
MEMORANDUM

WMPSC-C 9-2019

Subject: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan

Date: Monday, Feb 25, 2019

To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

From: Jennifer Mazurek, Acting Manager, Waste Policy and Planning

This memorandum provides Waste Management Planning Steering Committee members with a copy of Waste Management staff comments (attached as Appendix A) to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), in regards to the Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan – Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Number 013-4208.

On November 29, 2018, the Province released the proposed [Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan](https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2018-11/EnvironmentPlan_1.pdf) (Environment Plan, https://prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com/2018-11/EnvironmentPlan_1.pdf), attached as Appendix B, for a 60-day public review and comment period. Staff from Niagara Region's Planning and Development Services team coordinated comments on behalf of Niagara Region to ensure submission of a unified and comprehensive response, and will provide the full comments from Public Health and Emergency Services, Planning and Development Services, and Public Works in a future report to Council. The joint submission to the Province was completed on February 1, 2019, as an extension was obtained in order for Niagara Region to circulate comments to the local Area Planning group. All Waste Management staff comments reflect previously approved comments and positions by Niagara Region Committees and Council.

The Environment Plan is divided into six major sections: Our Province Today; Protecting our Air, Lakes and Rivers; Addressing Climate Change; Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities and Keeping Our Land and Soil Clean; Conserving Land and Greenspace; and Next Steps. The first section, Our Province Today, describes Guiding Principles. Within each of the remaining sections, multiple priority action items are defined. Waste Management staff provided comment on all action items that would potentially impact the waste services and/or programs Niagara Region provides, as well as the Next Steps. Many of the action items are already supported by currently existing policies and programs in Waste Management Services, as documented in the response. Some of the action items could have a potential financial and/or administrative impact on Niagara Region (e.g. a food and organics disposal ban at landfills) and our response highlights Provincial support, both financial and through the development of policies and regulations, that municipalities will require throughout the implementation of the action items.

It is recommended that Niagara Region support further development of the Environmental Plan, subject to the comments that were submitted to the MECP. Key to a successful implementation, and included in Niagara Region's comments, is that the Province must provide detailed plans and timelines that will inform planning processes, programs and policy development.

Staff will continue to be active participants in future consultations related to the Environment Plan and related guides and regulations. Staff will also continue to be involved in industry/municipal associations reviewing potential impacts of the Environment Plan on municipal programs and policies.

Respectfully submitted and signed by



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Appendices

Appendix A: Waste Management Comments on A-Made-in-Ontario
Environment Plan

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Appendix B: Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future
Generations: A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan