Long-Term Waste Management Plan



Public Information Session

April 16, 2026

Project Purpose

- Develop a plan for the long-term, sustainable management of solid waste for Grey Highlands residents
  - Planning horizon: 2055
  - Assess current programs and identify future needs
  - Identify and evaluate options for effective and sustainable solid waste management

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Current Services and Performance

Disposed

3,285 tonnes (70%)

Curbside and common area garbage collection

1,928 tonnes

Garbage and mixed waste dropped off at Waste Disposal Sites (WDS)

Other garbage collected by the Municipality

1,357 tonnes

Diverted

1,408 tonnes (30%)

Blue Box Recycling (includes collection from curbside, common areas, WDS depots, and other Blue Box recycling)

1,109 tonnes

Other Diversion

299 tonnes

Other diversion includes scrap metal, tires, electronics, batteries, etc

Key Waste Diversion Opportunities





- **Household organics**
  ~ 935 tonnes per year (about 33% of household garbage)



- **Textiles**
  ~ 46 tonnes per year (about 2% of household garbage)



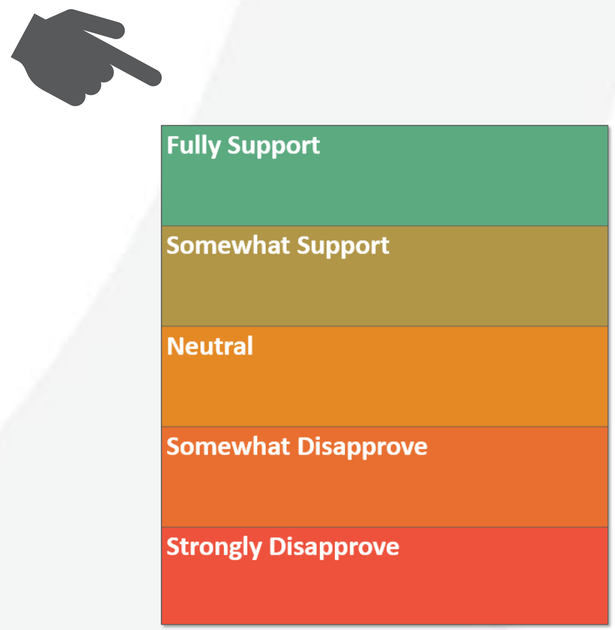
Options for Managing Waste

Share your opinions with us!

The display boards tonight list the various solid waste management options that are being considered.

You can use the sticker dots provided to indicate if you approve, do not approve, or are indifferent to the option.

Provide your additional thoughts on the comment form provided or e-mail us at GHWastePlan@exp.com.



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Waste Reduction and Reuse

Options for Managing Waste

Promote on-site management of organics

- Enhance the municipality's existing promotion and education of BYC and grasscycling.
- Complete a review of other municipal BYC and grasscycling programs and incorporate lessons learned into Grey Highlands' BYC program
- Add a subsidized aerator to list of materials for sale by municipality
- Engage local gardening and related organizations to identify opportunities for enhancing BYC promotion, education and uptake.

Supporting Waste Minimization and Diversion at Special Events

- Work with Municipal facility managers to develop and implement a protocol to help event organizers incorporate waste minimization into their planning.
- This may include providing a Zero Waste Event planning guide a directory of applicable zero waste-related goods and services providers.
- These could be incorporated these into a Waste Management Promotion and Education Strategy

Promotion and Education Support of Community Reduce and Reuse Programs

- Develop a strategic approach for promoting Community Reduce and Reuse Programs through the Municipality's solid waste communications and programming.

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Review of Public Space Recycling

- Continue exploring opportunities for reducing contamination in public space recycling receptacles, potentially in collaboration with other municipalities in Grey County and the broader region.

Promotion of Community Textile Recycling Programs

- Actively promote community textile reuse and recycling programs through the Municipality's promotion and education activities.
- This could include a searchable directory of drop-off locations, a searchable map, and cross-promotion with other local sustainability initiatives.

Agricultural Waste Diversion

- Work with agriculture industry to promote available agricultural waste diversion programs.
- Monitor / track quantities of agricultural wastes received at a WDS to help assess the diversion potential of available and potential Agricultural Waste Diversion programs.

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Organics Management

Options for Managing Waste

Introduce household (food and kitchen waste) organics collection and composting

- Engage neighbouring municipality to explore potential for a multi-municipal Household Organics Collection and Composting program.
- Undertake a feasibility assessment for a Household Organics Collection and Composting program for Grey Highlands.
- Depending on the results of the assessment, develop an implementation plan for introducing a curbside Household Organics Collection and Composting program.

Introduction of Kitchen Composting Appliances

(for food and kitchen waste organics management)

- Undertake focused pilot using Foodcycler-style appliances within a measurable area, with support from a provider of the appliance or other funding source. Complete quarterly or semi-annual waste audits in the pilot areas.

Develop and Implement a Food Waste Reduction Strategy

- Undertake future promotion and education campaign, possibly after implementation of municipal curbside household organics diversion program

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Promotion and Education

Other Diversion

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Solid Waste Management Promotion and Education Strategy

- Develop and implement a comprehensive Solid Waste Management Promotion and Education Strategy.
- Would include promotion of green purchasing practices.

Promotion of Extended Producer Responsibility

- Continue to monitor and participate in product stewardship and EPR activities.
- Monitor for potential gaps in how stewardship waste diversion programs are promoted in the Municipality and address through the Municipality's communications initiatives.

Increase Number of Special Waste Collection Events

- Expand the reach of MHSW and E-waste diversion programs.
- Implement additional special waste events in strategic areas of the municipality, if promotion of existing collection depots and take-backs do not increase diversion of these materials.

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Adoption of Full User-Pay

- Include as an option for consideration in future municipal rate studies.

Update / Enforcement of Waste Collection By-Law

- Initiate by-law review alongside future waste management system updates.

Differential tipping fees at Waste and Diversion Sites

- Explore updates to Waste and Diversion Site differential tipping fees in future municipal rate studies program.

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Reduction Strategies and Bans for Single-use Items

- Develop a strategy to eliminate or reduce single-use plastics.
- Ensure the Solid Waste Management Promotion and Education Strategy supports activities and initiatives related to reduction strategies and bans for single-use items

Preparation of Multi-Residential Development Standards

- Undertake process to prepare waste management standards for multi-residential developments, including a jurisdictional review, engagement process with internal and external stakeholders, and a communications plan for educating staff, developers and contractors on the new standards.
- As applicable, ensure alignment with development of Toolkit for Waste Diversion in Multi-Residential Buildings

Update Waste Performance Metrics

- Identify a suite of key performance indicators (KPIs) for evaluating the Municipality's solid waste management program.

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Mandatory Waste Diversion in all Municipal Facilities

- Develop implementation plan for mandatory diversion at municipal facilities.
- This would include: developing inventory of applicable facilities and required receptacles; provision of waste diversion services; promotion of requirement; development of supportive educational materials.
- Would be aligned with roll-out of a future organics program.

Circular Economy Working Group / Committee

- Collaborate with municipal economic development staff, local business representatives, and other local leaders on the amount of interest in such a working group.

Explore multi-municipal partnerships for waste management service

- Continue exploring multi-municipal partnerships for delivery of solid waste management programs.

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Disposal

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Continued disposal of Municipal Solid Waste at an external disposal facility

- Approach to collection and disposing of residential garbage at an external waste disposal facility continues.
- This could include disposal at a private facility (as is currently the case) or one owned by another municipality.

Future Expansion of Landfill at Holland-Markdale Waste Diversion Site

- Explore the feasibility of expanding the landfill at the Holland-Markdale WDS.
- Adding disposal capacity would ensure Municipality has available option for solid waste disposal.

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Next steps

The next steps for this project include:

- Consider the feedback received from the public and stakeholders regarding the options being reviewed.
- Complete the evaluation of solid waste management options.
- Recommend the preferred options for the Long-Term Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Prepare the Long-Term Solid Waste Management Plan, including steps for implementation.

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We want to hear from you!

Opportunities to share your feedback:

- Pick up and fill out a feedback form. Drop it off before you leave or at the municipal office.
- Visit our project page at https://connectgreyhighlands.ca/LTWMP and fill in your feedback form electronically.
- Send your comments and questions to GHWastePlan@exp.com.



Your feedback is requested by **Thursday, May 7th**.