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### **Waste Recycling Strategy**

As part of our waste management mandate, the Township of The Archipelago participates in a province wide assessment of our success diverting waste from our landfill. Primarily, this consists of the recycling (containers & fibre) but also includes hazardous waste, metal recovery and re-use initiatives.

One such audit has recently been completed. The report recognizes a number of challenges we face being a water based community primarily consisting of seasonal recreational users. For example, Waste Diversion Ontario has set a province wide diversion rate target of 60% but this includes kitchen organics. This is obviously not practical in the Township of The Archipelago as traditional composting organics at your cottage can lead to problems with bears.

However, the audit also revealed that approximately 14% of the waste entering the landfill is blue-box material that could be recycled. This suggests we could do better. **Given this finding, we encourage everyone to ensure they do not mix blue-box eligible material with their general household garbage!** Our clear bag policy is aimed at minimizing this problem. Please don't mix your recyclables with other waste.

On a positive note, the bottle drive has been very successful at diverting glass from the waste stream.

The report goes on to recommend a number of initiatives which the township will consider. One of the challenges is an accurate estimate of total tonnages. A solution would involve installing a weigh scale at Site 9, however, we have developed a strategy that we believe will improve our tonnages estimates without incurring such expense. We will also continue to promote recycling as well as ongoing monitoring and tracking of waste streams.