Recycling Activity Status Report
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2. On August 24, 1995, a blue box recycling program was implemented for single-family residences.

On May 23, 2001, Council approved a Waste Minimization Strategy that included, in part,

> "that a recycling target of 34,000 tonnes per year be established for single and multiple family residences and that the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works report to Council on a quarterly basis with respect to achieving the recycling target and the impact on garbage quantities going to the Brady Road Landfill. The target and progress towards it is to be advertised and made available on the City's Internet site."

On November 1, 2001, a comprehensive recycling program was implemented for multi-family residences.

The diversion target of 34,000 tonnes of recyclable materials reflects the minimum expected recycling rate for a community the size of the City of Winnipeg with a user fee system for garbage collection services.

The amount of recycling has increased since Council approved the waste minimization strategy and the implementation of multi-family residential recycling program.

In 2001, 28,513 tonnes of recyclable material was diverted from the waste stream by the single-family blue box program, the multi-family program and the six recycling depot locations. This is an increase of 21% over previous years recycling efforts. The comprehensive multi-family recycling program was not implemented until November 1, 2001.

Year	Recycling (tonnes)	Single Family Garbage (tonnes)
1997	23,143	163,349
1998	23,638	174,698
1999	23,515	183,181
2000	23,995	189,953
2001	28,513	185,901

A graph showing the recycling activities since 1997 is outlined on Attachment "A".

A random telephone survey was recently completed that asked about recycling participation rates. The survey indicated that 84% of single-family residences and 85% of multi-family residences participate in the recycling program. In 1999 a similar survey was done and it indicated a 79% single-family residence participation rate.

After the multi-family recycling program has been running for 6 months, projections will be made as to expected annual diversion of recycling. It is difficult at this time to make an accurate projection since recyclables were being placed in the multi-family recycling program carts and bins prior to commencement of the program on November 1. As well, residents are still getting familiar with the new programs and the amount of recyclables collected through the six recycling depots has not declined as expected.

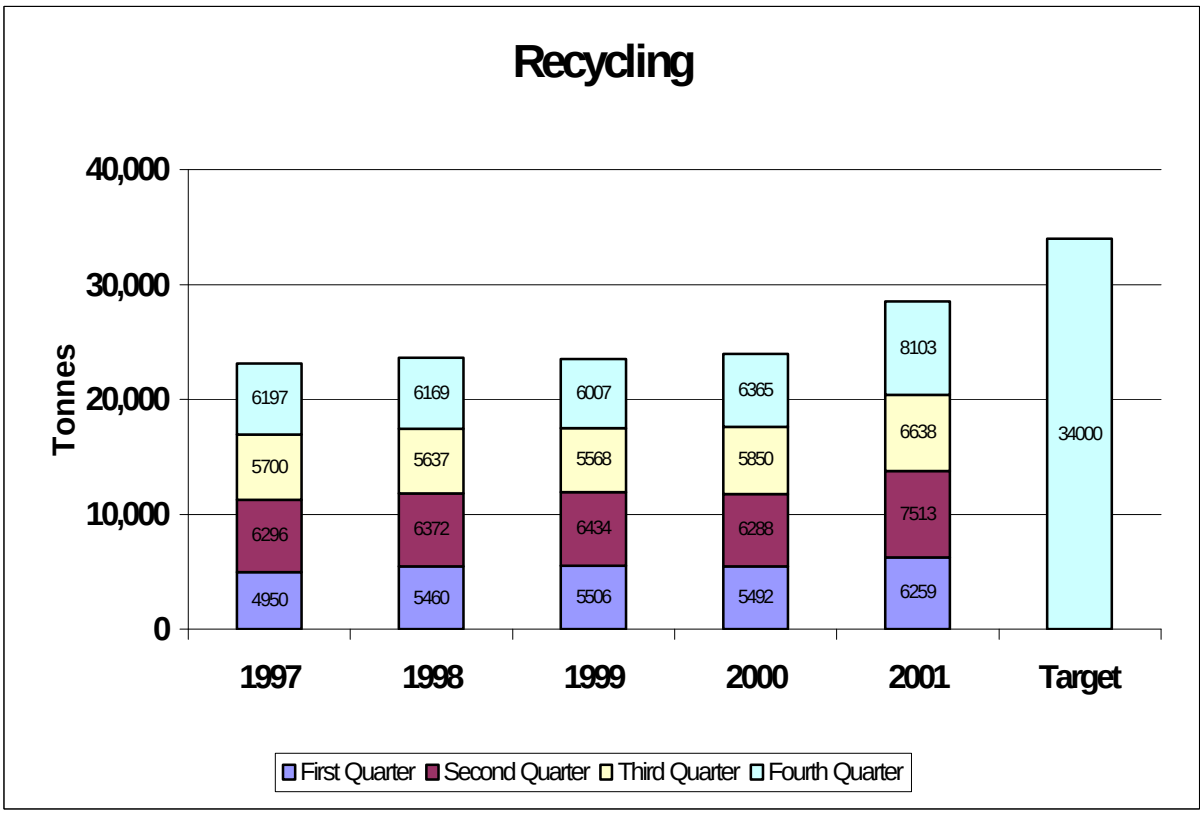
The amount of single-family residential garbage has decreased from 189,946 tonnes in 2000 to 185,899 in 2001. This decrease corresponds to the increase in recycling activity. While it is too early to conclude that this is significant in the long term, a reduction in waste going to the landfill is an important goal of recycling.

This information on the recycling target is being placed on the City of Winnipeg's Internet home page. The department will advertise the targets and the Internet page through the newspapers along with its ongoing campaign to increase recycling. Resources will also be provided to assist residents with queries regarding the various recycling programs.

The Financial Impact Statement is shown on Attachment "B".

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works received the report as information and submits it to Council for their information.

Attachment “A” referred to in Clause 2 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated March 5, 2002



Attachment "B" referred to in Clause 2 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated March 5, 2002

Financial Impact Statement:

Project Name: Recycling Activity Status Report

Date: January 31, 2002 First Year of Program **2002**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required					
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal					
Debt - External					
Grants (Enter Description Here)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus					
Other - Enter Description Here					
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 20,000	$ 20,000			
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery					
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	20,000	20,000			
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Direct costs incurred are for promotion activities associated with the recycling target.

Manager of Finance & Administration