



**City of Winnipeg- Water & Waste
Garbage and Recycling Master Plan**

Round Table Agenda

for

March 30th, 2011 – Millennium Library

3:00-5:00

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| 2:30 | Registration & refreshments |
| 3:00 | Cart testing |
| 3:10 | Welcome and Opening Remarks
Introduction to Discussion process |
| 3:20 | City of Winnipeg Garbage and Recycling Options Highlights Presentation |
| 3:40 | Discussion Round #1 |
| 4:10 | Discussion Round #2 |
| 4:40 | Report back |
| 4:50 | Wrap –up and closing remarks |
| 5:00 | Adjourn |

**Garbage and Recycling Master Plan
Round Table Themes & Discussion Questions**

Theme 1 – Participation Initiatives, Communication and Education

Successful garbage and recycling plans involve participation by local government, community organizations and citizens.

- What participation, communication and education opportunities exist in the community?
- How can we work together to make the system accessible in Winnipeg?
- What are the first steps needed to work towards an accessible waste system?

Theme 2 – System Changes

The City is proposing to changes to the way it manages waste.

- What aspects of the options would work in your community?
- What user- related barriers can we anticipate when the changes are implemented?
- What are some steps that could contribute to the success these changes?

Accessibility Round Table

March 30th, 3:00-5:00p.m., Millennium Library, Carol Shields Auditorium

System changes

What aspects of the options would work in your community?

- Consistent help/walk-in service

What user- related barriers can we anticipate when the changes are implemented?

- Shovelling requirements /snow clearing cost
- Shovelling cost
 - Clearing for taking out cart, bulky waste service
- Changes to property: e.g. Level slope, cost
- Cost of bin theft
- Height of cart can be difficult to access
- Grass to spontaneously combust if left too long
- Service changes such as new carts and community depots discriminate against low income people with disabilities (e.g. cost of replacing carts? Access to community depots?)
- Difficulty with boxes (e.g. lifting, carrying)
- Back lane windrows
- Need strength to clear bin spot
- Ability to access bin (height)
- Ability to manoeuvre bin
- If cart must be left in lane
 - Security? Cost if damaged/lost especially if carts for garbage and recycling
- Consider coming demographics 25% poor, 65 years old by 2025!
 - Not counting disabilities
- Lower income not being capable of bulky waste charge – could result in dumping

What are some steps that could contribute to the success of these changes?

- Re-use/recycle bulky items
- Single system will be more efficient
- Bags for yard waste decompose
- Identifier for carts / number/ Braille
- Smaller/shorter bin would be an advantage

Participation and Communication

What participation, communication and education opportunities exist in the community?

- Add CNIB to stakeholder list
- Disabilities Issues Office (has long stakeholder list)
- Email is #1 mode of communication for disability community
- FAQ should be distributed with carts and on the website
- Send info with bills (but not everyone reads it!)

How can we work together to make the system accessible in Winnipeg?

- Don't start in the winter
- Type size – 14pt, no-script, CNIB standards
- City website, 311 operators need to be well versed
- Material be available in Braille
 - Literature translated into Braille by Shep
- Radio, PSA ads
- Sending info out through organizations, special interest group
- Communication needs to incorporate multiple modes – visual, audio – for people with impairments
- Provide more information on what can be recycled, or any city information that is designed and produced, with respect to people with visual impairments

What are the first steps needed to work towards an accessible waste system?

- Two Saturday public information sessions before implementation e.g. “Test-Out” sessions for bins
- Communicate well ahead of time
- Text based web info with instructions for service
- More information on where recyclables go would encourage recycling
- Give people reasons why some things are not recyclable e.g. Styrofoam