



## **Winnipeg Residents Invited to “Speak Up on Garbage Expo”**

**Winnipeg, MB** – Winnipeg residents are invited to help shape the future of garbage and recycling services in our city by attending a “Speak Up on Garbage Expo” on Saturday, November 13, 2010, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

City Council has directed the Public Service to develop a garbage and recycling master plan before proposing any more changes to existing services.

Darryl Drohomerski, Manager of the City’s Solid Waste Services, says, “Winnipeggers are currently diverting 17% of all residential waste from the landfill, which is among the lowest for cities in Canada. A key goal of our master plan is to provide options for residents that will increase the diversion to at least 50% by improving garbage, recycling and composting services.”

Drohomerski adds, “The Garbage Expo will kick off a six-month public involvement campaign to seek feedback from our community. We are committed to presenting a master plan to City Council in fall 2011 that reflects the recommendations and comments we receive from Winnipeg residents.”

At the Expo, participants will have an opportunity to:

- share their vision on what the future of garbage and recycling services should look like in our city,
- hear comments and presentations from a panel with expertise in waste management,
- participate in round table discussions on the topics of their choice (e.g., curbside organics collection, recycling, garbage services, Brady Road Landfill), and
- visit other SpeakUpWinnipeg displays to learn more about other City projects currently underway (e.g., Transportation Master Plan, the Parks, Places and Open Spaces Plan)

Space is limited to 120 participants, so residents are encouraged to register early by phoning 311 or by visiting the “Speak Up on Garbage” web page at [winnipeg.ca](http://winnipeg.ca)

Residents are encouraged to check the website regularly for other opportunities (e.g., web blogs, open houses) to share their thoughts over the next six months.