

# ***Recycling and Waste Reduction in Manitoba Status Update and Future Efforts***

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Sustainable and Green Initiatives Branch

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# Outline

- Background – recent changes/integration
- Transition
- Current work
- Future priorities
- Building partnerships

## ***Background***

### ***Sustainable and Green Initiatives Branch***

- April 12 – Green Manitoba dissolved and functions moved “inside” government
- Green Manitoba functioned as a Special Operating Agency
- Roles and responsibilities transitioned over the last number of months to the Sustainable and Green Initiatives Branch
- The Assistant Deputy Minister and reporting structure is the same

## ***Background***

### ***Sustainable and Green Initiatives Branch***

- Benefits of change
  - Allow for better coordination within department and government
  - Streamline program delivery
  - Access full resources and expertise of government
  - Build upon the linkages and relationships of Green Manitoba

## ***Background***

### ***Sustainable and Green Initiatives Branch***

- Overview
  - 22 staff total – 3 staff brought on to complement resources and build capacity
  - Policy and analytical work
  - Department coordination
  - Strategic approaches to current and future challenges
  - Capable and diverse talent pool

## ***Background***

### ***Sustainable and Green Initiatives Branch***

- Program areas
  - Waste Reduction and Recycling Support
    - Recycling support payments, grant supports
    - Manitoba Composts Program
  - WRAP Act administration and implementation
    - Stewardship program oversight
  - Sustainable Development Innovations Fund Grants

# Transition

- Reach out to all stakeholders, agreement holders, partners
- Communicate changes made
- Maintain all programs and services to ensure short term continuity
- Gain input on future direction

# Transition

- Limit disruption to clients and stakeholders
- Maintain momentum
- Build on past successes
- New Minister and Deputy Minister
- Gain new perspectives on waste diversion and management



# Current work

- Producer Responsibility Organisations (PRO) Plans
  - 9 PRO Plans up for renewal by the end of 2016, working on revisions
    - Working to incorporate Manitobans' feedback and setting future course
  - 3 remaining plans up for renewal and consultation this year
    - New plans received and preparation for public consultation underway

## ***Waste Reduction and Recycling Support (WRARS) Levy***

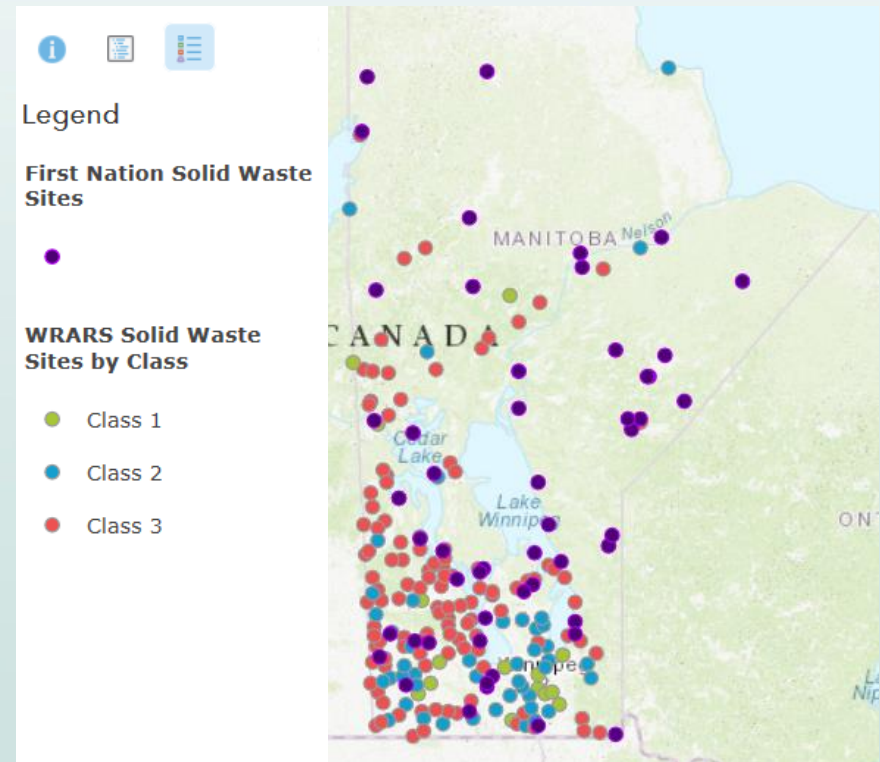
- Announced in March 2009 Budget
- \$10 per Tonne Levy on all waste landfilled
  - Includes residential, ICI and CR&D waste
- 80% of WRARS Fund rebated to municipalities
  - Over \$7 million last year
  - Reward municipal waste diversion

# ***Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Fund Grants***

- Funding support for waste reduction projects including recycling, composting and regional waste management
- Visit the department's website for more information and the application guidelines

# Online Mapping

- Working with Environmental Compliance and Enforcement and GeoManitoba to develop GIS mapping for Manitoba landfills, waste transfer stations and licensed compost facilities
- Eco-depot locations now available online



# *Manitoba Composts*

- Announced June 2014, dedicated funding pool of up to \$1 million annually
- Currently ten registered facilities
- In 2016, over 54,000 Tonnes of organic waste was diverted and processed.
- This is 42 KG per person
  - Almost halfway to achieving our goal of 85 KG per person
- Need to build on past efforts and continue to expand program

# ***Manitoba Composts Support Payment (MCSP)***

- Payment for incoming eligible organic materials:
  - \$10/tonne payment for processing > 2,500 tonnes/yr
  - \$25/tonne payment < 2,500 tonnes/yr (max \$25,000/yr)
- Eligible materials include:
  - Food waste
  - Leaf and yard waste
  - Clean chipped wood waste
  - Manure and bedding from ICI sources
  - Other materials approved upon registering

# Future Priorities

- A lot of work to do!
- Completing PRO plan renewal process
  - Finish the consultation process, 3 remaining plans
  - Approve all 12 plans in the coming year
- Agricultural plastics
  - Build upon success of pilot

# Future Priorities

- Northern focus
  - Addressing services to northern Manitobans
    - End of life vehicles
    - White goods
    - Household hazardous materials
    - Recycling access
    - Improving outreach and education
    - Indigenous communities, working with provincial and federal agencies



# Future Priorities

- White goods pilot program
- Complete mattress recycling pilot feasibility
- Look to designate new materials
- Reduce GHG emissions – expand compost programming

# Future Priorities

- Develop one window approach for grant programs:
  - Annual window for funding strategic projects
  - Target end of 2017 to launch
  - Continue to provide 80% WRARS funds as in the past to partners for recycling
  - Applies to WRARS 20% project funding portion and SDIF fund

# Building Partnerships

- Need your help – we don't have all the answers
- Build upon the experience and expertise available for new programming; PRO's, municipalities, community groups, industry, academia
- Partnerships crucial to success

# Building Partnerships

- Addressing public demand
- Building upon goodwill of Manitobans
- Make it easy to do the right thing
  - Using tools such as online maps and product directories
  - Increase accessibility to public
  - Expansion of eco-depot model (Winnipeg's 4R depots for example)

*Want to find more information?  
Check out our newly designed  
website at:*

[www.gov.mb.ca/sd/wastewise](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/wastewise)



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Thank you