



Food and Organic Waste Framework
Meeting #1 – Planning for Moving Forward
Stakeholder Working Group

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

January 19, 2017

Context

- The **Waste Free Ontario Act, 2016** – identifies the provincial interest in resource recovery and waste reduction and establishes a new producer responsibility regime.
- **Draft Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy** – proposes the development of a Food and Organic Waste Framework advised by a stakeholder working group.
- **Climate Change Action Plan** – commits to implementing the Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy and working with the waste sector to reduce the amount of organic materials going into landfills, which would reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), including:
 - Proposing potential targets of 40% of organics diverted by 2025 and 60% by 2035
 - Earmarking \$20-\$30 million for implementation of the Waste-Free Ontario Strategy
- **Minister's Mandate Letter** (September 2016) – commitment to begin consultations to divert more organic materials from landfills and to assist in the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan. A draft plan will be posted for public consultation in 2017 with implementation expected in spring 2018.
- **Feedback from stakeholders** – throughout the 2016 consultation on the draft Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario, stakeholders indicated that immediate actions are desired to address the diversion of food and organic materials; and innovative approaches are crucial to support a circular economy.

Objectives

- The Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) will provide advice to the ministry on the development of a provincial Food and Organic Waste Framework, which includes an Action Plan and Policy Statement.
- To support a circular economy, the Framework will include government directions and actions to:
 - Reduce the amount of food that becomes waste
 - Remove food and appropriate organic materials from the disposal stream
 - Reduce GHG emissions from food and organic waste
 - Support and stimulate end markets to recover the value from food and organic wastes
 - Increase accountability of responsible parties
 - Improve data on food and organic materials
- The objectives will be achieved through a collaborative stakeholder engagement process that enables a constructive discussion on the issues and potential solutions.

Guiding Principles/Criteria

- The Framework will consider the following guiding principles/criteria:
 - Enhance existing partnerships with stakeholders and build new relationships
 - Build on progress made in Ontario and learn from other leading jurisdictions
 - Support an outcome-based approach
 - Use evidence to guide decision making
 - Create conditions to sustainable end-markets
 - Support innovative technologies
 - Enable efficient and effective recovery systems
 - Recognize the administrative impacts and costs to divert organic materials
 - Increase accountability

The Expectation of the Framework

- **Goals**
 - Setting the goals of the Food and Organic Waste Framework
- **Issue identification**
 - Outlining the **environmental scan** of the current state of food waste prevention and organic material diversion
 - Identifying the key issues and prioritizing the issues
- **Outcomes identifications** for preventing food from becoming waste, increasing organic material diversion and stimulating end markets
 - e.g. establishing phased-in targets or objectives material-by-material, sector-by-sector
- **Assessment of the tools/actions** that best achieve increased organic materials diversion:
 - **Policy Statement** – provide direction to specified persons (e.g. ministries, producers, municipalities and waste service providers) to undertake activities that are **consistent with** the direction.
 - **Regulatory tools/actions** – e.g. disposal bans, producer responsibility, regulatory standards
 - **Complementary measures** – non-regulatory approaches, partner ministries' initiatives (e.g. public reporting and monitoring of performance, streamlined approvals, best practices and market development)
- An **assessment of economic and environmental implications** of various tools/actions
 - Identifying the barriers and solutions to lead to a successful Framework
- Establishment of a **monitoring protocol** and **performance measures** to support implementation

Questions for Discussion

- Q: Are there any objectives that should be added or changed?
- Q: Are the guiding principles/criteria appropriate?
- Q: Are the expectations sufficiently identified?

Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholder Working Group Members

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1. Stakeholder Working Group (SWG):

- **Membership:** Representatives with significant economic, environmental, and/or social interest in preventing food waste and increasing organic materials diversion
 - Members from key associations who will present a wide perspective of potential challenges and solutions from a variety of sectors
- **Proposed Roles and Responsibilities:**
 - The members will provide advice on the:
 - Issues facing food and organic waste reduction and resource recovery
 - Outcomes setting and tools/actions identification to increase organic materials diversion
 - Opportunities to stimulate end-markets for by-products of organic materials diversion
 - Complementary measures to support increased organics diversion (e.g. streamlining approvals to support increased organics processing capacity)
 - The Stakeholder Working Group will also:
 - Assist in data compilation and cost/benefit analysis
 - Discuss feedback from broader public consultation on the Framework and provide advice to finalize the Framework
 - Provide updates to their association and seek input as appropriate on discussion topics
 - Assist in ongoing roll-out of the Food and Organics Waste Framework (e.g. supporting implementation, monitoring results)

Roles and Responsibilities (continued)

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- **Roles & Responsibilities:**

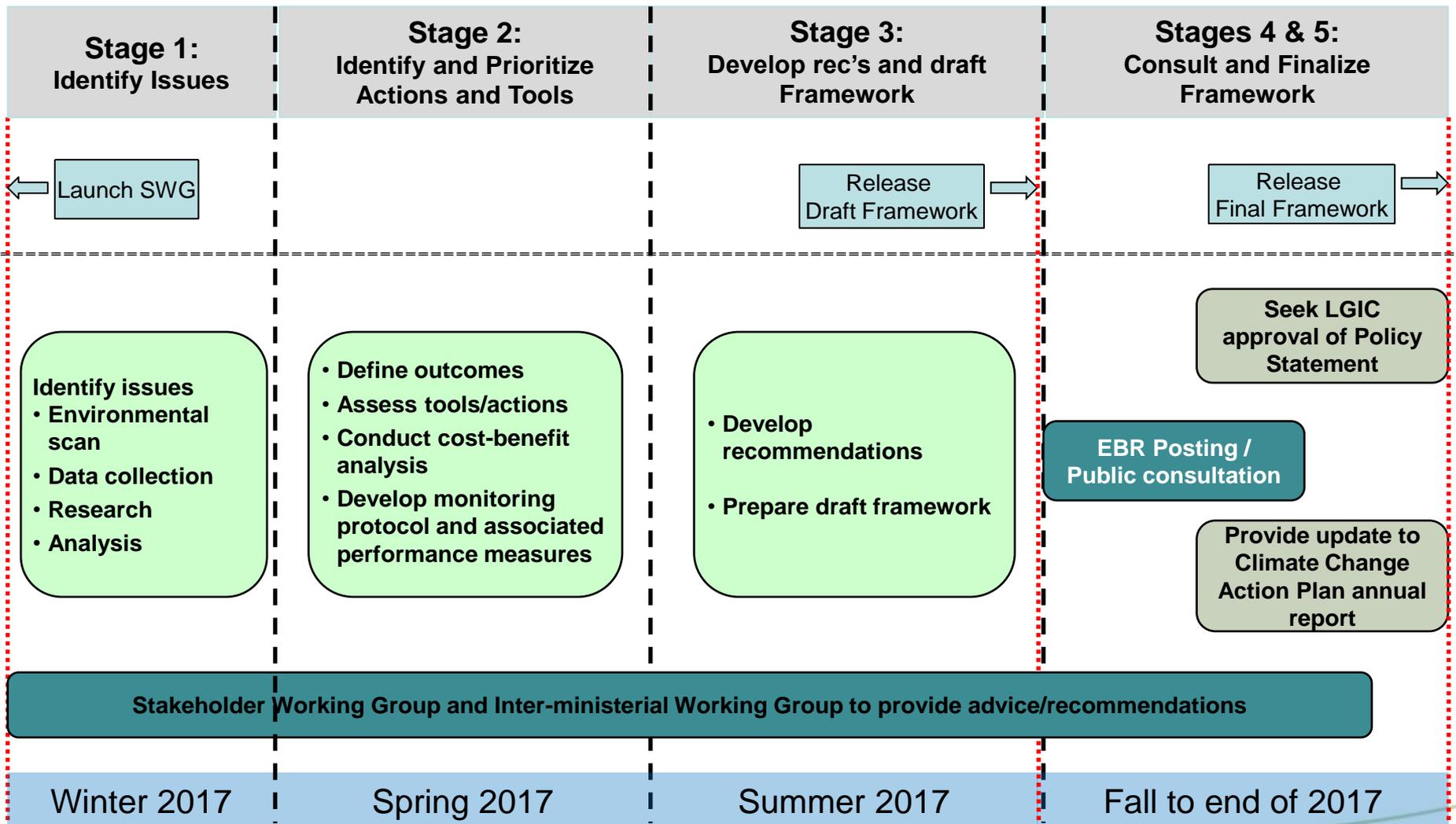
- Chair the Stakeholder Working Group:
 - Chair – Wendy Ren, Director of Resource Recovery Policy Branch
 - Vice Chair(s) – Theresa Gavin and Atif Durrani, Managers, RRPB
- Oversee meetings and guide the Stakeholder Working Group through agenda items
- Assist the Stakeholder Working Group to establish common ground on the wide range of stakeholder interests
- Facilitate discussion to develop advice and recommendations for the Framework
- Organize meeting logistics, prepare meeting materials and meeting summaries

Questions for Discussion

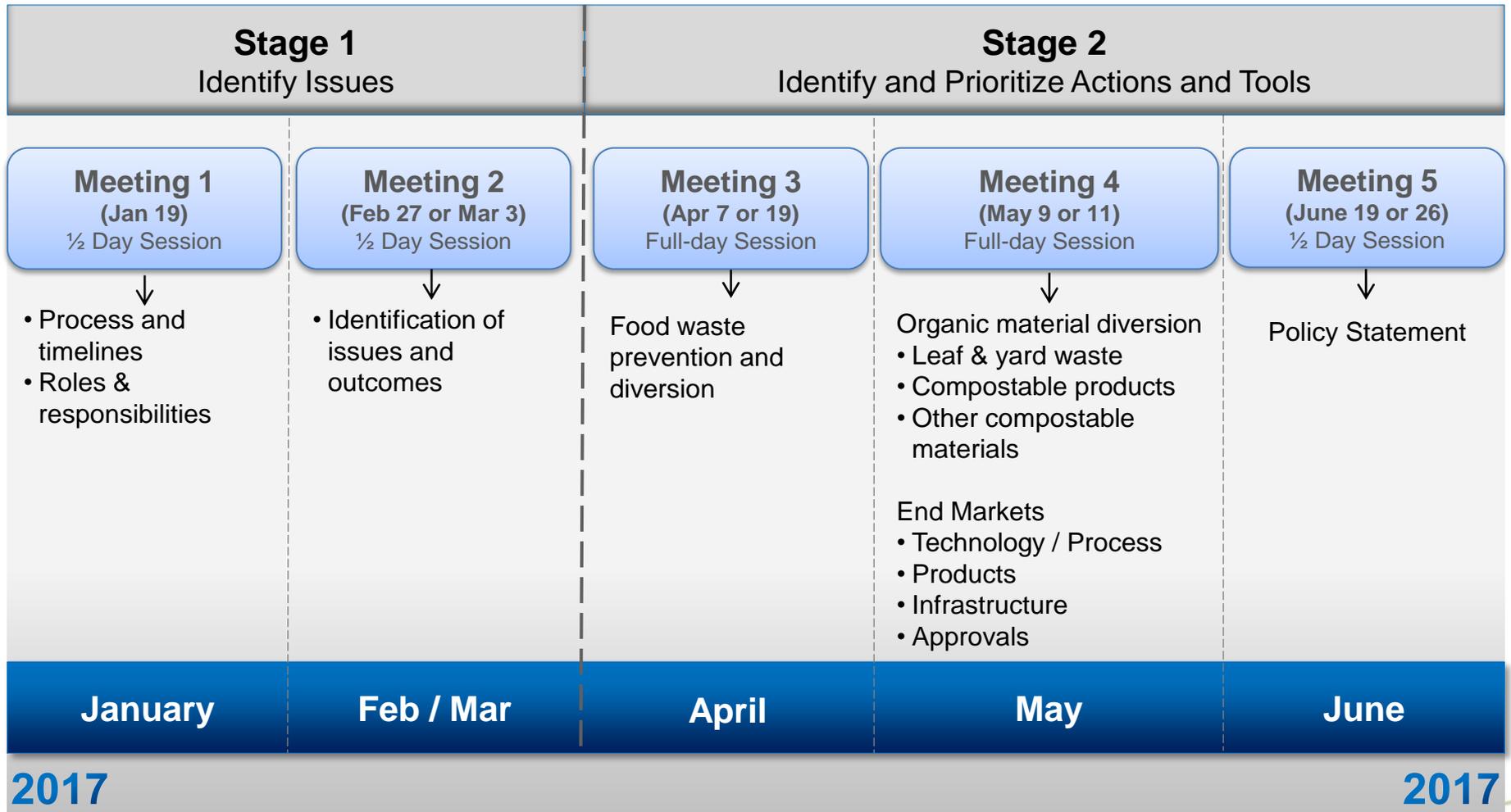
Q: Are the identified roles and responsibilities appropriate?

Process and Timeline

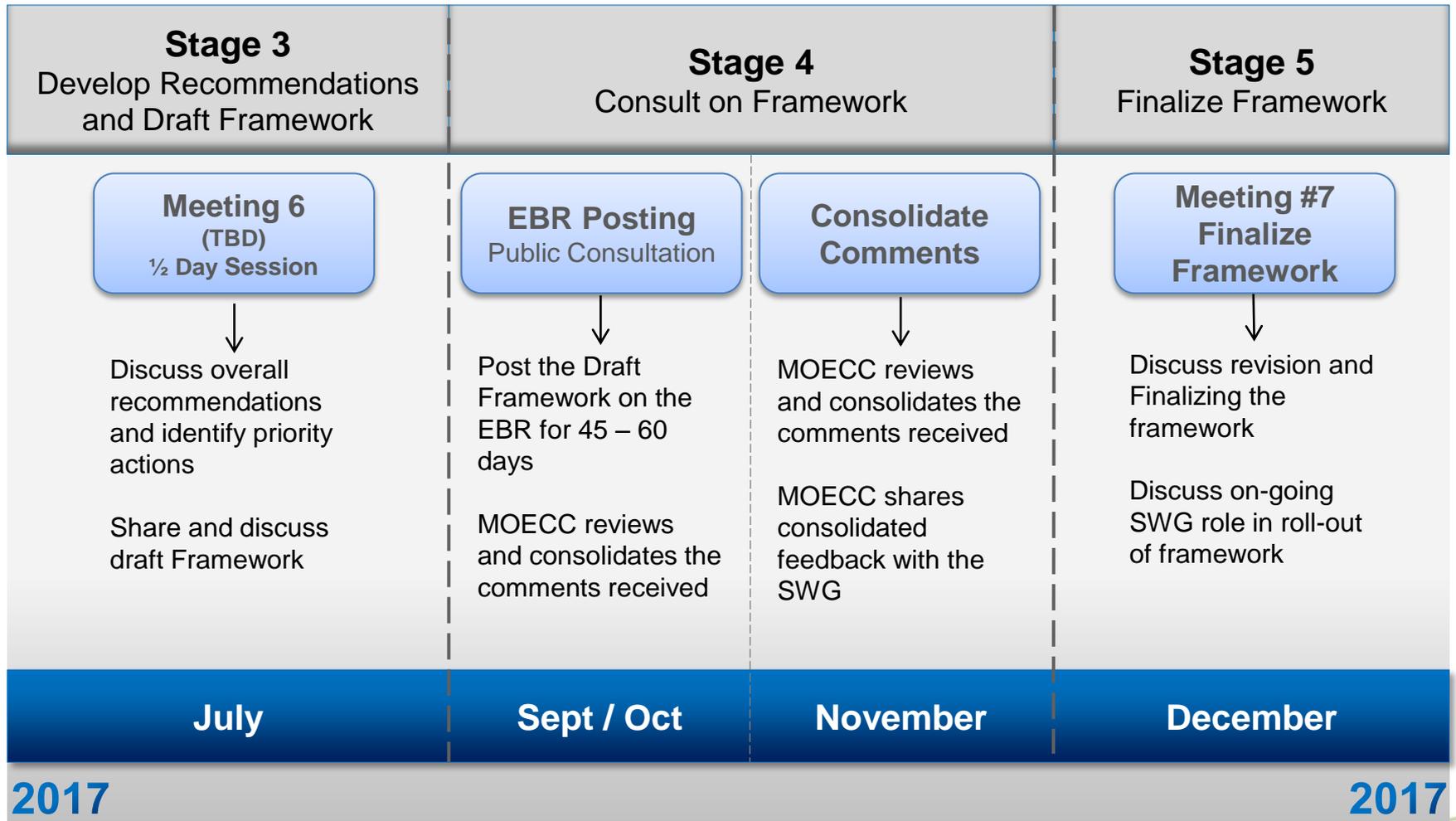
Proposed Overall Process and Timelines



Proposed SWG Meeting Timelines



Proposed SWG Meeting Timelines (continued)



Proposed Meeting Topics

Stage 1: Identify Issues

Meeting #1: Overview & Introduction

- Discuss purpose and mandate of SWG
- Discuss process and timing

Outcomes:

- Outline key roles and responsibilities of SWG and MOECC
- Outline and solicit input on: purpose; objectives; expectations; principles/criteria; scope; process, and timeline

Meeting #2: Current State and Priority Issues

- Issues Identification
 - Research and analysis
 - Organics management in Ontario
 - Leading jurisdictions / best practices
- Outcomes Setting

Outcomes:

- Build knowledge and understanding on regulatory framework and data (including performance in residential and IC&I sectors)
- Identify key issues and priorities for Ontario
- Identify targets/objectives material by material and sector-by-sector

January

February / March

Proposed Meeting Topics (continued)

Stage 2: Identify and Prioritize Tools and Actions

Meeting #3: Food Waste

- Discuss opportunities and challenges associated with food waste prevention and food diversion activities in residential and IC&I Sectors
- Identify and prioritize tools/actions/performance measures
- Discuss impact on sectors

Meeting #4: Organic Materials & Stimulating End-Markets

Organic Material

- Discuss opportunities and challenges associated with other organic materials (leaf & yard, compostable products, compostable materials) diversion activities in residential and IC&I Sectors for non-food organic materials
- Identify and prioritize tools/actions/performance measures
- Discuss impact on sectors

Stimulating End-Markets

- Discuss opportunities and challenges associated with Ontario end-markets
- Discuss tools and actions to stimulate end-markets
- Outline potential technology / processes
- Review current infrastructure and what may be required to enhance end-markets
- Outline approval requirements

Meeting #5: Policy Statement

- Discuss how a food and organics Policy Statement could work
- Identify key issues can be addressed through policy statement
- Identify potential policy direction

Outcomes:

- Identify:
 - Priority issues for the 1st policy statement
 - Policy direction proposal

Outcomes:

- Identify tools/actions to prevent food from becoming waste, divert organic materials and stimulate end-markets
- Identification for appropriate performance measures

April

May

June

Proposed Meeting Topics (continued)

Stage 3: Develop Recommendations and Draft Framework

Meeting #6:

Overall Recommendations and Draft Framework

- Review all recommendations and identify priority actions.
- Discuss key components of the draft Framework
- Outline broader consultation plan

Outcomes:

- Identify clear recommendations on the draft Framework
- Develop a sound consultation plan

July

Stage 4: Consult on Draft Framework

EBR Posting Public consultation

- Release draft action plan on the Environmental Registry for 45 – 60 days
- Summarize broader stakeholder feedback

Outcomes:

- Broad public consultation for proposed action plan on the Environmental Registry

September / October

Stages 5: Finalize Framework

Meeting #7: Finalize Framework

- Discuss the revision and finalize the framework based on comments received
- Discuss continued role to support implementation

Outcomes:

- Gain continued support on on-going implementation
- Post finalized Framework on the Environmental Registry

November / December

Questions for Discussion

- Q: Is the structure/format of the meetings/workshops appropriate?

- Q. Are there other topics that should be covered in the meetings/workshops?

- Q: Are the proposed timelines appropriate?

Next Steps

Proposed Next Meeting Agenda

Meeting #2: Issue Identification

- Purpose:
 - To provide an overview of:
 - Current state of food waste prevention and organic material diversion in Ontario
 - Jurisdictional best practices
 - To identify the key issues the Framework will address.
 - To undertake a preliminary discussion on outcome setting.
- Presentation of informational / background materials to be provided by the MOECC and/or a Stakeholder Working Group member (TBC).

Questions for Discussion

- Q: Are there any suggestions for the agenda?
- Q: Would any members be interested in bringing forward an overview of how organic materials are managed in their sector?