



Summary: Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) Meeting #1
January 19, 2017
Food and Organic Waste Framework

March 3, 2017
Agenda Item #1

Purpose

- Provide a high level summary of the proceedings of the initial Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) meeting held on January 19, 2017.

Stakeholder Attendees

STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Association of Municipalities of Ontario	Monika Turner
City of Toronto	Vincent Sferrazza
Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario	Craig Bartlett
Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers	Gary Sands
Ontario Federation of Agriculture	Keith Currie
Retail Council of Canada	Gary Rygus
Provision Coalition	Meera Hassanali
Unilever	John Coyne
Ontario Environment Industry Association	Brandon Moffatt
Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association	Tony Elenis
Canadian Biogas Association	John Hawkes
Compost Council of Canada	Susan Antler
Municipal Waste Association	Karyn Hogan
Ontario Waste Management Association	Peter Hargreave
Canadian Environmental Law Association	Barbora Grochalova
Second Harvest	Lori Nikkel
Toronto Environmental Alliance	Emily Alfred
2cg	Paul van der Werf
Food Systems Lab, University of Toronto	Tammara Soma

Summary: Objectives, Roles and Process

The members provided the following advice:

- Objectives and Expectations
 - Recommended strong alignment with other provincial priorities (e.g. cap and trade, offsets, renewable natural gas, healthy soils) and collaboration/alignment with other levels of government (e.g., federal government) to avoid duplication.
 - Increased consumer education and awareness is a key action to help prevent food waste and to promote behaviour change.
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - Supported articulated roles and responsibilities.
 - Endorsed having an active role as stakeholders (e.g., providing data and presenting to the group).
 - Confirmed their ability to support implementation of the framework at a later date when they can determine how it aligns with their organization's views/mandate.
- Process and Timeline
 - Viewed the timelines as too aggressive, anticipated more time will be needed to discuss food waste prevention, diversion of residential and IC&I material and stimulating end markets, including financing.
 - Recognized the need for early action to keep organic material out of landfill.
 - Supported expanding stakeholder participation for targeted workshops.

Summary: Advice for Future Meetings

The members also provided some general recommendations for future meetings and topics to best achieve the desired goals, including need to:

- Define scope of material:
 - Need to define what “organics” to fully understand the scope of the framework
 - Suggest early discussion on the priority materials to include in the scope of the framework.
- Emphasize innovation for end-markets and discuss current processing capacity and material management approaches (e.g. composting, AD, mixed waste facilities). Additional discussion should also include:
 - The approval processes and potential opportunities for streamlining
 - A background on drivers for existing infrastructure and feedstock.
- Develop a food and organic waste hierarchy to help ensure the highest, most valuable use of material.
- Improve data and metrics on organic waste, particularly for the IC&I sectors.
- Examine opportunities for financial support to implement the framework.

Action Items

- The ministry will update the Terms of Reference for the Stakeholder Working Group to reflect feedback from stakeholders and provide the final Terms of Reference at the next meeting.
- The ministry will work with organizations like OWMA, municipalities (City of Toronto, RPWCO), industry (RCC) and the academic members (2cg) to gather available data. Other Working Group members to follow up on data they have available and forward that to the ministry.
- The ministry and the stakeholders working group members to identify additional participants for the food waste prevention and organic waste diversion meeting.
- The ministry to review proposed timelines for future working group meetings.