# Let's Talk Trash about the Future of Waste Management

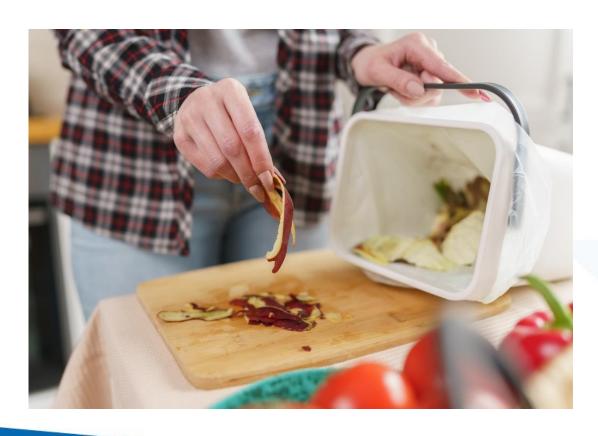
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### Agenda

- Project background and overview
- What is the circular economy
- Current state of waste management
- Phase 1 Engagement
- Questions

### **Project background**



- Address changing waste management needs of our growing community
- Support sustainable and affordable waste management practices
- Strategy framework for the next 25 years, with completion anticipated by spring 2026

#### Project purpose and goals

- Establish a 25-year framework to:
  - Minimize environmental impacts
  - Manage waste sustainably, affordably, and responsibly
  - Align with provincial and federal regulations
  - Foster a circular economy
  - Improve system efficiencies
  - Enhance public awareness and engagement
  - Foster collaboration and explore relationships

#### **Project timeline**

Phase 1 – Build the Foundation – spring 2025

Phase 2 – Evaluate the Possibilities – fall 2025

Phase 3 – Create a Roadmap – winter 2026

#### Mission and Guiding Principles

#### **Mission**

To develop a sustainable and inclusive long-term waste management strategy, in consultation with our community, that is environmentally, socially and fiscally responsible while meeting our current and future needs

#### **Principles**

- Collaborate with community and Region partners to achieve climate and energy consumption reduction targets.
- Align waste management services with the principles of a circular economy.
- **Explore** new and additional opportunities to reduce waste.

## What is the Circular Economy?

- Minimizes waste by extending product and material use
- Reduce, reuse, recycle, and recover to maximize resource efficiency
- Creates a continuous loop of resource repurposing for environmental and economic benefits



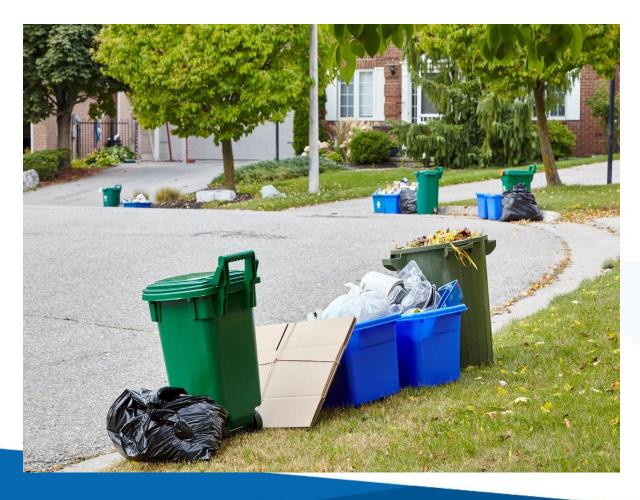
### Region's Waste Management System



#### **Responsibilities**:

Management of eligible residential dwelling waste, including collection, diversion and disposal, and some industrial, commercial and institutional waste.

#### **Waste Collection**



Curbside collection includes garbage, green bin, yard waste, Christmas trees, metal, bulky items and appliance collection

## **Materials Found in Garbage**



## How to get involved

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### **Questions?**

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