



# **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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## Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

Annual Progress Report for Redevance Funding

Waste Management Plan Action Items

Period April 2024 to March 2025

Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

Waste Management Department – Public Works

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As required by the Redevance program, this Annual Progress Report outlines the progress of action item activities undertaken for the period of April 2024 to March 2025, as identified in the Kahnawà:ke's 2023 – 2029 Waste Management Plan.

## **An Overview of Waste Management 2024-2025**

### **Progress**

The following table further outlines the initiatives and activities that have taken place by Kahnawà: ke's Waste Management Department within this reporting period – 2024-2025.

Reporting period: March 2022 to April 2023

2023-2029 Waste Management Plan

Action Plan Item	Action / Measure	Description	Responsible	Schedule	Progress	Commentary
	NEW PROGRAMME AND INFRASTRUCTURE					
1	Continued promotion of the Organics Collection and Composting Facility.	Continued distribution of the green compost bucket and kitchen collector buckets to both residential and ICI (Institution, Commercial, Industrial) - promotion, and improved community participation in Community Compost. (Bin damage, new housing, multiple bins for high usage)	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2022-2025	On going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participation continues to increase. A new report has re-evaluated the total potential recovery of organics to 1000 tons/yr. Facility upgrade is pending.</li><li>• Facility upgrade will follow the Transfer Depot (Eco-center) relocation</li><li>• Community Communications is ongoing – lots of positive feedback from the community.</li></ul>
2	Relocate and Improve the Transfer Depot ECOCENTER.	New location, improved accessibility, Increased services, space for expansion of services and improved further sorting of incoming materials, etc.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2024	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning has started this June 2024 –</li><li>• Land use requested, Community consultation completed, and Land Use approved</li><li>• Env. Assessment, Geotechnical study – completed, final report is pending</li><li>• Engineering company is waiting on final report to move forward.</li><li>• site prep is under discussion</li></ul>

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	<b>NEW PROGRAMME AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
3	<b>Preparation for bottle deposit program, including audits and action plan.</b>	Step #2, implement a program for refundable containers, according to the recommendations. This will be done in compliance with the new EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) on the Deposit system.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2022-2023	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refundable container audit completed 2022</li> <li>• Action and communications plan developed and delivered</li> <li>• Purchased refundable container collection boxes for distribution – new purchases were made, and distribution of collection boxes still underway</li> <li>• Consign action account set up.</li> <li>• Business survey – completed, floor size is too small for collection</li> <li>• Communications on recycling refundable containers within the community.</li> <li>• Feasibility study requested to open a Container depot facility in Kahnawake – will be in review July / August 2025</li> </ul>
4	<b>Implement a textile recuperation service</b>	Special collection bins for clothing and textile within the community.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2023	On going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bins for clothing and textile was considered but not seen as the desired method.</li> <li>• Kahnawake has implemented Low Waste Markets, this market accepts clothing, textiles as the main items but also other household items that can be reused.</li> <li>• This is held bi-annually – has now moved to 3 times a year event.</li> <li>• Began recording weights – Sept. 2024 870 kg, Dec. 2024 328 Kg</li> </ul>
5	<b>Establish reusable items drop off location and develop community wide yard sale</b>	free exchange of items / Low Waste Markets, along with a database on drop of locations for or household items and clothing.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2025	On going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kahnawake has implemented a Low Waste Market, and this market accepts clothing, textiles as the main items but also other household items that can be reused</li> <li>• The event has gained popularity with clients from outside of the community in attendance.</li> <li>• Established a second chance bin at the Transfer Depot ( Eco Center) – for reusable items</li> <li>• Planning a community wide yard sale day</li> </ul>

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	<b>NEW PROGRAMME AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>					
6	<b>Mobilize with event organizers to encourage and support waste diversion at various community events.</b>	<p>, i.e., recycling and organics collection bins during community events and in public areas.</p> <p>This is a service offered to community event organizers. A service offering should be developed to help event coordinators to incorporate recycling and composting as part of the waste disposal needs.</p>	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Yearly	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updating communications to reflect modernization of recycling</li> <li>• Additional event bins were purchased to support event diversion efforts</li> <li>• Additional Public dual bins (waste / recycle) were purchased along with new labels to reflect new changes to recycling acceptable items list – for public areas</li> <li>• Waste Management kiosks presence at local events hosted by other orgs., and hosted by Kahnawake Waste Management</li> <li>• New labeling was purchased to replaced old signage on public bins to reflect provincial recycling modernization</li> </ul>
7	<b>Develop a septic tank database and cleaning program based on needs (number of people and volume of</b>	Improve on the existing electronic registry to find and quantify all septic systems within the community. Information such as location, volume, last cleaning date, and functioning status	Water and Waste Water Operations	2025	Pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being carried out by the Water and Sewer Operations in Kahnawake</li> </ul>
8	<b>Develop Waste Management Department structure</b>	based on existing services (update job description to reflect new services and so on, to improve and expand services to complete the development of the waste management department.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2024	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational Assessment and restructuring completed in 2024-2025.</li> <li>• Recommendations forwarded to the executive office for review – waiting on feedback</li> </ul>

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	<b>NEW PROCEDURE OR POLICY</b>					
9	<b>Develop Policy on Best Management Practices to act as a guide for waste reduction within the community</b>	Ex. Limiting the material entering the waste stream.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2028	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy development training was taken</li> <li>• Framework has been initiated</li> </ul>
10	<b>Develop an Organics Collection and Compost Operation Code of Practice</b>	(The code of practice will include the sampling protocol for compost maturity and quality.) to outline the requirements for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the compost operation. It will be inspired by the “Lignes directrices pour l’encadrement des activités de compostage” of Quebec Government.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department – Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2023	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An operational code of practice has been developed and is in use 2024.</li> </ul>
11	<b>Evaluate the possibility to reduce waste collection frequency to once every two weeks.</b>	This action aims to encourage people to further use available services to reduce their waste. But it is tricky to do, to not increase illegal dumping	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department – Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2028	Initiated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pending the complete upgrade to existing facilities.</li> <li>• Some Provincial programs still need to be set up</li> <li>• Preparations to implement this action are ongoing</li> <li>• Tendering process for a new Waste Collection and Transport offer of services is scheduled for 2025-2026</li> </ul>

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	<b>INFORMATION AND EDUCATION MEASURES</b>					
12	<b>Prepare communication plan</b>	address new provincial changes to recycling new container consignment and changes to blue bin items – update all communications	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department – Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2023	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WM Booklet Volume 2 has been made with the new provincial changes to recycling and distribution to the community through the mail, and available at Kiosk during community events</li> <li>Info graphs were also made for WM social media Facebook and Instagram about the changes.</li> <li>Communications plan is a living document that will undergo yearly review and update</li> </ul>
13	<b>Continue to improve and build on the current communication Plan.</b>	Improve diffusion of information concerning new waste recovery services and programs for residential, ICI and CRD sectors: Continually update Web site, distribution of information and educational materials on what is recyclable during annual events, etc.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department – Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	yearly	In progress/ On going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MCK (Mohawk Council of Kahnawake) communications to launch new website – started working with Public Relations unit to upgrade the website</li> <li>Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department recognises that more needs to be done on communications</li> </ul>
14	<b>Update, as needed, the Waste Management Booklet</b>	to provide information on all available services, annual events listing, do's and do not's of recycling and composting, new initiatives and services at Transfer Depot, drop-off points, special collection day, 3R approach, etc.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department – Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	yearly	In progress/ On going	Booklet updated yearly to reflect new acceptable items with Modernization of recycling, EPR, and other services
15	<b>Ask Recyc-Quebec to translate the “7 ava où</b>	<b>?” tool to include the recovery services in Kahnawà:ke</b>	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department – Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2022	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates on the CaVaOU website have been completed, plan to revisit site regularly to provide updates.</li> <li>Ongoing as WM expands diversion services</li> </ul>

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16	<b>Continue to promote the organics recovery program.</b>	Publication of all the information on the web site, Facebook, Twitter, Radio, TV and other medias. Hold kiosk and virtual tour of the facility, open house, and other mobilization activities.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department – Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2022-2027	On going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Booklet been updated to help community members recognize what is accepted in the community compost collection.</li> <li>• Info graphs on what is accepted has also been made for all WM (Waste Management) social media platforms.</li> <li>• 5 Radio segments</li> <li>• WM presence in the community via Kiosks at various community events.</li> </ul>
17	<b>Establish an Eco patrol program</b>	To verify recycling and compost quality. The patrol will aid and support to communication in delivering education and awareness programs.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department – Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Yearly	On progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 summer students hired for 2023</li> <li>• No summer students in 2024, hired Skills Link program participants</li> </ul>
18	<b>Develop and provide educational workshops in schools and after school clubs and for youth</b>	to promote zero waste, recycling and composting programs to the students	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department – Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	yearly	On going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visited 2 elementary schools</li> <li>• Developed presentation and presented for adults at 2 Organizations</li> </ul>
19	<b>Maintain backyard composting education and grass-cycling and mulching program,</b>	through community workshops and at community events	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Yearly	completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest in back-yard composting has dropped further</li> <li>• Some community members continue to back yard compost, but majority utilize the composting facility</li> </ul>
20	<b>Promote the septic system maintenance booklet.</b>	This booklet will continue to be sent to all owners of an individual septic system and publicized on the MCK website	Water and Waste Water Operations	2025	completed	Available on request



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	<b>INFORMATION AND EDUCATION MEASURES</b>					
21	<b>Continue to promote recycling and composting program to the ICI sector.</b>	. Inform them about all the accepted items (according to the new EPR on recycling system) and the procedure to improve community participation. Create an “ICI package” based on their needs. This package will include information on waste diversion options and available programs	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2026	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrading GIS data base and in the field data collection</li> <li>• Staffing issues continue to delay progress</li> <li>• Waste Diversion booklet was updated and distributed</li> <li>• Prepared to move forward in 2026</li> </ul>
22	<b>Promote zero waste initiatives:</b>	Improve reduction at source including food waste, and single-use plastic also emphasising the second chance / reusable items drop-off, free yard sale. Encourage garage sale and purchase of second-hand items.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Yearly	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Low waste markets in 2023</li> <li>• yearly</li> </ul>

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	<b>SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR CRD WASTE from the building segment and infrastructure works</b>					
23	<b>Accept CRD waste from contractors at the Transfer Depot</b>	Purchase a scale or implement a procedure to estimate the amount of incoming CRD waste and conceive a pricing list based on volume and type of material. Send the incoming material to the right recycler or to a CRD sorting center ( <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b> ).	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2027	Not started	Development of action item will be initiated following the relocation and construction of new Eco-center
24	<b>Develop Information on website and pamphlet form</b>	<b>on pre-sorting CRD waste on construction sites. Update the directory of available resources for CRD Waste</b> recycling and disseminate the information to contractors and the population.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2025	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>plans in place to work with the Public Relations Unit to update Website</li> </ul>
25	<b>Continue to research a cost-effective recycling solution for asphalt and concrete residues</b>	<b>from all road infrastructure work</b> , and give a solution for consideration to the relevant authorities	Kahnawà:ke Capital Construction Unit - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2028	Not started	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New management has undertaken this responsibility</li> <li>Kahnawake Mohawk Council - Capital Construction is working on these solutions.</li> </ul>

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	<b>Monitoring and Follow-Up Measures</b>					
26	<b>Realise an audit (cost /benefit analysis) of all the waste collection services</b>	(including, recycling compost, waste, and special collection, as well as the transfer depot).	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2024	Not started-	Would like to complete the relocation and construction of the Transfer Depot – Eco-center prior. Delayed until 2027-2028
27	<b>Carry out follow up recycling and waste audit.</b>	<b>to verify the improvement in waste diversion and recycling quality, including refundable containers recovery program</b>	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2025-2026	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for proposals has been launched</li> <li>Work expected to start in Sept / October</li> </ul>
28	<b>Continue inventory of all ICI and the waste management services they use</b>	including size and type of containers and collection frequency. This will draw a big picture of what is currently done and what could be, improved. This inventory could then be used to estimate the amount of residual material generated by the ICI sector.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2023	Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to hire summer student – continue to have staffing issues.</li> </ul>
29	<b>Prepare and publish an annual report on recycling, composting and waste disposal</b>	to see progress and trends. Keep population informed about the results to encourage them to continue their efforts. (Digital communication)	Kahnawà:ke WMD - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Yearly	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report will be completed, and followed by the MCK audits for 2024-2025</li> <li>Will be shared on website and presented at the annual community meeting on WM in November 2025</li> </ul>
30	<b>Prepare an annual progress report</b>	of the waste management activities, send it to the MELCC and make it available on the MCK Web Site.	Kahnawà:ke :WMD Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Yearly	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report completed for 2024-2025</li> <li>Will be shared on website - MCK website has been updated and is now functional, Waste Management is working with the Public Relations unit to update website.</li> </ul>

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