

ICI Waste Diversion – Reporting and Public Engagement Summary

Reporting History

May 2017	City Council received The Waste Diversion Opportunities report . It noted that ICI waste diversion was critical to increase Saskatoon’s waste diversion rate. The consultant report included recommendations to develop diversion requirements for the ICI sector in addition to disposal bans of divertible materials at the City’s landfill.
August 2017	City Council approved The Organics Opportunities report recommendation: “That Administration continue research and program development on an organics program for the Residential, Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional sectors”.
November 2017	<p>The Standing Policy Committee – Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services received the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Waste Diversion Opportunities report which provided an overview of waste diversion opportunities for the ICI sector.</p> <p>City Council approved \$156,000 be transferred into Capital Project #2184 for the development of the ICI Waste Diversion Strategy.</p> <p>City Council also resolved “That opportunities for Food Reclamation be considered in the development of a Waste Reduction strategy for the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional sector; and, that relevant stakeholders be consulted in this consideration, including but not limited to the Saskatoon Food Council, the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre, the Friendship Inn, the Saskatoon Waste Reduction Council and the Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership”.</p>
October 2018	<p>The Standing Policy Committee – Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services received the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) Waste Diversion Strategy – Update and Engagement Strategy report, which provided a strategic framework outlining the proposed scope of the ICI Waste Diversion Strategy that was used for engagement and research.</p> <p>City Council approved the following motion regarding the curbside organics processing Request for Proposals (RFP):</p> <p>“That the Administration amend the draft RFP to reflect the City’s intent to implement an organics bylaw for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector within the next 2-4 years.”</p>
January 2019	The Waste Diversion Plan Update report to the Standing Policy Committee – Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services provided an

	update on all waste management program development, including the ICI sector.
August 2019	The Preliminary Low Emissions Community (LEC) Plan Initiatives for 2020-2021 were brought to the Standing Policy Committee – Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services and the Governance and Priorities Committee. It identified the ICI Waste Diversion Strategy as a planned project in support of the LEC Plan’s waste-related emissions target, which is the equivalent of achieving diversion rates of 90-95% by 2050.
November 2019	In the 2020-2021 multi-year budget , City Council approved \$700,000 for waste diversion initiatives. \$550,000 was earmarked for the development of recycling and organics policies and programs for the ICI sector and the remaining \$150,000 for other program development.
January 2020	City Council approved requirements to enhance waste diversion in the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional sector. The option approved by City Council included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of a comprehensive education and support program aimed at increasing compliance by making the process easy to understand, offer resources for the business, and reduce administrative burden for the business as detailed in Appendix 1. • A projected annual operating cost between \$220,000 to \$340,000 (depending on level of enforcement), including 1.2 to 2.2 FTEs for administration and enforcement officers, plus ongoing communications.
January 2021	City Council received Saskatoon's Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan which provided a detailed picture of the City’s progress on waste diversion and laid out a roadmap for actions needed to achieve the 70% waste diversion target including ICI recycling and organics.
May 2021	The Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services received the Waste Diversion Regulation for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector – Implementation Update report which provided revised timelines due to COVID-19 impacts.
August 2021	City Council passed Bylaw No. 9775, The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2021 . The amendment added recycling and organics requirements and program details for the ICI sector waste diversion regulation.
October 2021	The Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services received the Waste Diversion Regulation for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector – Program Service Level report for information.

December 2021	<p>At the 2022/23 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget meeting, the motion “That Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) Sector Waste Diversion Regulation - Operations and Sustainment \$159,400 in 2022 and \$125,000 in 2023 be approved” was defeated.</p> <p>This results in no operating funds for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector – Program Service Level.</p>
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Public Engagement

July 2019	<p>The 2019 ICI Waste & Recycling Survey and the 2019 Waste & Recycling Survey (residential) findings indicate that both residents and members of the ICI sector support programs and policies that require the ICI sector to divert recyclables and organics.</p> <p>The 2019 ICI Waste and Recycling Survey found that of the 96% of the ICI sector that generates recyclable materials, 90% supported the City requiring organizations to recycle their recyclable waste. The same survey found that of the 41% that generate organic waste, 85% supported the City requiring organizations to compost or otherwise divert their organic waste from landfill.</p>
March – December 2019	<p>As part of the YXE Talks Trash engagement series, City Administration engaged with 870 participants from businesses and organizations through workshops, online surveys, and face-to-face meetings to develop this approach. The engagement results and subsequent recommendations were presented to City Council in January 2020.</p>
April 2021	<p>The City launched an ICI Working Group, consisting of 23 community partners, to help guide the development of a Service Level by identifying barriers to complying with the new regulations and educational tools that would be useful to the ICI sector.</p>
June 2021	<p>The City conducted a quantitative study with organizations in the ICI sectors with the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine current recycling, organics, and construction and demolition waste diversion behaviours. • Determine support for mandatory recycling and organics, and program options. • Document preconceived barriers to obtaining recycling and organics services and identify tools and resources that can help businesses and organizations overcome those barriers.