| Option | Cost | Pros | Cons |
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| 1. Curbside collection in urban areas only | \$1.5 million (one time)-consolidation site \$500,000 (one time)-2 containers per household + delivery \$1.2 million (annual)- collection/transfer/process Total \$3.2 million (\$1.2 million annually) | Most convenient collection option for residents Will likely meet MECP diversion target of 50% food waste reduction Preferred collection method of MECP for highest potential to meet required targets Likely to experience highest participation from residents Consistency regionally with surrounding municipalities Easiest method to track diversion Easiest method to track participation Good potential to meet waste strategy target of 70% diversion No residual for the resident to manage Collection and management all year round Highest potential savings for landfill space | Relatively more expensive than backyard composting expensive collection method for supply of bins and contractor costs for curbside collection Greater greenhouse gas emissions from collection and transportation Need to determine method of SSO disposal Approvals required for consolidation site |
| 2. Curbside collection City-wide | \$1.5 million (one time)-consolidation site \$1.4 million (one time)-2 containers per household + delivery \$3.2 million (annual)-collection/transfer/process Total \$6.1 million (\$3.2 million annually) | Greatest chance to meet 70% total residential diversion target in Waste Strategy | Not mandated by Province to expend and pay for this level of service Highest expense |
| 3. Backyard composting in urban areas only | \$700,000 for composters \$100,000 delivery Total \$800,000 | Least expensive diversion option over long term Lowest greenhouse gas emissions Does not require a processing option as residents process their own organics MECP approvals not necessary | Likely perceived as less desirable by residents Steep learning curve for residents to properly manage and compost their own food waste Increased concern from residents for animals intruding in the composters Can be difficult to manage the residual Unlikely to meet diversion targets Can be difficult and labour intensive Stricter bylaws and enforcement to ensure compliance Difficult to collect diversion data High difficulty to mange residual in the winter months |

| 4. Backyard composting City-wide | \$1.9 million for composters \$300,000 delivery Total \$2.2 million | Same as above | Same as above |
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| 5. Counter top composting in urban areas only | \$1.4 million for units \$100,000 delivery Total \$1.5 million | Less greenhouse gas emissions than curbside collection | No long term research/data Residual still needs to be managed after dehydration Labour intensive to manage residual and mix Residual could still end up in waste if can't be managed on property Unit upkeep and hydro costs Unlikely to meet diversion targets Stricter bylaws and enforcement to ensure compliance Unit management/parts/maintenance Difficult to track diversion data |
| 6. Counter top composting City-wide | \$3.9 million for units \$300,000 delivery Total \$4.2 million | · Same as above | Same as above |
| 7. Drop off facilities at Somerville and Lindsay landfills to service the urban areas | \$25,000 for units (5 cu. m/unit)+delivery \$40,000 installation/ approvals \$300,000 transfer/process Total \$365,000 | Less expensive than curbside collection Less greenhouse gas emissions than curbside collection Potential option to allow rural residents to dispose of material | More greenhouse gas emissions than backyard/counter top composting Increased traffic to already busy landfill sites Inconvenient for residents and less likely to participate due to having to collect and store material as well as transport it themselves Special approvals from MECP may be required Need to determine method of SSO disposal |
| 8. Drop off facilities at all open landfills to service City–wide | \$65,000 for units (5 cu.m/unit) + delivery \$100,000 installation/approvals \$700,000 transfer/process Total \$865,000 | · Same as above | Same as above |