Looking at the numbers (from Public Service reports on organics collection and recycling contract)

Low bid Alternative B2 (weekly, lanes serviced both sides)	$4,674,240	($4.7 million)
Low bid Alternative C2 (bi-weekly, lanes serviced both sides)	$2,685,400	($2.7 million)
Savings over weekly collection		($2.0 million)
Organics Option 3 - 7 months (weekly?)	$2,217,000	already included
Tonnes diverted – 42,057 X $10 (WRARS)	~~$420,570~~	(Note additional savings will
Net cost	~~$1,797,430~~	accrue from WRARS credit)
[bi-weekly collection for 12 months might cost the same and yield up to 64,414 tonnes with $644,140 WRAWS savings from diversion]		

Ask Public Service if another $2 million in savings is possible from shifting garbage collection to biweekly.

REFERENCES:
http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/single/correct_setout.htm,
http://www.halifax.ca/wrms/documents/2010AreaII.pdf, and
http://www.halifax.ca/wrms/documents/ZoneABNov09.pdf.

WRARS guide:
http://www.greenmanitoba.ca/cim/dbf/wrars_guide_december_09_(v1.1).pdf?im_id=392&si_id=1001

3.5 Eligible Diversion Activities
Recycling, composting, and wood waste processing/chipping are all considered diversion activities that will reduce waste and are exempt from the WRARS Levy. However, for the first year of program operation ending June 30, 2010 only MPSC reported recyclables are eligible for the WRARS Rebate payments. Beginning July 1, 2010 additional municipal diversion activities, such as composting and wood waste processing will be eligible for inclusion in calculating WRARS Rebate payments. Waste diversion activities other than residential recycling should be preapproved by the WRARS Program Manager.

From Green Manitoba website: http://www.greenmanitoba.ca/cim/1001.dhtm

DID YOU KNOW?

"Compostable materials make up 40 - 60% of the waste stream."