

*Sensational!*



## **Town of Smiths Falls Municipal Waste Management Survey**

The Town of Smiths Falls has created a new municipal Waste Management program that is set to begin in January 2011. There will be many changes to the recycling program. We will now include plastics numbered 1 through 7 and will be using a two bin system. This means you will be responsible for sorting paper products from containers (plastic, glass and metal). We will not accept Styrofoam or plastic bags. Each week you will alternate between the two bins. There may be a new garbage bag limit of 1 per week, since the majority of the bulk will now be in your recycling bin and not the garbage. This program is aiming to reduce the costs associated with waste management, increase environmental consideration and improve customer satisfaction.

### **1. Do you regularly set out recyclables for weekly curbside collection?**

- **Yes**

- i. What motivates you to recycle?

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- ii. Are there any factors that make weekly recycling difficult for you?

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- **No**

- i. What prevents you from participating in this program?

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- ii. Are there any factors that could make weekly recycling easier for you to participate?

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### **2. How would you prefer to receive information about the new municipal Waste Management program (including recycling)?**

- Calendar
- Brochures
- Website
- Newspaper
- Magnetic boards with program highlights
- Social Networking Website (i.e. Facebook)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Do you currently practice backyard composting?**

- **Yes**
  - i. What factors motivate you to do so?

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- **No**
  - i. What prevents you from participating?

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The Town is considering implementing source-separated organics program (Green Bin – Curbside Compost Collections) in 2011 or 2012. A kitchen container would be provided as would a larger outdoor bin.

**4. Would your household participate in the organics program?**

- **Yes**

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- **No**
  - i. What would prevent you from participating?

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**5. For your household, are there any potential concerns that you have with such a system?**

- **Yes**

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- **No**

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The smell of composting is often a concern for residents. However, there are options in order to prevent this. Try lining the bottom of your bin with newspaper and wrapping compost from your kitchen pail in newspaper before placing it in your larger green bin. Weekly collection also ensures minimal odor or mess.

**6. Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the Town of Smiths Falls new recycling plan?**

*Thank you for your participation!*