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 - 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	2022-2026	In progress	• Complete bin distribution to Residence and ICI. • Participation continues to increase. A new report has re-evaluated the total potential recovery of organics to 1000 tons/yr. Facility upgrade is pending. • Community Communications is ongoing – lots of positive feedback from the community. •
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	2026	In progress	• Planning has started this June 2024 – many items to carry out. - Community consultation, Env. Assessment, Geotechnical study, engineering, site prep etc
3	**Preparation for bottle deposit program, including audits and action plan.**	Step #2, implement a program for refundable containers, according to the recommendations. This will be done in compliance with the new EPR on the Deposit system.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2022-2026	In progress	• Refundable container audit completed 2022 • Action and communications plan developed. • Purchased refundable container collection boxes • Consign action account set up. • Business survey planned
4	**Implement a textile recuperation service**	Special collection bins for clothing and textile within the community.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2026		• Bins for clothing and textile was considered, but not seen as the desired method. • Kahnawake has implemented a Low Waste Market, this market accepts clothing, textiles as the main items but also other household items that can be reused. • This is held bi-annually
5	**Establish reusable items drop off location**	**sale** / free exchange of items / Low Waste Markets, along with a database on	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department -	2024	Completed	• 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

	and develop community wide yard	drop of locations for or household items and clothing.	Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke			• The event has gained popularity with clients from outside of the community in attendance. Data base on participants and weights is pending
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6	**Mobilize with event organizers to encourage and support waste diversion at various community events.**	**,** i.e., recycling and organics collection bins during community events and in public areas**.** This is a service offered to community event organizers. A service offering should be developed to assist event coordinators to incorporate recycling and composting as part of the waste disposal needs.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Yearly	In progress	• Financially support the hire of staff for the local • Updating communications to reflect modernization of recycling
7	**Develop a septic tank database and cleaning program based on needs (number of people and volume of**	Improve on the existing electronic registry to identify and quantify all septic systems within the community. Information such as location, capacity, last cleaning date, and functioning status	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2025		
	NEW PROCEDURE OR POLICY					
8	**Develop Waste Management Department structure**	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	2025		•

9	**Develop Policy on Best Management Practices to act as a guide for waste reduction within the community**	Ex. Limiting the material entering the waste stream.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2028		
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	NEW PROCEDURE OR POLICY					
10	**Develop an Organics Collection and Compost Operation Code of Practice**	(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		
11	**Evaluate the possibility to reduce waste collection frequency to once every two weeks**.	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		•
	INFORMATION AND EDUCATION MEASURES					
12	**Prepare communication plan**	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	2025		•

13	**Continue to improve and build on the current communication Plan.**	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	Waiting on MCK communications to launch new website
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	INFORMATION AND EDUCATION MEASURES					
14	**Update, as needed, the Waste Management**	**booklet** to provide information on all available services, annual events listing, do's and do nots 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	Booklet being updated to new acceptable items with Modernization of recycling
15	**Ask Recyc-Quebec to translate the "Ça va où**	**?" tool to include the recovery services in Kahnawà:ke**	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2022	In progress	Some advancements have been made
16	**Continue to promote the organics recovery program.**	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	In progress	Limited number of Kiosks as we move out of covid restrictions
17	**Establish an Eco patrol program**	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	In progress	- 3 summer students hired for 2022

18	**Develop and provide educational workshops in schools and after school clubs and for youth**	to promote zero waste, recycling and composting programs to the students	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	yearly	Delayed	Covid restrictions in schools 2022
19	**Maintain backyard composting education and grass-cycling and mulching program**,	through community workshops and at community events	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Yearly	delayed	
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	INFORMATION AND EDUCATION MEASURES					
20	**Promote the septic system maintenance booklet.**	This booklet will continue to be sent to all owners of an individual septic system and publicized on the MCK website	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2025		
21	**Continue to promote recycling and composting program to the ICI sector**.	. 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		
22	**Promote zero waste initiatives:**	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	2 Low waste markets in 2022
	SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR CRD WASTE from the building segment and infrastructure works					

23	**Accept CRD waste from contractors at the Transfer Depot**	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 appropriate recycler or to a CRD sorting center (Table 2-4).	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2027		
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24	**Develop Information on website and pamphlet form**	**on pre-sorting CRD waste on construction sites. Update the directory of available resources for CRD Waste** recycling and disseminate the information to contractors and the population.	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2025		
25	**Continue to research a cost-effective recycling solution for asphalt and concrete residues**	**from all road infrastructure work,**. And submit a solution for consideration to the relevant authorities	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2028		
	SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR CRD WASTE from the building segment and infrastructure works					
26	**Realise an audit (cost /benefit analysis) of all the waste collection services**	**(**including, recycling compost, waste, and special collection, as well as the transfer depot).	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2023		
27	**Carry out follow up recycling and waste audit.**	**to verify the improvement in waste diversion and recycling quality, including refundable containers recovery program**	Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Department - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	2025-2026		

28	**Continue inventory of all ICI and the waste management services they use**	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		
29	**Prepare and publish an annual report on recycling, composting and waste disposal**	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	
30	**Prepare an annual progress report**	of the waste management activities, transmit it to the MELCC and make it available on the MCK Web Site.	Kahnawà:ke :WMD Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Yearly		

Target Action Items for 2025-2026

Planning and preparing to meet the needs of the Quebec Modernization to Recycling, and the changes to the container redemption. Continue to move forward with the focus on recycling contamination reductions through communications, education, and recycling audits.

Review of the Compost Facility complete, and a small expansion was recommended. Will be moving forward to realize this expansion as well as boosting the community participation in the service.

Follow up on the Transfer Depot relocation and upgrade to meet the expanding needs. This continues to be on the table.

The 2023-2029 Waste Management Plan was approved June 12, 2023. Some of the action items in the new plan are already being addressed.

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