

HALIFAX

Consultation Overview

Compost Matters

The future of organics management

October 6, 2016 ESSC Presentation

Organics Management

Current Opportunities and Challenges

- After 17 years, we have aging infrastructure and facilities have reached processing capacity.
- Facilities do not meet the new NSE compost maturity guidelines (proposed 2019/20 deadline proposed for municipality to meet).
 - Ragged Lake facility cannot meet new guidelines without significant upgrades.
 - Miller facility can meet new requirements with some investment, however, site location and space restricts expansion.
- New composting technologies have emerged.

Halifax Goals For The Program

- Allow the market to provide Halifax with an organics management and processing solution to:
 - Minimize capital and operating costs
 - Minimize impact to the community
 - Meet the 2010 NSE compost guidelines
 - Increase organics processing capacity for up to 75,000 tonnes

Purpose of Consultation

Staff have not selected, nor have recommendations been made to Halifax Regional Council on a preferred approach to organics management.

Through a collaborative consultation staff will;

- Provide a forum for open communication;
- Engage in meaningful discussion to understand what is valued about organics management in the region;
- Listen to and document, opinions and points of view;
- Gain insight into what stakeholder groups and residents are hearing within their organizations and communities;
- Gather information to
 - inform Council on how to direct staff to proceed with the organics management program;
 - develop the criteria for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



Promise to the public

We will keep you informed.

We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.

We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.

We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.

We will implement what you decide.

Previous Method

Current Method

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Goal of Consultation

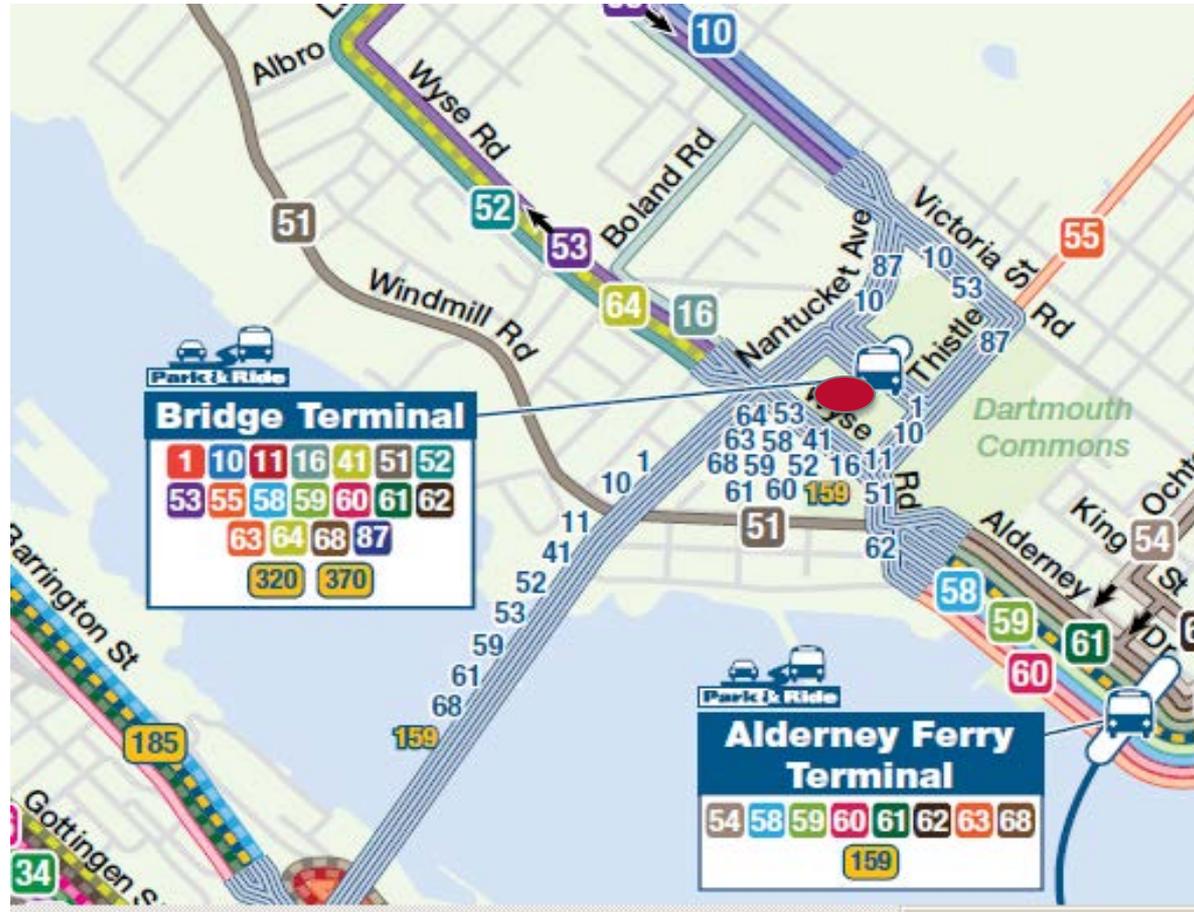
- Solicit feedback from stakeholder groups as well as the general public.
- Educate stakeholders on the current organics management and processing program.
- Share the municipality's goals/objectives for the organics management and processing system.
- Encourage open dialogue and positive exchange of ideas and opinions.
- Document stakeholder's and residents views and opinions on how to evolve the organics management system.
- Ensure participants understand their input is valued and illustrate this through a consolidated stakeholder engagement review document which will be presented to Halifax Regional Council.
- Use the input provided to staff to develop the RFQ and RFP criteria for the evolution of the system.

Community Engagement Strategy

1. **Citizen participation is recognized as an asset, is valued and encouraged.**
 - Three months have been provided for consultations. This provides adequate time for staff to individually meet with each stakeholder group.
 - Staff are meeting with a number of stakeholder groups which have diverse backgrounds and organizational goals.
 - Additional stakeholder groups are encouraged to contact Solid Waste for individual meetings.
 - Consultation / Open house session(s) will be provided for the general public at accessible locations.
 - Dartmouth Sportsplex – October 24 (3pm & 6pm)
 - Halifax Forum – November 2 (3pm & 6pm)

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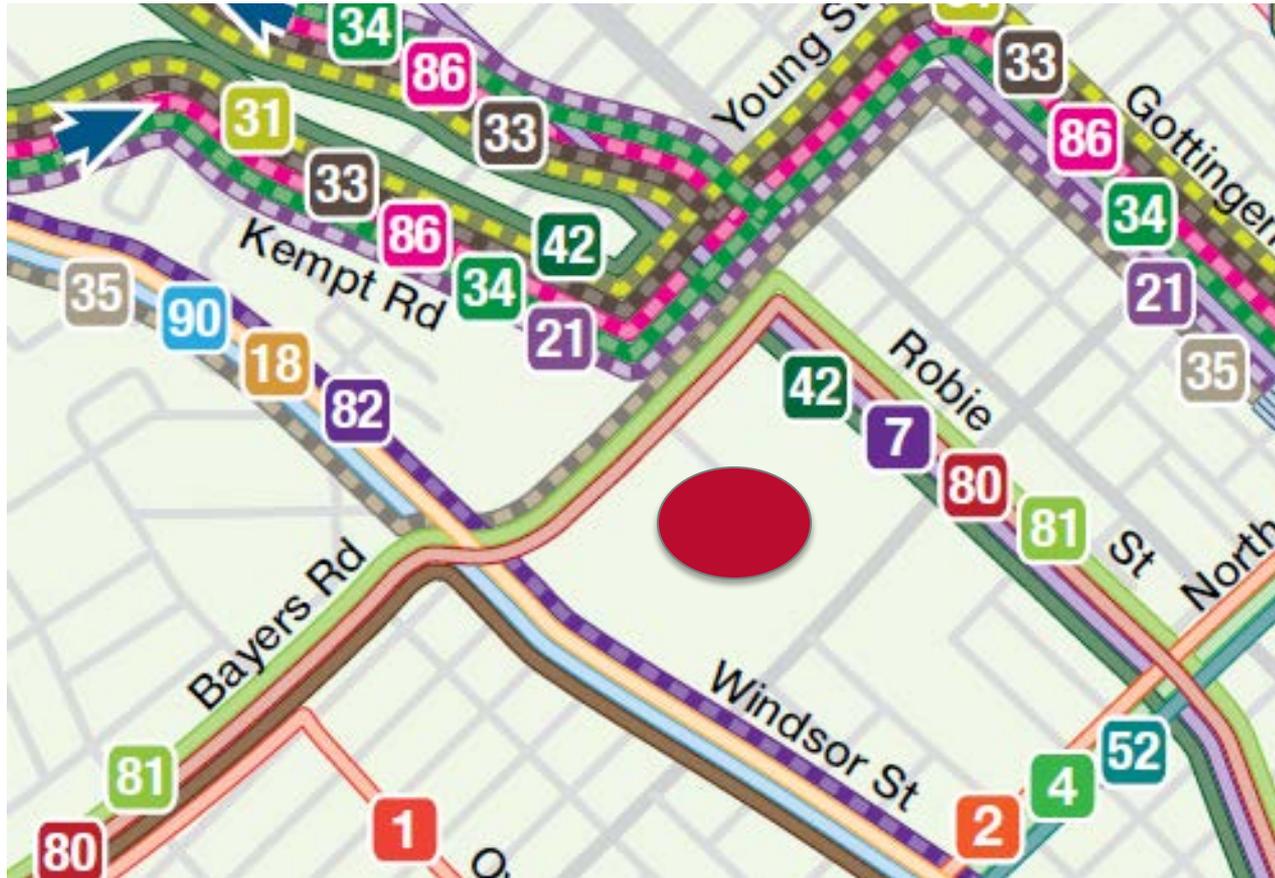
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Business/Academic Community		Meeting Date
Halifax Chamber of Commerce	✓	• TBA
Greater Burnside Business Association	✓	• TBA
Dalhousie University Office of Sustainability	✓	• Sept 7
Dalhousie University Innovative Waste Management Research Program Faculty of Agriculture	✓	• Sept 7
Greater Halifax Partnership	✓	• TBA
Landscape Nova Scotia	✓	• Sept 19
Restaurant Association of NS	✓	• Sept 21
IPOANS (Investment Property Owners Association of Nova Scotia)	✓	• Sept 14
Fusion Halifax	✓	• Sept 9 & 28
Heritage Gas	✓	• Sept 15
Canadian Federation of Independent Business	✓	• TBA
Local Business's Surrounding Ragged Lake / Goodwood Facility (Halifax C&D)	✓	• Sept 28

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Government & Non-Governmental Agencies		
Halifax Waste Resource Society	✓	• Sept. 12
Clean Foundation	✓	• Sept 15
Nova Scotia Environmental Network	✓	• Sept 22
Ecology Action Centre	✓	• Nov 3
Canadian Taxpayers Federation	X	• N/A
Nova Scotia Environment	✓	• Sept 23
Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture	X	• N/A

Community Engagement Strategy

2. The purpose and process are clear to all participants.

- Staff have not selected, nor have recommendations been made to Halifax Regional Council on a preferred approach to organics management.
- Assist staff in understanding the values and aspirations to help guide the direction of the criteria for a solution to Council.

3. Everyone potentially affected by the process has an opportunity to become involved.

- Consultant reports, Council reports and other documents are available online to help provide background and context.
- Survey questions through Shape Your City Community Engagement Hub will help identify trends in values, priorities and aspirations.

4. Barriers to access are recognized and overcome to ensure diverse, inclusive and balanced participation.

- Staff are individually meeting with a diverse group of stakeholders when and where it works for their schedules.
- Consultation / Open house session(s) will be provided for the general public at accessible locations.
- Two Halifax Transit bus tickets will be provided to all residents who attend. The purpose is to remove barriers and ensure all residents have access and transportation to the session regardless of socio-economic conditions.

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5. The process is respectful, fair, effective and transparent.

- Survey and written submissions will be analyzed in two distinct groups (stakeholder, general public) in order to provide Council with distinct representative views.
- Meetings with stakeholders are being conducted with only one stakeholder group at a time.
 - Allow each group to feel comfortable to express their opinions and for staff to provide timely feedback to questions.
 - Individual stakeholder meetings will facilitate a personalized discussion that can address the particular needs and interests of the group.
- Information will be made available to Council on the consultation process.
- All formal correspondence will be provided to Council.

6. Communication is clear, timely and effective.

- Staff is striving to simplify the content and context of all information.
- Shape Your City Community Engagement Hub will allow for easy access of information.
- Messages and information will be sent to the 40,000 registered users of the What Goes Where application as well as the 1,500 registered users of the Shape Your City Portal.
- Staff will respond to online questions. The question and answer will be posted online.
- Consultation process will end December 1, 2016.

Community Engagement Strategy

7. **Public involvement is adequately resourced.**
 - Staffing and budget is appropriately resourced to consult and engage
8. **Participants are informed of outcomes of community engagement.**
 - Reports to ESSC and Halifax Regional Council will be made available to all stakeholder groups and residents. They will also be posted on the Shape Your City Community Engagement Hub.
9. **The public has an opportunity to provide feedback at the various stages of the process.**
 - Stakeholders and residents will be asked to provide feedback throughout the process.
 - Staff will welcome comments and suggestions throughout the process in order to assist in continual improvement.
10. **Community engagement is evaluated and improved.**
 - After analyzing the feedback on this approach to engagement and consultation, staff will review the information to determine what was successful and what wasn't.
 - Solid Waste will share this experience with other municipal departments.

Conversation Topics

- Our Environment
- The Social Context
- Finances and Risk
- Logistics

Our Request

Stakeholder groups:

- Complete the one hardcopy survey and return to Halifax Solid Waste with the position of the stakeholder group;
- Provide formal correspondence which outlines any and all positions of the stakeholder group;
- Promote the completion of the online survey, submission of questions and positions of individual members as well as the community at large.

Residents:

- Become involved;
- Complete the online survey;
- Provide feedback, comments and questions.

Timeline

- September to December 1, 2016
 - Engagement
 - Individual stakeholder group meetings
 - Residents through Shape Your City Portal
 - Public session(s)
- February – March 2017
 - Halifax Regional Council
 - Engagement Review
 - Direction on Request for Qualification (RFQ) criteria

How to provide further feedback

- Compost Matters Questionnaire
- Visit the Shape Your City website www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca for up-to-date information
- Contact Halifax Solid Waste through compostmatters@halifax.ca

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