



## Committee of the Whole Report

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**Report Number:** WM2023-012

**Meeting Date:** November 7, 2023

**Title:** **Waste Diversion Round up Events Update and Expansion**

**Description:** Updates to the current Round-up Events and resultant budget implications for 2024

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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report WM2023-12, **Waste Diversion Round up Events Update and Expansion**, be received;

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

This report addresses the current Waste Diversion Round up Events and expanding diversion in 2024.

Since 2011, the City hosts four (4) annual Round-Up Diversion Event Days in various locations throughout the City during the summer.

The intent of these event days is to:

- Increase the amount of materials diverted from our landfills
- Extend a level of service to our Northern/Southern residents that live further distances from our 2 Household Hazardous Waste sites
- Engage the local community in recycling efforts

The different recyclable materials that have been offered for collection at these events includes:

- Household Hazardous Waste (accepted at Lindsay Ops and Fenelon landfill hazardous waste depots only)
- Electronics (replaced by textiles in 2021)
- Textile Collection
- Bulky Rigid Plastics\*

\*These items are only accepted at Lindsay Ops Landfill. Electronics and Textiles are accepted year round at City landfill sites.

## **Rationale:**

During the 2023 round up events, many residents inquired about electronics and there were residents that had brought electronics to these events and were unable to leave them.

In order to meet the needs of our residents and increase our level of service, the Round Up Program will include electronic drop-off at all round up events.

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

An alternative option would be to not expand the Round up events and to remain with the current diversion programs offered. This alternative would save approximately \$1850 in the 2024 budget if events remain the same. However it would make it more difficult to capture and maximize diversion of electronics.

## **Alignment to Strategic Priorities**

1. Healthy Environment: Adding electronics to the programs offered at Round up Events would increase diversion in those areas.
2. An Exceptional Quality of Life: Offering more diversion options at Round up Events makes it easier for residents to recycle in their communities.

## **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

Our electronics diversion is a revenue stream for the City and would offset the costs of adding the bin delivery and pick up to the events.

Bin pick up and delivery to all 4 locations would cost approximately \$1850.

No staffing changes would need to be made as the bin(s) can be monitored with the current staff allotment.

## **Consultations:**

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