

Saskatchewan Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS)

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SWRC – Moose Jaw Workshop

Ministry of Environment Plan 2017/18

**Goal #1 – A Clean and Safe Environment
for Communities**



**Strategy – Define a provincial vision for
improving solid waste management**



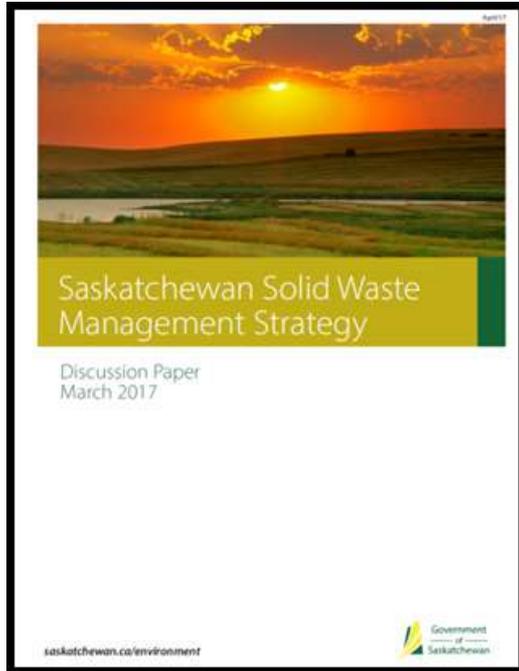
**Key Actions – Engagement; Expanding
recycling programs; and Promoting landfill
compliance**

Vision for Sustainable Solid Waste Management in Saskatchewan

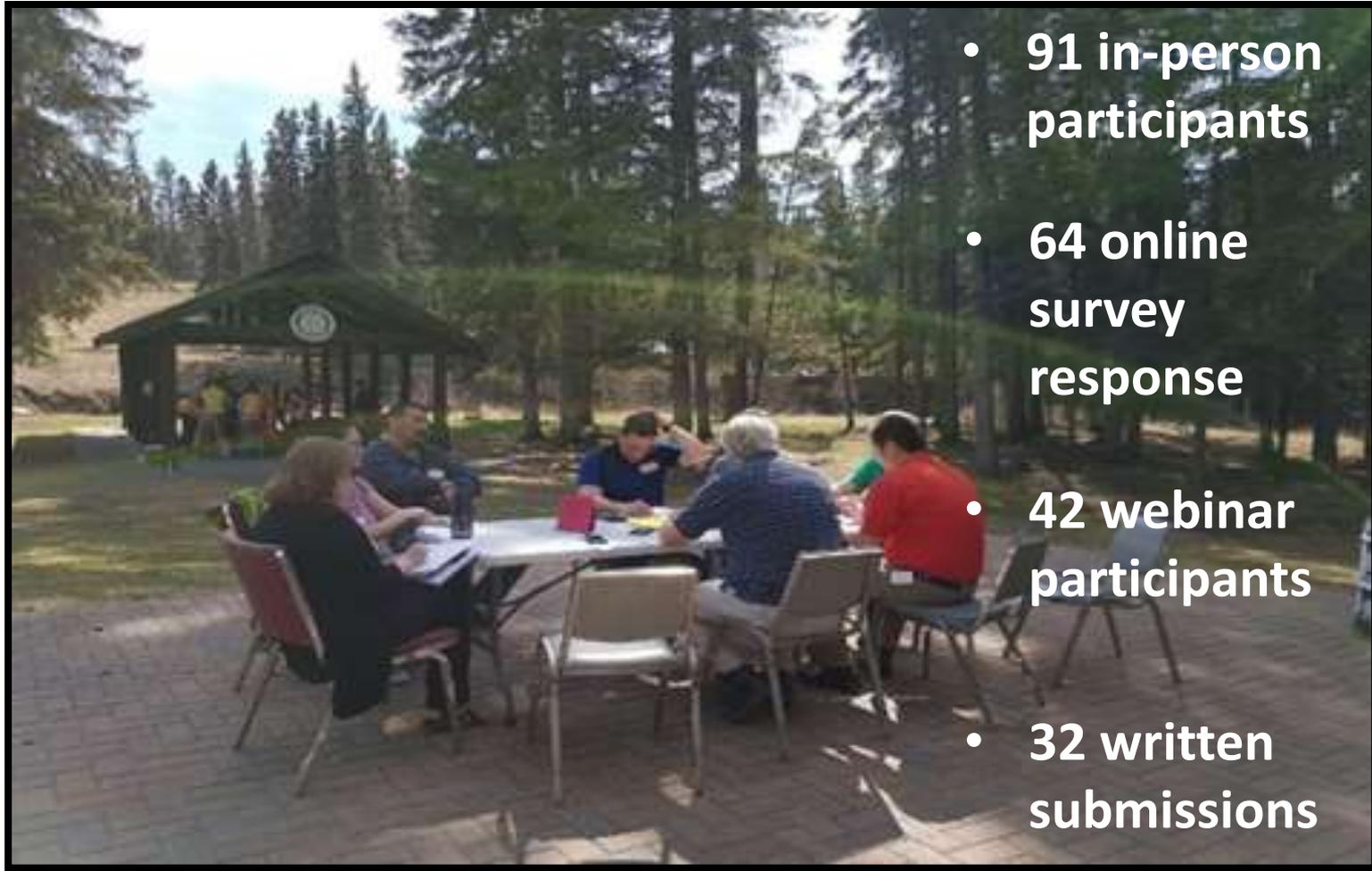
- Development of a Provincial Strategy.
- Engage the public, stewards, industry, First Nations and Métis communities, to improve waste management.
- Long term vision is to change the way we view, create and manage waste in the province, becoming more sustainable, innovative and economical.

Let's talk Waste Management!

Solid Waste Discussion Paper 2017



Public Engagement on Discussion Paper: Spring 2017 Engagement



- 91 in-person participants
- 64 online survey response
- 42 webinar participants
- 32 written submissions

What We Heard

Engagement workshops, online survey, written submissions



Key Considerations from Spring 2017 Engagement

- Modernization of regulations to reflect current standards and emphasize environmental protection.
- Consider the true cost of landfills.
- Education and awareness (i.e., disposal techniques).
- Opportunities for urban, rural, and remote regions (i.e., Regional Partnerships, Province-wide access to recycling programs.)
- Opportunities for waste diversion and recycling via new stewardship streams (HHW, appliances, ICI Waste, etc.)
- Government leadership is important to provide clear government direction.
- Consider setting performance indicators for waste reduction and diversion.
- Working with industry partners.

Saskatchewan's Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy:

Establishing a vision for waste
management and reduction

SWM Strategy Package:

Draft Strategy and Action Plans

- 10-year strategy that includes:
 - Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures; and
 - Mechanism for internal review and continuous improvement.
- 2-year operational action plans that includes:
 - Collective program planning;
 - Decision making on priorities and commitments; and
 - Performance targets to ensure we are in line with strategy goals and objectives.

Landfill Management:

Solid Waste Strategy Goals

- Goal 1 – Enhancing the sustainability and self-sufficiency of landfill operations across Saskatchewan.
- Goal 2 – Creation and enforcement of modern results-based legislation for landfill operations in Saskatchewan.
- Goal 3 – Increasing stakeholder education and awareness of landfill issues, concerns and best practices to build understanding and acceptance of provincial efforts.

Waste Stewardship and Recycling:

Solid Waste Strategy Goals

- Goal 1 – Develop and expand effective waste stewardship programs to drive waste diversion in Saskatchewan.
- Goal 2 – Provide equitable access to waste diversion facilities and programs across Saskatchewan.
- Goal 3 – Enhance public awareness and education regarding waste diversion issues, concerns and best practices.

Government Leadership:

Solid Waste Strategy Goals

- Goal 1 – Demonstrating leadership in the reduction and management of solid waste in government programs and operations.
- Goal 2 – Leveraging intergovernmental partnerships to inform waste management best practices and opportunities in Saskatchewan.
- Goal 3 - Continuous improvement of solid waste management initiatives across Saskatchewan.

Next Steps

- Draft Solid Waste Management Strategy and Action Plans.
- Final draft of the strategy and action plans will be made available online for public comment
- Currently planning additional in-person engagement for January 2018.
- Final strategy implementation - 2018/19 Fiscal Year.

Recent Recycling Highlights

- **Beverage Container Recycling**
 - April 2017 dairy containers included and deposit increases
- **Scrap Tire**
 - July 2017 regulation enhancements to address governance, accountability and transparency
- **Multi Material Recycling Program**
 - January 2016 program launch
 - January 2018 all obligated first sellers required to participate

Recent Recycling Highlights

- **Agricultural Plastics**

- 2018 program launch

- **Household Hazardous Waste**

Survey announced during proclamation of Waste Reduction Week, October 16th to 22nd

- Survey and summary of proposed regulations available on saskatchewan.ca

- Online consultation ending December 15, 2017

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) in Saskatchewan

- Illegal to dispose of in landfills according to the Municipal Refuse Management Regulations; Section 10(1). However, no provincial regulation or program exists to manage these wastes.
- Currently HHW is managed independently by municipalities. Programs are inconsistent and vulnerable to funding and resource shortages.
- During the spring engagement on the Solid Waste Management Strategy Discussion Paper - 78% of survey respondents identified HHW as an important priority to support waste diversion and recycling.

Definition - HHW Products

- CSA Standard Z752-03, Definition of Household Hazardous Waste, including, but not limited to;
 - devices, equipment, material, products and substances that meet the criteria for **flammable, corrosive, physically hazardous, toxic or environmentally hazardous**;



FLAMMABLE



POISON



EXPLOSIVE



CORROSIVE

- But not including medical sharps.

Proposed HHW Regulations - Feedback

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Thank you – Any Questions?

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Consultation website:

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/public-consultations/responsible-waste-management-survey>

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