



Winnipeg

Water and Waste Department

# Recycling Open House

# Introduction

We are looking at new collection options along with our current blue box program.

The contract for servicing blue boxes expires in September 2010, so this is a good time to look at improvements.

We will recommend the type of service to City Council in January 2010. We would like your comments first.

# Collection Options

We are considering the following options:

- ▶ **weekly manual collection with blue boxes** (current service)
- ▶ **weekly automated collection using 240 litre carts**
- ▶ **bi-weekly automated collection using 240 litre carts or 360 litre carts**

**240 litre carts** hold the contents of 3 - 4 blue boxes

**360 litre carts** hold the contents of 5 - 6 blue boxes



# About cart collection

- ▶ One cart would be assigned to each property address.
- ▶ Carts would be numbered and electronically tagged for tracking if they go missing.
- ▶ Property owners would be responsible for the carts.
- ▶ The cart would be placed out at the front or the back, wherever you place your garbage container now.
- ▶ Only recyclables inside the cart would be collected.
- ▶ The driver wouldn't get out of the vehicle, but from the inside, would activate a mechanical arm to pick up, empty and return the cart to its location.



Front street collection



# Reasons for exploring automated cart collection

- ▶ Long-term cost savings because automated collection is more efficient than manual collection
- ▶ Success with automated collection in our apartment recycling program
- ▶ An opportunity to recycle more materials since the carts are larger
- ▶ Less interest from companies in bidding on manual collection
- ▶ Fewer litter problems because the carts have lids
- ▶ A safer work environment for collectors – they will not suffer from the typical injuries that go with lifting heavy objects into a truck



# Materials accepted in the program

- ▶ There wouldn't be any change to the materials currently accepted in the program.
- ▶ We will add new items if we can find a market for them.
- ▶ The list of materials accepted in our program is at the back of the MTS White Pages phone book or on our web site at **[winnipeg.ca/waterandwaste/recycle](http://winnipeg.ca/waterandwaste/recycle)**



# The Province of Manitoba's responsibility for recycling

- ▶ Overseeing recycling programs, determining eligible products, and helping fund recycling in Manitoba
- ▶ Implementing a bottle deposit-return program
- ▶ Collecting household hazardous waste
- ▶ Recycling electronic waste

Visit [greenmanitoba.ca](http://greenmanitoba.ca) for more information



# Process

We have a tender out for prices on all the collection options (available at [winnipeg.ca](http://winnipeg.ca)).

## **We will write a report containing:**

- ▶ Your comments,
- ▶ Comparison of the prices, and
- ▶ Pros and cons of each option,
- ▶ A recommendation for collection.

## **City Council will consider the report in January 2010 and could:**

- ▶ Approve our recommendation, or
- ▶ Select one of the other options.