



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Works
Report: #2025-INFO-66
Date: August 15, 2025

Subject:

One Year Update on the Enhanced Green Bin and Waste Management Container
Online Sales and Exchange Platform

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the first twelve months of operation of the Region's new Enhanced Green Bin program and the Waste Management Container Online Sales and Exchange Platform. Both programs launched on July 1, 2024.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on June 29, 2022, Regional Council approved the recommendation in Report #2022-COW-22 to cancel the procurement process for the Region's Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility (AD Project) under NRFP-1080-2021. This decision was based on significant capital and future operating costs, compounded by uncertainties due to global inflation and supply chain challenges.
- 2.2 The cancellation did not eliminate the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) need for a sustainable organics management plan. Staff developed a

short-term organics management strategy that included expanding the list of acceptable Green Bin materials and executing a 10-year anaerobic digestion (AD) contract to meet ongoing organics processing requirements and the following waste management plan objectives:

- a. Compliance with legislative organics diversion requirements.
- b. Addressing the service needs of the Region's growing population.
- c. Managing the capacity limitations of the Region's existing waste disposal infrastructure.
- d. Increasing environmental sustainability and climate change impacts through an increase in overall diversion.

3. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 3.1 Report [#2022-COW-22](#), titled "Negotiated Request for Proposal Results for the Design, Build, Operate and Maintain Contract for a Mixed Waste Pre-sort and Anaerobic Digestion Facility", resulted in the cancellation of the AD Project.
- 3.2 Report [#2023-WR-3](#), titled "Organics Management Plan – Next Steps", authorized staff to pursue a 10-year contract for anaerobic digestion of the source separated organics waste stream and expand the suite of materials accepted in the green bin to include diapers, pet waste, menstrual and incontinence products.
- 3.3 Report [#2025-INFO-10](#), titled "Curbside Collection Program Updates" provided a year-end overview of the changes to the Region's curbside collection programs in the second half of 2024. Changes included the transition of the Blue Box Program to full producer responsibility, launch of the Enhanced Green Bin for curbside collection, and the launch of the Online Sales and Exchange Platform for curbside green bins, kitchen catchers and backyard composters.

4. Enhanced Green Bin One Year Update

- 4.1 The Enhanced Green Bin program launched on July 1, 2024, adding diapers, pet waste, menstrual and incontinence products to the accepted list of Green Bin materials.

- 4.2 The Region has contracted a third party for anaerobic digestion of the Green Bin organics as part of the short-term organics management strategy which allows for the removal of the plastics in the new list of accepted materials.
- 4.3 Anaerobic digestion produces renewable natural gas and digestate, a material that can be composted, land applied or used as fertilizer. The Region's leaf and yard waste continues to be composted separately from Green Bin organics with the resulting compost used in the spring compost events held in each local municipality each year.
- 4.4 Table 1 outlines the impact of the first twelve-month operation of the Enhanced Green Bin program showing that organics collected at the curb are consistently higher since the launch of the Enhanced Green Bin, totalling a 15.3 per cent increase in the first twelve months of operation.

Table 1: Organics Collected July 2024 to June 2025

Month	Pre-launch Tonnes	Post-launch Tonnes	Difference %
July	2,620	3,142	+19.9
August	3,138	3,467	+10.5
September	2,933	3,088	+5.3
October	2,750	3,686	+34.0
November	2,741	3,345	+22.0
December	2,689	3,190	+18.6
January	2,994	3,490	+16.5
February	2,653	2,763	+4.1
March	2,662	2,985	+12.2
April	2,824	3,312	+17.3
May	3,032	3,308	+9.1

Month	Pre-launch Tonnes	Post-launch Tonnes	Difference %
June	2,580	3,095	+20.0
Total Increase	30,996	35,729	+15.3

- 4.5 Green Bins were offered at a subsidized price from July 1 to December 31, 2024, and approximately 5,000 green bins were purchased at the subsidized price.
- 4.6 Staff will continue to promote the use of the Green Bin as the most convenient disposal option for household organic material, including diapers and pet waste.

5. Waste Management Container Online Sales and Exchange Platform Update

- 5.1 The Region's Waste Management Container Online Sales and Exchange Platform allows residents to order new or exchange broken Green Bins and kitchen catchers online via MyDurham311 for home delivery. Backyard composters are also available through this service.
- 5.2 With the transition of the Blue Box Program to producer responsibility, the Region no longer provides new or replacement Blue Boxes.
- 5.3 Staff distributed post cards during the spring compost and community events to promote the use of the Online Sales and Exchange platform for ordering green bins and kitchen catchers. This five-week promotion period increased the use of the online platform by about 360 per cent compared to the weeks immediately preceding the events. More than 500 orders were received in some weeks.
- 5.4 Use of the Online Sales and Exchange Platform continues to grow with recent promotion efforts resulting in the Region selling out of backyard composters.
- 5.5 Since April, orders received in the Online Sales and Exchange Platform averaged over 250 per week. Staff will continue to promote the online ordering options at educational events this summer and fall to grow the use of this new and easy to use service enhancement, especially for those residents without their own vehicles and may be reliant on public transit.
- 5.6 In addition to waste management containers, the Online Sales and Exchange Platform can now also be used to order garbage bag tags for direct home

delivery. Previously, these tags were mailed when ordered and delivery times were inconsistent, often taking over one week. The postal strike in late 2024 prompted staff to include garbage bag tags in the platform's home delivery service which now allows delivery to be guaranteed within five days of ordering tags.

6. Relationship to Strategic Plan

6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following Strategic Direction(s) and Pathway(s) in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

a. Connected and Vibrant Communities

- C1. Align Regional infrastructure and asset management with projected growth, climate impacts, and community needs.

b. Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action

- E1. Reduce corporate greenhouse gas emissions to meet established targets.
- E2. Collaborate with partners on the low-carbon transition to reduce community greenhouse gas emissions across Durham Region.
- E4. Lead the transition to sustainable living through waste management, diversion, and the circular economy.
- E5. Respect the natural environment, including greenspaces, waterways, and agricultural lands.

c. Strong Relationships

- S3. Collaborate across local area municipalities, with agencies, non-profits, and community partners to deliver co-ordinated and efficient services.
- S5. Ensure accountable and transparent decision-making to serve community needs, while responsibly managing available resources.

6.2 This report aligns with/addresses the following Foundation(s) in Durham Region's 2025-2035 Strategic Plan:

- a. Processes: Continuously improving processes to ensure we are responsive to community needs.
- b. Technology: Keeping pace with technological change to ensure efficient and effective service delivery.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The Enhanced Green Bin program, launched on July 1, 2024, has resulted in a 15.3 per cent increase in diverted organics in its first twelve months of operations.
- 7.2 Staff will continue to promote the benefits of using the Green Bin to encourage more residents to participate in weekly organics collection.
- 7.3 The Online Waste Management Container Sales and Exchange Platform has been well-received by residents with significant growth in usage resulting from its promotion at spring compost and community events.
- 7.4 For additional information, contact: Andrew Evans, Director Waste Management Services, at 905-668-4113 extension 4102 or Peter Veiga, Manager, Waste Management Operations at 905-668-4113 extension 3720.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Works

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting

Resolution # 1 \

Date: Monday August 11, 2025

Moved By: Michael Madden

Second By: Jeff Manley

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry hereby requests that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end of life management of recycling product from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby requests the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Nolan Quinn Member of Provincial Parliament for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

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Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams

Councillor: Jacques Massie

Councillor: Brian Caddell

Councillor: Jeff Manley

Councillor: Michael Madden

Councillor: Gary Martin

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

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August 12 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: request to amend Ontario regulation 391/21: blue box – inclusion of currently ineligible sources

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on August 11, 2025, the council of the Township of North Glengarry passed a resolution (copy enclosed) urging the province of Ontario to amend Ontario regulation 391/21: blue box to ensure producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recyclable materials from all sources, including those currently deemed ineligible.

Respectfully,

Jena Doonan
Deputy Clerk
Township of North Glengarry
deputyclerk@northglengarry.ca

Enclosure: Council Resolution – Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box Amendment Request

cc: The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
The Honourable Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mr. Nolan Quinn, MPP for Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry
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