

2. Household Hazardous Waste Strategy

Stratégie de gestion des déchets ménagers dangereux

Committee Recommendation(s), as amended

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- 2. Direct staff to begin the detailed planning, including locating sites and costing, for several micro–Household Hazardous Waste collection events in different areas of the City to serve as a pilot in 2026, as described in the report, and report back to Council for any incremental costs required through the 2026 budget process; and,**
- 3. Direct staff to continue to explore the implementation of permanent multi-use depot(s) for Household Hazardous Waste which would include options for other divertible material collection programs that are to be implemented as part of the actions outlined in the Solid Waste Master Plan (SWMP) and as described in this report and report back to Council in 2027.**
- 4. Direct staff in Solid Waste Services to work with Councillor Brockington and the Mayor's Office to advocate to the Province of Ontario for:**
 - a. stronger support with the IPR programs, including the expansion of materials that are designated for producer-responsibility, stronger targets for designated materials more accountability for the producers to meet the requirements of the regulations and more emphasis on working with municipalities; and**
 - b. the funding structure for compensating municipalities be revisited to ensure shortfalls of producers do not result in deficits**

for municipalities in instances where municipalities collect, transport and dispose of products or packaging that fall under the IPR regulations; and

- c. that staff report back in Q4 2025 on advocacy efforts, outcomes and achievements ahead of the full transition of the Provincial Blue Box Program that will begin on January 1, 2026.

Recommandation(s) du Comité, telles que modifiées

Que le Conseil municipal :

1. donne son approbation pour permettre à la Ville de poursuivre les dépôts des déchets ménagers dangereux, dont le nombre sera approuvé dans le cadre du budget annuel, sans toutefois être inférieur à neuf (9) dépôts par an;
2. demande au personnel de lancer la planification détaillée, en localisant les sites et en calculant les coûts, de plusieurs microdépôts de déchets ménagers dangereux dans différents secteurs de la Ville, dans le cadre d'un projet pilote qui aura lieu en 2026, selon les modalités exposées dans le rapport, et de rendre compte, au Conseil municipal dans le processus de budgétisation de 2026, des frais incrémentiels à engager;
3. demande au personnel de continuer de se pencher sur la mise en œuvre de dépôts polyvalents permanents pour les déchets ménagers dangereux, ce qui pourrait comprendre des options pour d'autres programmes de collecte de matières réacheminables à mettre en œuvre dans le cadre des interventions exposées dans le Plan directeur de la gestion des déchets solides (PDGDS) et selon les modalités exposées dans ce rapport, et d'en rendre compte au Conseil municipal en 2027.
4. demande le personnel des Services des déchets solides doive collaborer avec le conseiller Brockington et le Bureau du maire afin de demander:

- a. un soutien provincial accru quant aux programmes de RIP, notamment l'élargissement de la gamme de matériaux désignés comme relevant de la responsabilité des producteurs, des objectifs plus ambitieux pour les matériaux désignés, une responsabilisation élargie des producteurs de sorte qu'ils se conforment aux exigences du règlement et une collaboration plus étroite avec les municipalités; et
- b. la structure de financement destinée à indemniser les municipalités soit revue de façon ce que les déficits chez les producteurs n'entraînent pas de déficits pour les municipalités dans les cas où celles-ci collectent, transportent et éliminent des produits ou des emballages relevant du règlement sur la RIP; et
- c. le personnel rende compte au quatrième trimestre 2025 des efforts de sensibilisation, des résultats et des réalisations avant la transition complète du programme provincial des bacs bleus qui débutera le 1^{er} janvier 2026.

Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Environment and Climate Change Committee, 17 June 2025.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique, le 17 juin 2025.

2. Director's Report, Water Solid Waste Services, Public Works Department, dated 5 June 2025 (ACS2025-PWD-SWS-0004).

Rapport de la Directrice, Services des déchets solides, Direction générale des travaux publics, daté le 5 juin 2025 (ACS2025-PWD-SWS-0004).

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Ms. Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Service, Public Works Department (PW) and Ms. Andrea Gay Farley, Program Manager, Program Planning, PW provided presentations. A copy of the slide presentations are filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

The following Motion was introduced by Vice-Chair Carr:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has been transitioning recycling programs to an Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) model which is intended to make producers of products and packaging fully responsible for the cost of collection and recycling at end of life; and

WHEREAS four (4) recycling programs offered in Ontario have fully transitioned to the IPR model (batteries, electronics, tires and hazardous and special products), and the fifth program (blue box) to fully transition in 2026, each with their own challenges and successes, arising through the transition of each program; and

WHEREAS the Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Program fully transitioned in Ontario under the Province's IPR program on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS not all household hazardous waste materials are designated under the HSP regulation and remain a safe disposal concern, and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has and continues to hold Household Hazardous Waste collection events to ensure that hazardous materials are safely managed and disposed of and do not end up in our collection vehicles, in the Trail Waste Facility Landfill, in the natural environment or other waste processing facilities; and

WHEREAS full compensation for Household Hazardous Waste collection events is not required under the HSP regulation, even though many of the items collected are designated material for producer responsibility; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Blue Box Program will fully shift the City of Ottawa's blue and black bin recycling programs to IPR under the lead Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) Circular Materials, who will be responsible for collecting recycling from eligible sources, starting January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS City of Ottawa staff have worked diligently to ensure the transition of IPR programs is as seamless as possible to residents and as cost effective as possible for the City; and

WHEREAS many of the recently proposed amendments to Ontario's Blue Box Regulation would erode producer responsibility and weaken the effectiveness of the recycling program; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff in Solid Waste Services be directed to work with Councillor Brockington and the Mayor's Office to advocate to the Province of Ontario for stronger support with the IPR programs, including the expansion of materials that are designated for producer-responsibility, stronger targets for designated materials more accountability for the producers to meet the requirements of the regulations and more emphasis on working with municipalities; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding structure for compensating municipalities be revisited to ensure shortfalls of producers do not result in deficits for municipalities in instances where municipalities collect, transport and dispose of products or packaging that fall under the IPR regulations; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back in Q4 2025 on advocacy efforts, outcomes and achievements ahead of the full transition of the Provincial Blue Box Program that will begin on January 1, 2026.

The following also responded to questions:

- Ms. Shelley McDonald, Director, Solid Waste Service, Public Works Department (PW)
- Ms. Andrea Gay Farley, Program Manager, Program Planning, PW
- Ms. Jennifer Pereira, Senior Legal Counsel, Legal Services

Following discussion and questions of staff, the Committee Carried the Motion and then the report recommendations as amended.

Report Recommendation(s)

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