

Co-collection of Blue Box Materials & Household Organics

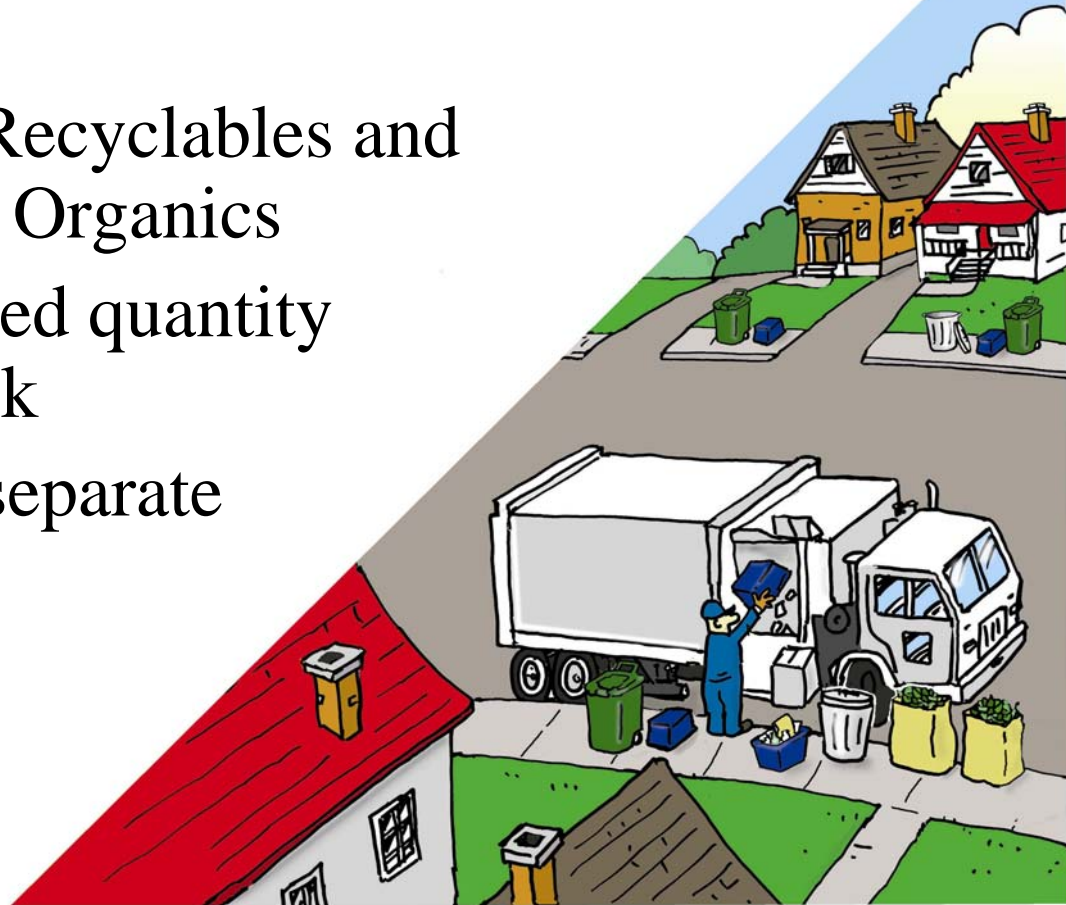
Infrastructure & Emergency Services

Solid Waste Division

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Council's Direction

- Council has accepted the Technical Steering Committee's recommendation in principle
 - ◆ To co-collect
 - ◆ Blue Box Recyclables and Household Organics
 - Unlimited quantity per week
 - In two separate streams



Council's Direction

- Council requested additional details
- Technical Steering Committee met on May 26, 2005 to review container options for household organics



Household Organics

- Select Household Organics Container
 - ◆ Curbside Container
 - ◆ Green Bin
 - ◆ Clear Plastic
 - ◆ Paper Compostable Bag
 - ◆ Reusable Container with Label
 - ◆ Combination of above
 - ◆ Kitchen Collector
 - ◆ Commercial Type
 - ◆ Reusable Container



Results of TSC Meeting

- No consensus on one particular type of household organics container
- In agreement to conduct a pilot project

Pilot Project

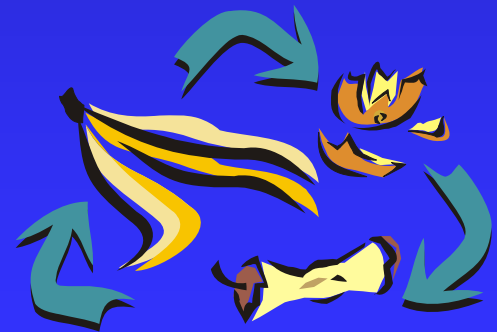
- Conduct over four seasons
- Residents on a curbside collection system
- Test various containers
- Include instructions
- Survey residents
- Test various recycling/organic collection methods for the HDR, Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sectors

Benefits

- Determine what works best for “Greater Sudbury”
- Engage the public in the selection process
- Gather per household diversion rates
- Provide costs for various levels of service

Recommendation

- That staff be authorized to proceed with the review and the pilot project for the co-collection of blue box recyclables and household organics as detailed in the General Manager of Infrastructure and Emergency Services report dated June 6, 2005.



Next Steps

- Proceed with tender/RFP process
- Report back to Council with options and pricing, including a recommendation from the Technical Steering Committee (early 2006)

Thank you

What are household organics?

- fruit and vegetables
- meat, chicken, fish, shellfish
- dairy products (cheese, yogurt etc.)
- baked goods and ingredients
- coffee grounds, tea bags and filters
- pasta, rice, sauces, gravy, eggs
- household plants, including soil
- non-recyclable paper & paper packaging
(disposable paper cups, paper towels, potato
bags, flour bags, waxed cardboard etc.)