

E&E Project Summary Report

Project Name: Elliot Lake Multi-Residential Service

Project Number: 241

Lead Sponsor: City of Elliot Lake

Total project value (including in-kind): \$37,073

Priority Area: Multi family recycling

Completed By: Rob deBortoli

E&E fund contribution: \$16,000

Project Overview:

I. Goals

To increase waste diversion through an enhanced recycling program that will now offer residents of multi-dwelling units recycling collection on site as opposed to having to bring material to the depot.

II. Accomplishments

- Collection depots were installed at three of the largest multi-residential sites; a fourth site was added midway through the project (785 units in total).
- Prior to the first recycling collection, information sessions were held at each multi-residential site; following this, information packages and in-unit collection bags were delivered to each unit.
- Over the course of the one year period, a total of 67 tonnes was diverted through the multi-residential recycling program. The initial estimate was that the project would contribute between 50-75 tonnes of material.
- In the near future, two more depots will be established at other multi-residential facilities, each approximately 100 units.

III. Lessons Learned/Best Practice implications

Communication is paramount – the success of the project in part was due to the fact that a public session was held at each of the complexes prior to its introduction

IV. Limitations

The City of Elliot Lake unfortunately does not have the resources to conduct audits of its multi-residential waste stream to assess the amount of recyclable material that is not finding its way to the recycling stream. Judging by the numbers to date, the program continues to gain strength within the community. Moreover, the contractor reports little contamination at the multi-residential depots.

Impacts (including tonnes diverted and cost impacts)

The increased tonnage has led to a decline in total per tonne cost for the city's overall recycling program to \$88.85 for 2008, down from \$110.43 in 2007 and \$138.96 in 2006.

