of the Niagara Region Waste Strategy, while also responding to operational risks, infrastructure needs, regulatory requirements, and emerging financial pressures facing the waste management system.

Background

Niagara Region is responsible for planning and delivering waste management services that protect public health, maximize diversion, ensure long-term disposal capacity and do so in a financially responsible manner. The proposed 2026 workplan is shaped by several key drivers, including increasing disposal and collection costs, changing legislation and market conditions, aging infrastructure, and the need to improve diversion performance and customer experience.

2026 Workplan Overview

The 2026 Workplan focuses on a balanced mix of strategy development, service optimization, financial planning, and infrastructure readiness. Projects have been grouped into five interconnected areas:

- **Waste Reduction and Diversion:** Advancing initiatives to reduce waste generation and improve diversion outcomes, including development of a food waste reduction and diversion strategy, improvements to waste management in public spaces and parks, and a coordinated approach to reducing illegal dumping.
- **Service Delivery and Policy Modernization:** Reviewing and modernizing service levels and planning tools, including a comprehensive review of drop-off depot

services and updated waste collection guidelines for new developments to ensure growth is supported by effective and accessible waste systems.

- **Collection Systems and Financial Responsibility:** Preparing for future collection contract procurement through optimization of service models and development of a funding strategy to mitigate anticipated cost increases.
- **Disposal Planning:** Advancing strategic planning including an assessment of short-term disposal options beyond 2031 and development of an excess soil management strategy.
- **Infrastructure, Asset, and Digital Enablement:** Maintaining and preparing critical waste management assets through targeted capital planning, facility upgrades and assessment of operations software and digital public education tools to improve data management, transparency, and customer access to information.

Key Considerations for Council

The 2026 workplan emphasizes planning and system design to avoid reactive and higher-cost decisions in future years. In addition, several initiatives respond directly to Council direction, emerging regulatory requirements, and known financial and operational risks. Work undertaken in 2026 will inform future budget requests, procurement decisions, and service changes.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Catherine Habermehl,
Director, Waste Management Services

Waste Collection Guide: Digital Transition Overview

Waste Management Planning Steering Committee
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Amber Schmucker, Waste Engagement & Policy Program Manager

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Purpose

- Provide an overview of the transition to a digital Waste Collection Guide
- Share the 2027 distribution model
- Outline resident communication plan
- Confirm next steps leading to implementation

Current State

- Approximately 183,000 guides mailed annually to low-density homes; and 26,500 multi-residential flyers delivered
- Annual printing, mail preparation, and postage costs: ~\$98,000
- Guides available online as PDF and through public pick-up sites
- Digital tools heavily used since 2020 launch:
 - 153,702 unique addresses searched
 - 2,326,295 material views
 - 91,121 collection reminders set

Digital Distribution Model

Beginning in 2027:

- Mass-mailed waste collection guides will end
- Digital tools become primary source of information
- Printed guides will remain available through:
 - ~35 community pick-up locations
 - By-request mailing (email + Waste Info-Line)
- This transition was included in the 2026 Waste Management Services operating budget

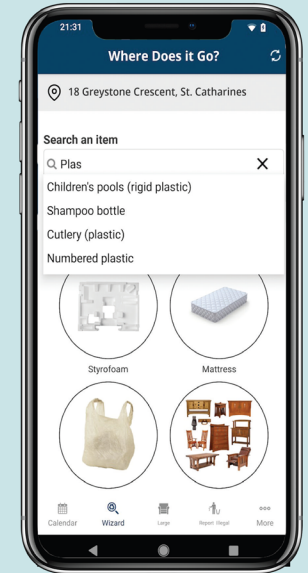
All Things Waste in One Place

Waste collection info and reminders right at your fingertips.

Scan the QR code to download the Niagara Region Waste App:



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Transition Rationale

- Supports the Region's strategic direction and aligns with the Waste Strategy's digital engagement priorities
- Lowers operating costs, reducing approximately \$98,000 annually in printing and postage for mailed guides
- Reduces environmental impacts through lower print volumes and fewer distribution-related emissions
- Supports broader adoption of existing digital tools that deliver more accurate, timely, and customizable information than a static printed guide

2027 Resident Access Options

Digital access options:



Online print-ready PDF



Address-specific online calendar



Niagara Region Waste App

Printed access options:



Libraries, municipal buildings, community hubs



Collection guide request email



Request by calling the Waste Info-Line

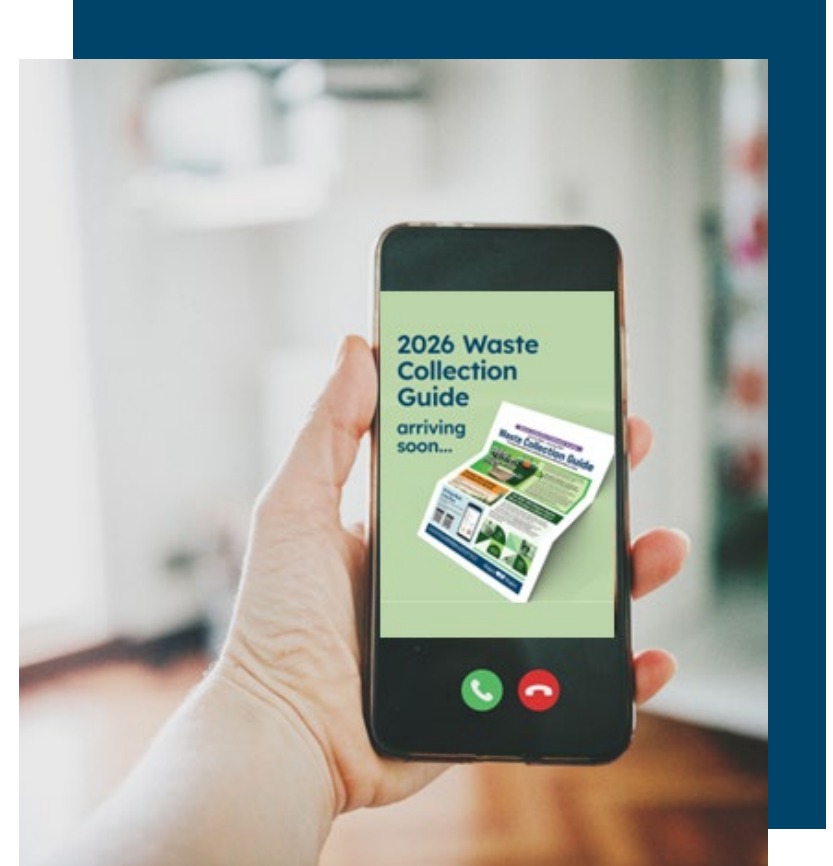
Resident Communication Plan – Timing and Messaging

- Communications will be pushed out to residents October 2026 – January 2027
- Key messaging will focus on:
 - Notifying residents that mass-mailed guides is discontinued
 - Explaining how to access digital tools
 - Identifying pick-up locations
 - Explaining how to request a mailed copy

**The Waste
Collection Guide
is now digital!**

Resident Communication Plan - Tactics

- Communications tactics include:
 - Website and Waste App updates
 - Signage at pick-up locations
 - Social media messaging
 - LAM newsletter content
 - FAQ for Waste Info-Line and other front-line staff
- Additional communications may be considered as required



Timeline and Next Steps

- **Fall 2026:** Finalize digital resources, confirm print quantities, and set up community pick-up locations.
- **Fall 2026:** Provide Council reminder via Weekly Correspondence Distribution.
- **Oct 2026 – Jan 2027:** Run public awareness campaign on the transition and access options.
- **Jan 2027:** Launch digital distribution model and provide printed guides through pick-up locations and by-request mailings.
- **Throughout 2027:** Monitor digital usage and demand for printed copies to guide future distribution levels.

Questions?

Memorandum

WMPSC-C 8-2026

Subject: Waste Collection Guide: Digital Transition Overview

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Amber Schmucker, Waste Engagement & Policy Program Manager

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an overview of the planned transition to a primarily digital distribution model for the Niagara Region Waste Collection Guide beginning in 2027.

This transition was included in the 2026 Waste Management Services operating budget (CSD 56-2025 Waste Management 2026 Operating Budget Presentation) and aligns with the Niagara Region Waste Strategy, which identifies digital engagement (CE1 Implement Digital Public Education) as a priority action.

Overview of the Planned Change

Beginning with the 2027 cycle, the Region will transition from mass - mailed distribution to a digital model. Under this approach, digital tools will serve as the primary source of information, while printed guides will continue to be available through approximately 35 community pick - up locations and by-request mailing to ensure continued accessibility for residents who prefer or require non-digital options.

A transition to digital distribution supports the Region's strategic direction and provides several benefits, including:

- Modernized service delivery, consistent with the Waste Strategy's digital engagement priorities.
- Reduced printing and postage costs. Every year, the Region mails around 183,000 guides to low - density residential properties and 26,500 flyers to multi-residential properties, totaling approximately \$100,000 annually (including non-recoverable HST).
- Reduced environmental impact, by lowering print volumes and distribution-related emissions.
- Supports broader adoption of exiting digital tools that deliver more accurate, timely, and customizable information than a static printed guide.

Current resident usage of digital tools demonstrates readiness for this transition. Since 2020, the Waste App and online tools have recorded more than 153,000 address searches, 2.3 million material views, and 91,000 collection reminders.

Maintaining Accessibility for Residents

Although mass- mailed guides will be discontinued, maintaining access to printed copies remains an important part of the initial transition. To support service continuity, printed guides will continue to be stocked at public locations across all municipalities, and residents will be able to request a mailed copy beginning January 2027.

Communication materials will clearly outline these options, so residents understand how to access the guide.

A coordinated communication campaign will begin in fall 2026. Messaging will:

- Clearly inform residents that mass-mail guides will be discontinued.
- Outline how to access digital tools.
- Identify locations where printed guides can be picked up.
- Explain how to request a mailed copy.

Communications will be delivered through the Niagara Region website, Waste App, signage at pick- up locations, social media messaging, and Local Area Municipality channels. An FAQ will support Waste Info- Line and frontline staff.

Next Steps

Waste Management staff will undertake the following actions:

- Fall 2026: Finalize updates to digital resources, confirm print quantities, and establish community pick- up locations.
- Fall 2026: Provide Council with a reminder of the transition and communication approach through Council Weekly Correspondence Distribution.
- October 2026 to January 2027: Launch the public awareness campaign to inform residents of the transition and available access options.
- January 2027: Launch the digital distribution model and distribute printed guides through pick- up locations and by- request mailing.
- Throughout 2027: Monitor digital usage and demand for printed copies to inform future distribution levels.

These steps will support a smooth transition while maintaining access to waste collection information for all residents.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Amber Schmucker
Waste Engagement & Policy Program Manager

Memorandum

WMPSC-C 1-2026

Subject: W2RO 2025 State of Waste in Ontario - Landfill Report

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Emil Prpic, Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations and Engineering

This memorandum provides Committee members with an update on Waste To Resource Ontario's (W2RO) 2025 State of Waste in Ontario - Landfill Report, focusing on waste generation and the status of landfills in Ontario.

Background

W2RO (formerly the Ontario Waste Management Association, or OWMA) is Canada's largest waste and resource management trade association, representing both private and public sector members. Over the past nine years, W2RO has published a number of State of Waste reports, with the most recent prior release in 2021. The 2025 edition marks the fourth report in the series. These reports assess Ontario's remaining landfill capacity to support more informed policy decisions for the waste management sector. Previous editions of this report have been used by W2RO to inform the Province of Ontario about the growing importance of increasing waste diversion in order to preserve remaining landfill capacity and support long-term disposal planning.

2025 Report Findings

The W2RO 2025 State of Waste in Ontario - Landfill Report, (the Report) is based on 2024 data and focuses on two key factors – the amount of waste generated in Ontario and remaining available landfill capacity in the province based on current practices.

In 2024, Ontario generated 16.88 million tonnes of waste, of which 12.75 million tonnes were landfilled. About 73% (9.3 million tonnes) remained in Ontario, while 27% (3.4 million tonnes) was exported to U.S. landfills, mainly in Michigan.

Ontario has 125.61 million tonnes of approved landfill capacity remaining, with 57% concentrated in just seven sites (three public and four private). As of the end of 2024, municipal landfills hold 62 million tonnes (49.5% of remaining capacity), typically restricted to waste acceptance from within their own municipalities. Private sector landfills contain slightly more capacity at 63.4 million tonnes (50.5% of remaining

capacity), increasingly accepting municipal residential waste as municipalities look to extend their landfill sites or no longer have their own landfill capacity.

Since the 2021 W2RO report, Ontario's waste generation has increased by 17% and landfilling by 10%, while available landfill capacity has fallen by 18% increasing pressure on the disposal system. At current export levels, Ontario's landfill capacity will be exhausted by 2037, or as early as 2034 if U.S. access is restricted. Table 1 provides a comparison of the last three reports.

Table 1. Ontario State of Waste Report Comparison

Report Year	Annual Waste Landfilled Provincially (millions of tonnes)	Remaining Provincial Landfill Capacity (years)*	Waste Exported to U.S. Provincially (%)	Municipal vs. Private Remaining Landfill Capacity (%)
2018	11.50	22	30%	Municipal 40% / Private 60%
2021	11.99	18	27%	Municipal 38% / Private 62%
2025	12.75	12	27%	Municipal 35% / Private 65%

Notes

*Assumes waste export continue at same rate.

As shown in Table 1, between 2018 and 2025 Ontario landfilled an additional 1.25 million tonnes of waste per year, while remaining landfill capacity declined by approximately ten years over the same period. During this time, the province's dependence on private landfills has increased, with these sites now handling nearly two-thirds of Ontario's disposal needs.

Status Of Niagara Region's Capacity

Through operational best practices, use of alternative daily cover materials, strong diversion programs, and the transfer of a portion of waste to a private third-party landfill, Niagara Region is well positioned in terms of landfill capacity at its two operating municipally owned sites: Humberstone in Welland and Niagara Road 12 in West

Lincoln. As of Q4 2025, Humberstone has 31 years of capacity remaining, while Niagara Road 12 has approximately 40 years.

Niagara Region generates approximately 116,000 tonnes of waste each year, with 54,000 tonnes landfilled at Humberstone and Niagara Road 12. The Region also maintains a third-party waste disposal contract with Walker Environmental Group, through which approximately 62,000 tonnes of waste are directed to their Thorold landfill annually. This contract is scheduled to expire in 2031. In advance of the contract expiring, staff have begun evaluating a variety of short-term disposal options to ensure continuity of disposal capacity.

Conclusion

Niagara Region is in a strong position with landfill capacity for the foreseeable future. However, the 2025 W2RO landfill report highlights mounting pressures on Ontario's disposal system and the need for proactive municipal planning. These findings provide important context through the development and implementation of the new 25-year waste management strategic plan, which will review long-term disposal options including Energy-from-Waste (EFW) technologies. Considering both topics together supports a more informed long-term planning discussion.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Emil Prpic

Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations and Engineering

Memorandum

WMPSC-C 2-2026

Subject: Councillor Information Requests

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Catherine Habermehl, Director, Waste Management Services

This memorandum is intended to provide Committee members with an update on the outstanding Councillor Requests from previous meetings.

Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

Meeting Date: December 8, 2025

Minute Item #4.2: Committee Chair Ugulini requested to discuss future options with the Regional Chair's Office for continued advocacy with the Province respecting recycling collection of non-eligible sources.

Follow Up Action: Staff met with the Chair's office on March 30, 2026. Further discussions will occur once a permanent Regional Chair is confirmed.

Status: In Progress

Minute Item #4.2: Committee Chair Ugulini requested staff to consider connecting with CHAR Technologies respecting potential opportunities for future renewable energy solution.

Follow Up Action: Staff met with CHAR Technologies on February 5, 2026, and subsequently provided material samples for testing.

Status: Complete

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: February 10, 2026

Minute Item #4.1 Councillor Easton requested that the final strategy includes consideration for emerging contaminants, regulatory direction and work with internal and external partners as part of the "Opportunities" section.

Follow Up Action: The final Waste Strategy was updated to incorporate appropriate wording. The Strategy was approved by Regional Council on February 26, 2026.

Status: Complete.

Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

Minute Item #4.1: Councillor Bateman requested that communication issued to owners and operators of affected non-eligible sources indicate that this is a result of changes to provincial legislation.

Follow Up Action: Staff confirm that communications issued to the public and to owners and operators of affected non-eligible sources indicate that the discontinuation of recycling services is a direct result of changes to provincial legislation governing the Blue Box program and its transition to extended producer responsibility.

Status: Complete

Meeting Date: August 12, 2025

Minute Item #5.1: Councillor Easton requested staff consider reviewing the recommendations from Senator Rob Black's report respecting soil health as it related to excess soil in the Waste Management Strategic Plan

Follow-up Action: At the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting on September 4, 2025, memorandum BRC-C 4-2025 included a detailed response.

Status: Complete

Minute Item #5.1: Councillor Bateman requested information on energy from waste (EFW) options.

Follow-up Action: Memorandum PWC-C 4-2026 was provided at Public Works Committee, February 10, 2026.

Status: Complete

Meeting Date: September 10, 2024

Minute Item #4.1: Councillor Huson requested staff consider funding options that are available for waste management through the Green Municipal Fund.

Follow-up Action: The Waste Management Strategy was approved by Regional Council on February 26, 2026. External funding opportunities will be explored for each action identified in the Strategy.

Status: Complete

Meeting Date: January 11, 2022

Minute Item #5.2: Councillor Heit requested information respecting the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario Committee strategic plan regarding waste management information sharing between municipalities.

Follow-up Action: The Regional Public Works Commissioner of Ontario Committee is updating their strategic plan in 2025. Once this plan is available publicly, a copy will be provided to Councillors.

Status: In Progress

Budget Review Committee of the Whole

No outstanding waste management related items at this time.

Councillor Committee of the Whole

No outstanding waste management related items at this time.

Council

No outstanding waste management related items at this time.

Completed Items

Public Works Committee

Meeting Date: September 9, and October 7, 2025

Minute Item #4.1: Councillor Insinna enquired about the process for residents to receive replacements of blue and grey recycling boxes now that Niagara Region is no longer responsible for recycling collection.

Status: Complete

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Catherine Habermehl
Director, Waste Management Services, Public Works

Memorandum

WMPSC-C 3-2026

Subject: Battery Collection Program: Agreement with Call2Recycle Canada Inc.

Date: Monday, April 27, 2026

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Lucy McGovern, Waste Diversion Program Manager

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to inform Council that Niagara Region has finalized a new agreement with Call2Recycle Canada, Inc. (Call2Recycle) for the management of used consumer-type portable batteries from the Region's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depots, eligible multi-residential buildings and participating Regional facilities. The agreement aligns with the requirements of O. Reg. 30/20 (Batteries Regulation) under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016, as amended, and reflects updates to provincial extended producer responsibility requirements introduced since 2020.

Background

Niagara Region currently operates battery collection programs through three avenues:

- Four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depots;
- Multi-residential battery collection from eligible buildings; and
- Participating Region of Niagara (RON) facilities.

With the implementation of Ontario's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework under the Batteries Regulation, responsibility for the end-of-life consumer batteries shifted to obligated producers operating through a registered Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO). Call2Recycle is one such PRO operating in Ontario to support producers in meeting their regulatory obligations.

As of July 1, 2020, the Region entered into an agreement with Call2Recycle for the funding of the HHW Depot battery collection and recycling program under the EPR model.

Waste Management Services has facilitated a zero-cost battery collection program for eligible multi-residential buildings and RON facilities since 2018 in conjunction with Raw Materials Company Inc. (RMC). In 2023, RMC was acquired by Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd (E360S) who continued to support Niagara Region's multi-residential and RON building battery recycling programs. More recently, E360S determined that it was unable to sustain a free battery collection and recycling program under Ontario's EPR framework beyond 2025. As a result, E360S indicated they would start charging for their battery collection and recycling programs commencing January 1, 2026.

To avoid these costs, staff initiated the consolidation of all battery collection programs with Call2Recycle under a new agreement. Consolidating the HHW Depot collection program with the multi-residential and RON facilities battery collection programs under Call2Recycle provides continuity of service and stabilizes long term program delivery.

Financial Considerations

Under the new agreement, Call2Recycle will continue to fund Niagara Region for battery collections at HHW Depots and will now also fund Niagara for the batteries collected at eligible multi-residential buildings and RON facilities previously funded by E360S.

In 2025, almost 24,000 kg of household batteries were diverted from landfill from all program sources and funding totalled approximately \$22,000. These figures are not expected to change significantly in 2026.

New Agreement with Call2Recycle

Niagara Region has finalized a new agreement with Call2Recycle Canada, Inc. to manage the collection and recycling of consumer-type portable batteries from HHW Depots, eligible multi-residential buildings and participating RON facilities. In addition to consolidating the Region's battery collection program, the new agreement reflects changes to Ontario's extended producer responsibility framework under O. Reg. 30/20 and includes the following:

- Updated legislative references reflecting current provincial statutes and regulations;
- Revised definitions aligned with the current EPR framework;
- Updated insurance and indemnification provisions consistent with current municipal risk management requirements; and

- New confidentiality and privacy provisions, including alignment with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

The term of the agreement is one year and automatically renews for subsequent one-year terms unless either party notifies the other with at least 90 days advance notice prior to the start of any renewal term.

By transitioning multi-residential and RON building battery collection to Call2Recycle, the Region ensures all collected batteries, including those from the Region's HHW Depots, are managed through a producer-recognized, provincially compliant stewardship system; maintains funding for the program; and maintains uninterrupted service following changes in the battery recycling market.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Lucy McGovern
Waste Diversion Program Manager

Memorandum

WMPSC-C 4-2026

Subject: Blue Box Transition: Legislative Amendments Affecting Non-Residential Sources April 2026

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Dave Yousif, Manager, Waste Policy and Program Development

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise Council of recently approved amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA) under Schedule 20 of the Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025, and to outline how these changes create new policy pathways, though not new obligations, for supporting recycling services for non-eligible sources (NES).

Background

Ontario's transition to a producer-run Blue Box program has resulted in service changes for NES. Key recent decisions and milestones related to this issue are summarized below:

- **Summer 2025 – Provincial Consultation:** The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) consulted on proposed amendments to the RRCEA to address concerns related to recycling services for NES following the Blue Box transition. The consultation included a proposal to create authority for producers to be required to offer municipalities the option to co-collect residential and NES recyclables.
- **October 2025 – MECP Direction on Co-Collection:** MECP confirmed that producers would not be required to co-collect NES recyclables with residential recyclables under the existing Blue Box Regulation. As a result, NES remained excluded from mandatory producer collection obligations.
- **November 2025 – Regional Service Change:** In response to the confirmed regulatory framework, Niagara Region discontinued the collection of recyclables from NES previously serviced through the municipal program.

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- **December 22, 2025 – Legislative Approval:** Following the MECP’s summer 2025 consultation, Schedule 20 of the Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025 received approval on December 22, 2025. The amendments, now in force, introduce new enabling authorities for the province to address NES recycling service gaps through future regulations and agreements.

Niagara Region’s comments on the provincial consultation were previously summarized in a report to Public Works Committee on August 12, 2025 (PWC-C 9-2025).

Amendment Details

Schedule 20 amends the RRCEA to introduce new enabling authorities for the Province, through future regulation or amendment to the Blue Box Regulation, to require Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) to offer recycling-related collection services from NES to municipalities.

Importantly, the amendments do not mandate recycling collection for NES, nor do they automatically re-include NES in the Blue Box program. Instead, they create a new policy pathway that could support continued or restored service through regulation and contractual arrangements.

Implications for Niagara Region

- **No Immediate Service Change:** The amendments do not, on their own, restore recycling collection for NES.
- **New Policy Pathway Created:** The amendments create new authority for the Province, through future regulation or amendments to the Blue Box Regulation, to require PROs to offer recycling-related services to municipalities. At this time, it is unclear what such offers would include in practice, including service scope, service standards, cost or the extent of municipal discretion.
- **No Obligation to Accept Offers:** While regulations may require offers to be made, the amendments do not prescribe acceptance terms, funding levels, or pricing and it remains unclear how fairness or reasonableness would be defined.
- **Eligible Source Designation Remains the Most Direct Path:** Designating NES properties as eligible sources under the Blue Box Regulation would create a clear and mandatory producer obligation. The new “offer to collect” authority represents a secondary and more discretionary policy tool.

- **Advocacy Opportunity:** Further regulatory direction will be required to operationalize these authorities. Continued monitoring and advocacy will be important to ensure that any future framework meaningfully supports municipal service continuity and cost recovery.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to:

- Advocate to the Province for the inclusion of NES properties as eligible sources under the Blue Box Regulation;
- Monitor any proposed regulations or amendments flowing from Schedule 20, including requirements related to service offers to municipalities;
- Engage with local area municipalities, businesses and regional partners to align advocacy efforts; and
- Provide Council with updates should regulatory direction be issued or if implications for municipal services or contracts emerge.

Businesses and community organizations are also encouraged to continue engaging the province directly, including contacting the MECP and local Members of Provincial Parliament, to reinforce the importance of maintaining recycling services for NES.

Summary

The Schedule 20 amendments represent an important policy development that improves the Province's ability to respond to NES recycling service gaps. While the changes do not restore service on their own, they establish a framework that could support future solutions through regulation and agreements. Continued advocacy will be critical to translating this authority into tangible outcomes for Niagara Region.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Dave Yousif
Manager, Waste Policy and Program Development

Memorandum

WMPSC-C 6-2026

Subject: Collection Contractor Performance Report October 19, 2024 to October 18, 2025

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Jennifer Wilson, Program Manager, Collection and Processing

Purpose

This memorandum provides an update on the performance of the curbside collection contracts for the period from October 19, 2024, to October 18, 2025, which represents the fifth year of the contract term. The contracts are held with Green For Life Environmental Inc. (GFL) and Miller Waste Systems Inc. (Miller), hereinafter referred to as the Contract.

Background

The region is divided into two collection areas:

- Collection Area One, under contract with GFL, includes the Town of Grimsby, Town of Lincoln, Town of Pelham, City of Thorold, Township of Wainfleet, and Township of West Lincoln.
- Collection Area Two, under contract with Miller, includes the Town of Fort Erie, City of Niagara Falls, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, City of Port Colborne, City of St. Catharines, and the City of Welland.

Completion Times

GFL and Miller have successfully completed collections on all scheduled days during year five of the Contract. The contractors are required to complete collection by 5:30 p.m. each day as per the terms of the Contract.

- GFL consistently completed collections in Area One before 5:30 p.m. with an average reported completion time of 1:31 p.m.
- Miller completed collection prior to 5:30 p.m. on 98% of collection days, representing four incidents, with an average reported completion time of 4:08 p.m. On the late collection days, the average finish time was reported to be 5:42 p.m.

Contractor Performance Issues

Contractor performance is evaluated based on the number of service issues reported by residents or businesses. These issues include, but are not limited to, missed collections, incomplete pickups, improper container placement, and other operator-related complaints.

Table 1 provides a summary of the number of service complaints received during the past five years of the Contract.

Table 1: Summary of Service Complaints

	Baseline 2019 to 2020	Year 1 2020 to 2021	Year 2 2021 to 2022	Year 3 2022 to 2023	Year 4 2023 to 2024	Year 5 2024 to 2025
Total Service Complaints	14,282	10,278	5,740	4,788	2,828	1,829

Note: The five-year average of service complaints under the Contract is 5,093. Compared to the baseline year (October 2019 to October 2020), this represents a decrease of 9,189 complaints or 64%.

Service complaints have consistently decreased year over year throughout the duration of the Contract, reflecting an overall improvement in service delivery with fewer issues reported by residents and businesses. This decline can likely be attributed to various factors, including the availability of video footage to verify contractor actions and a mature program. Additionally, the decrease between year three and year five can be attributed to the Blue Box transition, during which contractors collecting on behalf of producers (Circular Materials) assumed responsibility for recycling collection, with service complaints now directed to them instead of the Region.

Accidents/Incidents

The collection contractors are required to report any incidents, including vehicle collisions, spills, and property damage. While both contractors experienced minor vehicle collisions, these incidents have been resolved directly with insurance providers. Both contractors have maintained a satisfactory Commercial Vehicle Operator Registration (CVOR) carrier safety rating.

Sixteen spills were reported by both contractors, but these were relatively minor occurrences, including the spillage of vehicle fluids (e.g., engine coolant, hydraulic fluid), as well as fluids from organics/waste collection and household hazardous waste

materials (e.g., paint, oil) mixed in with garbage bags. The contractors appropriately cleaned up the spills in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

Seven incidents of minor property damage, including damage to personal property, landscaping features, or structures, were reported by both contractors and has been resolved with property owners at the contractor's expense, as required by the Contract.

Liquidated Damages

Liquidated damages can be assessed for breaches of performance standards outlined in the Contract. In year five, no liquidated damages were issued to the collection contractors.

Curbside Tonnage

The table below compares the tonnage of garbage, organics, and recycling collected from the baseline year (previous contract) compared to each year of the current Contract.

Table 2: Annual Tonnage Comparison

Time Period	Curbside Garbage Tonnes	Curbside Organic Tonnes
2019 to 2020 (Baseline)	72,500	32,226
2020 to 2021	60,007	39,430
2021 to 2022	58,219	39,315
2022 to 2023	56,535	39,024
2023 to 2024	57,264	39,304
2024 to 2025	57,736	39,967
% Change	-20.4%	+24.0%

Notes:

Tonnage data excludes leaf and yard waste, branches, and front-end containerized garbage. Most waste is generated by the residential sector through the curbside collection service.

Year-over-year trends show that garbage tonnage remains lower than the base year, while organic tonnage remains higher. Recycling tonnage is no longer reported due to transition of the residential Blue Box program to Extended Producer Responsibility.

Next Steps

The performance of both GFL and Miller in the fifth year of their Contract has remained positive. Staff will continue to monitor contractor performance throughout year six and will work promptly with the contractors to address any Contract deficiencies that may arise.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Jennifer Wilson
Program Manager, Collection and Processing

Memorandum

WMPSC-C 7-2026

Subject: Illegal Dumping 2025 Year End Summary

Date: April 27, 2026

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Mariano Singzon, Associate Director, Waste Collection and Diversion Operations

This memorandum provides the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee with an overview of staff's work on illegal dumping in 2025.

The information provided in this memo highlights the outcome of staff's increased efforts in public education, proactive monitoring and investigating illegal dumping and the success with enforcement. The report also outlines planned mitigation measures for 2026 to further strengthen Niagara Region's illegal dumping prevention and enforcement program.

Summary of Illegal Dumping Data in 2025

- In 2025, a total of 1,297 illegal dumping cases were investigated, marking a 26% increase from 1,027 cases in 2024. This increase aligns with expanded proactive monitoring and increased public reporting.
- A total of 414 (32%) cases were initiated through proactive monitoring and investigation in hot-spot areas. A 53% increase compared to 2024.
- A total of 821 (63%) cases were initiated as a result of public reporting through the Waste Info Line, Crime Stoppers, and the online reporting portal. A 14% increase in reports of illegal dumping compared to 2024 attributed to a targeted public awareness campaign.
- A total of 62 (5%) investigations were conducted as a result of reporting by Niagara Region Transportation Services Division and Local Area Municipalities. A 93% increase in reports compared to 2024 attributed to heightened collaborative work under the multi-stakeholder Illegal Dumping Working Group facilitated by waste management staff.
- As a result of the focused activities in 2025, 66 Part I Provincial Offence Notices were issued for illegal dumping related offences compared to 32 Part I Provincial Offence Notices issued in 2024.

- A detailed breakdown of illegal dumping investigations by area municipality and material type can be found in Appendix 1.

2025 Illegal Dumping Enforcement

The Waste Management on-road team consists of four Waste Collection and Diversion Advisors responsible for contract administration, customer service and enforcing the Region's Waste Management By-law, under which illegal dumping is an offence. Staff investigate all reported incidents of illegal dumping on public property and, where evidence identifying the source of the material is obtained, issue a Part I Provincial Offence Notice for contravention of the Niagara Region Waste Management By-law.

To strengthen the effectiveness of illegal dumping enforcement procedures, in 2025 staff completed over fifteen hours of enhanced internal by-law enforcement training. The training focused on issuing Part I Provincial Offence Notices, mock trial preparation, and court disclosure requirements. As a result, staff were better equipped with the necessary authority, training, and resources, leading to an increase in enforcement performance, with 66 tickets issued in 2025 compared to 32 in 2024. The increase in enforcement actions reflects enhanced staff proficiency and confidence in applying enforcement actions and courtroom procedures.

The issuance of a Part I Provincial Offence Notice is subject to specific legislative requirements, including a 30-day prescribed period and in-person contact with the alleged offender. Where these conditions cannot be fully met—such as when in-person contact is not possible, the individual has relocated, evidence is insufficient, or the individual cannot be located—staff issue a warning letter based on the available evidence.

The outcomes of the 66 Provincial Offence Notices are as follows:

- 34 defendants were convicted and sentenced during early resolution, trial, or for failing to appear.
- 16 defendants were convicted as a result of voluntarily paying the set fine associated with the Provincial Offence Notice.
- Nine (9) cases are still active and pending in the Provincial Offences court system.
- Five (5) cases were withdrawn (due to administrative issues).
- Two (2) cases are awaiting trial as of writing this report.

Illegal Dumping Reporting and Rewards

In 2025, the Region implemented a targeted public awareness campaign for illegal dumping which included clear direction on how and when to report illegal dumping. This campaign was designed to improve detection and reporting rates which is reflected in the increase in reported incidents for 2025 by 14% compared to 2024 submitted through the Waste Info Line, Crime Stoppers, and the online reporting portal. Additionally, the Illegal Dumping Working Group was re-established, and staff conducted illegal dumping presentations for local area municipalities incorporating municipality-specific data.

Waste Management staff heightened the collaborative work with Niagara Region Transportation Services Division and Local Area Municipalities to ensure that all roadside illegal dumping incidents were consistently reported and documented, regardless of severity. The enhanced collaboration resulted in a 93% increase in reported illegal dumping incidents among local area municipalities, increasing from 32 incidents in 2024 to 62 incidents in 2025.

To further encourage community participation in addressing illegal dumping, Niagara Region, in collaboration with Local Area Municipalities, offers a reward program. Individuals whose reports result in compliance or a conviction under the Waste Management By-law are eligible to receive a reward of \$50 or \$200, depending on the nature of the violation.

Staff are currently preparing to issue nine rewards to Niagara residents whose reports resulted in successful convictions in Provincial Offences Court. Additional rewards may be issued as outcomes are determined in ongoing Provincial Offences Court proceedings related to 2025 illegal dumping investigations.

Update on Dumping in Public Space Litter Bins and the Annual Litter Bin Blitz

Waste Management staff continue to monitor public space litter bins and respond to reports of illegal dumping in or around these bins. In 2025, 23% (298) of illegal dumping investigations were related to materials illegally dumped in or around public space litter bins.

As part of ongoing proactive monitoring and investigation efforts, Waste Management staff conduct the annual Litter Bin Blitz, during which public space litter bins are audited for illegally dumped materials. If evidence is found during the blitz, staff attempt to issue a Part I Provincial Offence Notice. The 2025 Litter Bin Blitz took place from November 10 to 14, 2025. As a result, seven individuals were issued a Part I Provincial Offence

Notice for illegal dumping, which are included in the total count of Provincial Offence Notices for 2025.

Next Steps

On average, Niagara Region invests approximately \$36,000 annually in staff time to investigate and address illegal dumping incidents. This investment supports investigation, enforcement, education and prevention activities that collectively contribute to protecting public spaces, foster community well-being and promoting long-term compliance. Maintaining a visible enforcement presence, combined with education and community engagement is considered a best practice approach and is essential to deterrence and accountability.

In 2026, staff will continue to maintain a strong presence and collaborate with community partners to address illegal dumping. Key initiatives will include proactive monitoring of known hotspot areas, educating new residents, and engaging with stakeholders to promote compliance and foster community responsibility. Staff have also engaged in collaborative work with Local Area Municipalities to strengthen enforcement on a case-by-case basis to recover clean up cost from individuals that are found guilty of non-compliance with the Waste By-law. Additionally, staff will continue to leverage an app-based Geographical Information System (GIS) tool, enabling real-time data collection and precise tracking of illegal dumping locations, thereby enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of enforcement activities.

Building on the successes of 2025 including increased ticket issuance, strengthened enforcement, and enhanced public education, Niagara Region anticipates improved compliance and more accurate tracking of illegal dumping activity over time.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

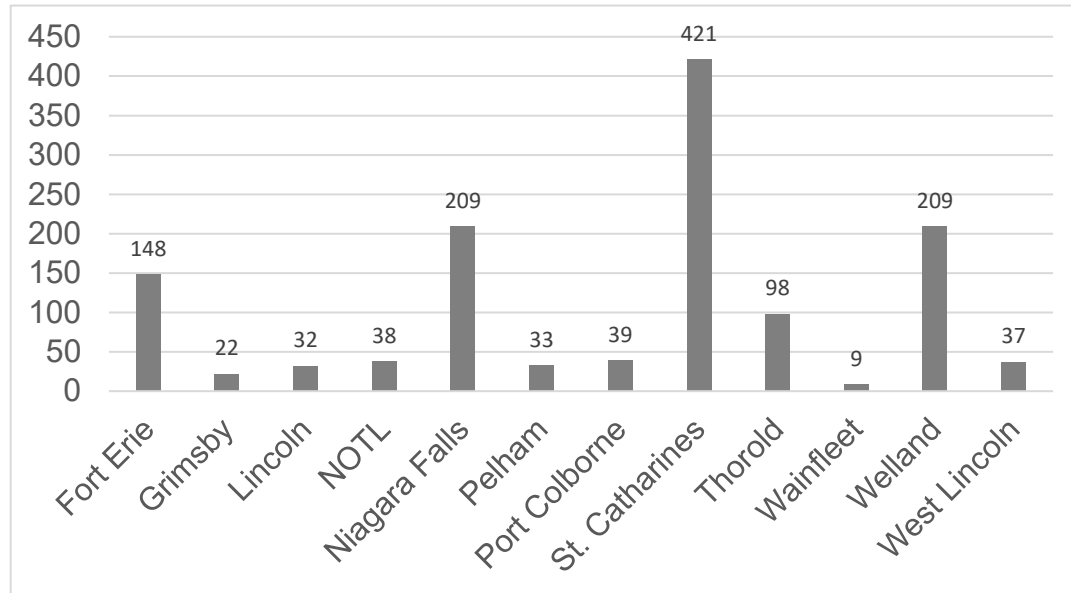
Mariano Singzon

Associate Director, Waste Collection and Diversion Operations

Appendices

Appendix 1 Number of Illegal Dumping Reports by Municipality & Material Investigated

Number of Illegal Dumping Reports by Municipality and Material Investigated



Material Investigated

Material	Number of Investigations Material was Found In	Percentage of Investigations Material was Found In
C&D	126	9%
Cement	10	0.77%
Garbage	724	55%
Grass	11	0.85%
Green Bin	115	8%
HHW	30	2%
Household	460	35%
Leaf and Yard	64	5%
Large Item	289	22%
Mattress / Boxspring	26	2%
Multi-Stream	1	0.08%
Recycling	206	15%
Sharps	14	1%
Soil	21	1.6%
Tires / Auto Parts	36	2.7%
White Goods / Appliances	17	1%

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION
CITIZENS LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC) – NIAGARA ROAD 12
LANDFILL SITE

Meeting Notes from the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Citizens Liaison Committee held via Zoom and in person on June 19, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Ken Durham – Resident Member (Chair)
Robert Lee – Resident Member
Councillor Greg Reimer, Town of Lincoln
Councillor Don Howe, Town of Grimsby
Councillor Bob Hildebrandt, Town of Pelham

Regrets: Councillor Jacob Baradziej, Town of Grimsby
Councillor Mike Rehner, Town of West Lincoln

Guest: John Ganann

Staff: Andrew Winters, Program Manager, Waste Disposal Operations
Kate Ashbridge, Supervisor, Waste Disposal Operations
Emil Prpic, Associate Director Waste Disposal & Engineering

1. Distributed prior to the meeting:

Agenda
Meeting Notes for Jan 30, 2025, meeting

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved and accepted by the Committee, and the meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes from Jan 30, 2025:

Moved by: Bob Hildebrandt
Seconded by: Don Howe

Carried.

4. Business arising from the previous meeting:

- No business arising from the previous meeting.

5. Update on Projects at NR12 for 2024/2025:

- Issuance of the Landfill Operations Tender
 - Tender awarded to Future Waste, which starts September 1, 2025. Future Waste currently operates the Humberstone Landfill Site. Over the next few months, staff will work with Future Waste to implement this new contract.
- Update on Waste Management Strategic Plan (WMSP)
 - Public and Local Area Municipality (LAM) engagement is finished as of June 6 – look for the engagement summary report and video of one of the public webinars on the project website over the next few weeks ([Waste Management Strategic Plan - Niagara Region, Ontario](#))
 - WMSP will be presented at the August Public Works Committee (PWC) to update committee on actions, targets
 - Draft report will be presented to PWC in the fall (October)
 - We are expecting approval of the WMSP by Dec/Jan

6. Update on International Plowing Match

- Request from the International Plowing Match (IPM) to use the buffer lands that Neufeld is farming as the primary parking lot. It was Neufeld's suggestion on using the piece of land.
- Legal is working with the IPM on an agreement.
- Legal has sent a draft to the IPM and is waiting for comments back from IPM – it has been over a month since they have sent the agreement.
- MPP Oosterhoff will not be touring the NR12 Landfill but may encourage the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to visit.
- Any potential visit is being coordinated by Chair Durham.
- Niagara Region has allowed up to \$10,000 in tipping fee exceptions at the Niagara Road 12 Landfill site.

Action: Chair Durham to notify Niagara Region if any tours will occur at the Niagara Road 12 Landfill site

7. Update on NR12 Operations – Tonnage Review - Kate Ashbridge:

- Tonnage spreadsheets – Inbound and Outbound (attached)

- Is it possible to get a breakdown by population for each LAM?

Action: Send slides to the committee, including Meeting Notes (Sandy)

Action: Breakdown by population for each LAM (Sandy to check)

8. MECP Inspection

- MECP Inspection (June 11, 2025) – the Ministry noted that there were no concerns at the site, only identified a few housekeeping recommendations.

9. Other Business:

- Compost giveaway – question on when the Region began bagging it and if we would consider a bulk giveaway where the residents load their vehicles themselves.
 - Bagging was implemented a few years ago. This has allowed the Region to make it accessible to more members of the public and to remove the additional traffic from the site, during the busiest times of year.
 - Municipalities and community partners occasionally request bulk deliveries – material is provided when requested, provided that quantities are available.
- Potential labour disruption for CUPE 1287 staff – scale house attendant staff are CUPE 1287 union members.
 - The future collective agreement is currently being negotiated, the Region is hopeful that an agreement will be reached.
 - Staff will update committee members if there is any labour disruption on-site.
 - The site operations staff are employed by the contractor and not impacted by CUPE negotiations.

10. Next Meeting

- September 25, 2025 - in person and/or Zoom. or Oct 2 as an alternate date

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 pm

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

CITIZENS LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC) – NIAGARA ROAD 12 LANDFILL SITE

Meeting Notes from the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Citizens Liaison Committee held via Zoom and in person on November 6, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Ken Durham – Resident Member (Chair)
Robert Lee – Resident Member
Councillor Don Howe, Town of Grimsby
Councillor Bob Hildebrandt, Town of Pelham
Councillor Mike Rehner, Town of West Lincoln

Regrets: Councillor Greg Reimer, Town of Lincoln
Councillor Jacob Baradziej, Town of Grimsby

Guest: John Ganann

Staff: Andrew Winters, Program Manager, Waste Disposal Operations
Kate Ashbridge, Supervisor, Waste Disposal Operations
Emil Prpic, Associate Director Waste Disposal & Engineering
Sandy Sawatzky, Waste Management Clerk/Program Administrator

1. Distributed prior to the meeting:

Agenda
Meeting Notes for June 19, 2025, meeting

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved and accepted by the Committee, and the meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes from June 19, 2025:

Approved and accepted by the Committee

4. Business arising from the previous meeting:

- No business arising from the previous meeting.

5. Update on Projects at NR12 for 2025:

- Update on Waste Management Strategic Plan (WMSP)
 - Public and Local Area Municipality (LAM) engagement is finished as of June 6 – look for the engagement summary report and video of one of the public webinars on the project website over the next few weeks ([Waste Management Strategic Plan - Niagara Region, Ontario](#))
 - WMSP was presented at the August Public Works Committee (PWC) to update the committee on actions, targets
 - Draft report will be presented to WMPSC in the fall (December)
- Anticipating approval at PWC by Feb 2026
- Committee discusses strategic plan
 - Will be a 25-year plan
 - As part of the plan, new technologies will be explored as possible options to manage any remaining residual waste
 - Committee member noted that originally the NR12 location was selected for the Landfill due to it being in a rural setting.
- Well Removal
 - There are generally 2 bedrock wells at each monitoring location.
 - There is a shallow bedrock well that monitors the potential for shallow bedrock groundwater impacts.
 - The groundwater monitoring program was optimized with approval from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) with wells decommissioned in March 2025.
- Paving Inspection Condition
 - Collaborating with the Transportation Division on this project, assessments on road conditions
 - NR12 – repairing roads to extend the longevity of the site
 - First time working with Transportation on this type of project, but will be continuing at other sites
 - Work coordinated through Transportation, contractors are completing the actual paving work

6. Update on International Plowing Match (IPM)

- September 11 – 20
- 18 loads (8.02 MT) of mixed waste were sent to NR12 Landfill for disposal

- No tour of the NR12 Landfill site took place
- Committee discusses IPM Event
 - Organizers and attendees collected all returnable bottles and cans and recycled them through the Beer Store. Niagara Region supplied the recycling containers for the blue/grey box material.
 - Attendance was lower than anticipated

7. Contract Transition Update

- Future Waste as of September 1, 2025
 - Councillor Rehner raised a concern that the previous contractor was putting aside usable items to be reused by other residents, but this practice is not continuing with the current contractor.
 - Staff – agrees none of us want to put good materials into the waste stream; however, the Salvation Army reusable goods building that is located at the front of the site serves this purpose. Furthermore, the waste management by-law prohibits the removal of material from the site, unless the material has been designated for reuse.
 - By-law 2022-32 section 38 Scavenging
 - 38.1 No Person shall, without the written approval of the Region, Scavenge, interfere with, pick over, disturb, remove or scatter any Material set out for collection.
 - 38.2 No Person shall Scavenge, interfere with, pick over, disturb, remove or scatter any Material at a Regional Drop-Off Location unless the Material has been designated for re-use by the Region and the Person has received permission from the Region.

Action: Submit request - "The Niagara Road 12 Citizen's Liaison Committee moves for Waste Management staff to review By-Law 2022-32- Waste Management System, signage on site and previous practice to allow the setting aside in a safe manner, useable items in good condition at the drop-off depot designated for the landfill for potential reuse by others in order to reduce waste and save landfill space."

Moved by: Councillor Mike Rehner, Town of West Lincoln

Seconded by: Councillor Don Howe, Town of Grimsby

Carried

8. Update on NR12 Operations – Tonnage Review:

- Tonnage spreadsheets – Inbound and Outbound (attached)

Action: Send slides to the committee, including Meeting Notes (Sandy)

9. Other Business:

- Committee member asks if the new Blue Box recycling contractor will continue picking up from seniors' homes, churches, etc?
- Staff – Blue Box program is now a producer responsibility program.
 - Blue Box collection remained unchanged in 2024 and 2025
 - As of 2026, the Blue Box program will be fully under producer responsibility, and they will be making decisions on what properties are collected, i.e. residential properties are collected while commercial and institutional properties are not required under the regulation.
 - The Region, as well as other municipalities, have engaged with the Province about the challenges, and although all of the final details are unknown, it is anticipated that the program may change in 2026.

10. Next Meeting

- February 19, 2026 - in person and/or Zoom.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 8:12 pm