

Waste Check Annual Report 2013-2014

*Another successful year at Waste Check has gone by, and we are proud of our waste reduction and diversion efforts within our Region. The final numbers for Nova Scotia Environment datacall have been released and our current **rate of disposal is 288 kg/person/year!** The Provincial rate is 377 kgs. We are extremely happy that with hard work and dedication, we have exceeded the goal set out by our Waste Check Board to reach 300 kg by 2013. We are once again leading the province for the 5th year in a row with the lowest disposal rate.*

2013-2014 Nova Scotia Recycles Contest

This year's RRFB Nova Scotia Recycles Contest received over 790 entries from students in Yarmouth and Digby Counties. The names of the Nova Scotia Recycles contest winners are included in the table below. The Region 7 awards dinner was held on Monday, April 14th at the Clare Golf & Country Club.

Grade	Winner	Runner-Up	Runner-Up
P/1 Coloring Contest	Mme Lisette Amirault Grade 1 Ecole Joseph-Dugas	Ms. Cynthia Prime Grade 1 South Centennial	Ms. April Mullen Grade 1 Barton
2/3 Sticker Design	Emma Surette Grade 3 Mme Gisele Comeau-DeCoursey Ecole Belleville	Josyane Saulnier Grade 3 Mme Monette Boudreau Ecole Jean-Marie Gay	Kandace Lane Grade 3 Mrs. Grimshaw-Poole Arcadia School
4/5/6 Magnetic Whiteboard Design	Sara Owen Grade 6 Mrs. Wallace Provincial Winner Carleton School	Emma Mullen Grade 5 Mrs. Hankinson Weymouth School	Haylee Purdy Grade 5 Ms. Spinney Plymouth School
7-9 Film Competition	Marc LeBlanc Grade 9 Mme Jocelyne d'Entremont Ecole Secondaire de Par-en-Bas	Zoe Marshall-Amirault, Michael Murphy, Jayden Samson, Olivia Haight M. Alain Saulnier Digby Regional High	
10-12	No entries		
12 Essay	Janell Stewart - \$1500 Yarmouth High School	Michelle Lindsay - \$750 Islands Consolidated	



My-Waste App



We were excited to launch the Waste Check My-Waste app on May 2nd, 2013. It offers many convenient options for residents to access information 24/7 such as: a personalized collection schedule for their address, optional reminders for collections and/or events, a collection map, hours of operation for facilities, lists of accepted items, and tipping fees for drop off locations, customized recycling/disposal instructions for items, and a report a problem feature (for broken green cart, illegal dumping site, rejected waste) where the resident can even upload a picture with their complaint. We have also been able to send out notifications directly to our users' devices through the app, including notifications about events, program changes, and collection cancellations due to weather, etc. The Waste Check 'my-waste'™ app is free to download. Residents can get it by going to <http://www.my-waste.mobi/NSWastecheck/>, then selecting the icon that links either to the iPhone/iPad or Android App store. Or they can search "my waste" in their phone's store or market. The development and introduction of this app has been a new experience for Waste Check. As leaders in

waste reduction, we are the first region in the province of Nova Scotia to launch it! The app was promoted at events and display booths throughout the Region this summer. We also gave away an iPad in a draw for new downloaders of the app. The app has been well received amongst users, and we are looking forward to seeing it become more and more popular.

Earth Day 2013- Facebook Photo Contest and Student Collages

In preparation for 2013 Earth Day events, presentations were made at the after school programs at Port Maitland, Arcadia, Meadowfields and Central Schools. The participants learned about the history and importance of Earth Day and then made a collage on what the day means to them. The collages were made from old file folders as the backing, and old magazines, calendars, and newspapers for the pictures. The students put their names on the collages and we collected them all back to put them on display during the official Earth Day events. The Earth Day events were held in partnership with the Art Gallery of NS on Saturday, April 20th, 2013. The collages that were made by the students at the after school programs at several local schools as well as participants at workshops held at the Library branches in Digby and Yarmouth were on display.



Waste Check also hosted an “Earth Day Photo Contest” through our Facebook page, which was open to the general public in Yarmouth and Digby Counties. We received several beautiful photo submissions that represented what the contestants thought of Earth Day. Our page “fans” were able to vote for which picture they wanted to win by “liking” the photo. The Facebook photo contest entries were also on display at the Art Gallery for Earth Day events. The winner was announced, and was given a gift as a prize (see winning photo below, by: Petrina Surette). Those in attendance at the Art Gallery also enjoyed playing games and viewing their artwork. It was a great day!



Clean Across Nova Scotia



The Clean Across Nova Scotia event took place on April 19th and 20th, 2013 to coincide with Earth Day activities. Waste Check did a clean-up of two carpool parking lots on April 19th, 2013. We were also busy making sure registered groups received their clean up kits from Clean NS to take part in the program.

Compost Awareness Week 2013

Turn peels into petals.

Celebrate Compost Awareness Week
Join Waste Check at the Yarmouth Farmers' Community Market on May 11th. We're giving away seeds, compost bags, and even a kitchen compost bin! 30% of waste in Nova Scotia is organics that could have been composted. Let's feed the soil and turn peels into petals. For more information, call 1-800-569-0039 or email info@wastechek.ca. PutWasteInItsPlace.ca

waste
déchets

PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE

RRFB
2013-2014

Waste Check staff hosted a booth at the Yarmouth Farmers' Community Market on May 11th, 2013 for Compost Awareness Week. We provided information on all types of composting, such as vermicomposting, backyard composting, and our Regional compost program. We gave out seeds, compost, and compost bags.

The Farmers' Market is a popular venue, and was a good fit for providing information about composting.

Environment Week June 2013- Hauler Appreciation Days



Waste Check hosted three Hauler Appreciation Days during Environment Week that was June 2nd to 8th of 2013. On Monday, June 3rd we were at the Digby Public Drop Off/Transfer Station, on Wednesday, June 5th at the Clare Transfer Station, and on Thursday, June 6th we held the last event at the Yarmouth Transfer Station. All events were from 11:00am to 1:00pm. A BBQ including hotdogs, hamburgers, and other treats were enjoyed by many. Promotional items such as note bags, reusable bags, t-shirts, and ball caps were handed out at the events.

Mobius Awards 2013

Waste Check submitted nominations for the 2013 Mobius Awards of Environmental Excellence in the following categories:

- Best Community Based Project – Emilia Williams and the Jeux l'Acadie
- Business of the Year – Comfort Inn Yarmouth
- Individual Excellence in Waste Management – Sonya Robinson (Grounds Keeper- Ocean Breeze Estates)
- School of the Year – Drumlin Heights Consolidated School
- Waste Reduction Education Program – Waste Check Leaders by Example Video Series
- Region/Municipality/Authority of the Year – Waste Check



At The Mobius Awards of Environmental Excellence on Wednesday, October 16th, Waste Check was very proud to receive the “Region of the Year” award for the second year running and the fourth time since 2002. This award recognizes the hard work and dedication that staff, board, and residents have to the reduction of waste in our region.

Western Counties Regional Libraries Programs

Library programs were held in July 2013 at the Western Counties Regional Library branches in Digby, Westport, Weymouth and Yarmouth. There were two presentations done as part of the Go! Summer reading program: Go! Recycling in Nova Scotia and Go! Recycling Around the World. A presentation was created and shown about recycling in NS and what we do here in our province. The participants then crafted a collage around the map of Nova Scotia with pictures cut out from old magazines. The second presentation was about recycling in other parts of the world and how they compare to what we do here in NS. The kids then enjoyed painting and decorating reusable cloth shopping bags.

Waste Check Garden



Waste Check staff grew a vegetable garden at the office over the summer! We used compost from the green carts on one half of the garden! The compost was nutrient rich and helped our garden grow. As you can see from the picture above the right side of the garden had the compost added in to the soil. We wanted to show residents that using your green cart or doing backyard composting yourselves is a significant way to divert waste from the landfill and help keep our environment clean and healthy.

Juniper House Summer Programs

Staff presented at the Juniper House Day camp in one hour weekly sessions throughout July and August. The participants were given a lesson in sorting and played the magnetic board game “What Goes Where?” They then created collages made from pictures cut out from old magazines arranged around a map of NS.

Waste Check on Eastlink



Waste Check’s Education Coordinator, Sharon LeBlanc, and Waste Compliance Inspector, Lyndsay Price, appeared on two episodes of the Eastlink program “In Focus”. We answered many questions about waste and demonstrated the My Waste App. We have received several positive comments about our appearances on the show. The shows have been rebroadcasted several times. This was a good opportunity to answer frequently asked questions, discuss our programs, and promote the app.

Hauler Information Session

Waste Check hosted a hauler information session on September 20th, 2013. We invited all of the haulers in our Region to participate. Waste Check provided an update on our programs and discussed upcoming plans for the fall. We also received some feedback on rejection stickers. These sessions provided a great opportunity to meet with key players in our waste management system and identify areas of improvement.

Club 300

This year we inducted 23 members into our Waste Check Club 300! These members have gone above and beyond to help us reach our waste disposal goal of 300 kg/person/year. Each member was given a certificate for Club 300, their names were in the paper and on the radio, and write-ups about their initiatives were posted on our website on a new page dedicated solely to Club 300 Members. The members are:

- Holy Trinity Anglican Church
- Geraldine Amirault and the "O2" Class of Digby Regional High School
- Colin O'Connell
- Larry Deveau
- Warren Paton
- Helen Ivens and her Grade Primary-1 Class at Islands Consolidated School
- Beacon United Church
- Maxine MacLean
- Irene Nickerson
- Conway Workshop Association
- Hubert Saulnier
- Helene Deveau
- Terry Robertson
- Meteghan Lions Club
- Linda and Roger Hubbard
- Donald Duffy
- NSCC Burridge Campus Sustainability Committee
- Weymouth Consolidated School
- The Shanty Café
- Stewart Sweeney
- Larry Kelly
- Kenneth d'Entremont
- Holly Morton

We thank our Club 300 Members for everything they do to help the environment through reducing, reusing, and recycling! We hope their stories will inspire others to do their part! A dinner to thank the Club 300 recipients was held on March 20th, 2014 at the Clare Golf and Country Club.



Business of the Month Program

Waste Check continued our popular "Business of the Month" program for the 2013-2014 year. All Business of the Month recipients received a framed certificate from Waste Check. The business was also advertised on all local radio stations (CJLS, CIFA, and AVR), and listed in local newspapers (The Vanguard, Clare Shopper, Lobster Bay Shopper, The Digby Courier). As a result of the advertisements and positive recognition, Waste Check has been receiving phone calls from businesses in the region to find out what they can do to improve their waste management. A dinner to thank the Business of the Month recipients was held on March 20th, 2014 at the Clare Golf and Country Club.

"Business of the Month" award recipients for 2013-2014 include:

- Sissiboo Veterinary Services Ltd
- Lakeside Realty in Yarmouth
- Carl's Store in Tusket
- Wild Rose Farm in Gilbert's Cove
- Old World Bakery & Deli
- Pizza Delight in Digby
- Coastal Financial Credit Union Wedgeport Branch
- MacKinnon-Cann Inn
- Carleton Country Outfitters



Aside from awarding Businesses of the Month, Waste Check's Business Educator has completed **146** business visits in Yarmouth and Digby Counties this year. These visits include working with the businesses on what they need to improve and how they can become more efficient with their waste management skills.

Community Litter Clean-Up Program



Islands Consolidated School Track & Field Team



Meteghan Lion's Club

In 2013-2014, Waste Check once again offered an incentive to non-profit groups wishing to help clean litter from the side of the road and ditches in Yarmouth and Digby Counties and in return receives financial assistance for their organization. An application and waiver form must be signed before the clean-up is approved and conducted. Non-profit groups were paid \$175 per km for cleaning both sides of the road. Maximum funding per group was \$350. This program was very popular in the Region with many community groups taking part.

In total, 33 groups participated in the Litter Clean-up Program who picked up **1139** bags of garbage, and **47.5** blue bags of recyclables from roadsides throughout our Region. Most common litter items reported by the groups were: take-out cups, cigarette butts, take-out food containers, plastic bags, and pop bottles. This proves that littering is still a predominant issue in Nova Scotia. The Litter Clean-up Program not only helps remove litter from roadsides, but also helps bring awareness to this growing problem.

RRFB Community Sponsorship Program

This program is offered by RRFB Nova Scotia to provide funding for events or initiatives with a focus on waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting. Waste Check is very active throughout the year encouraging groups to take advantage of the program. We were able to assist the following groups in getting funding from RRFB in 13/14:

- 1) Juniper House
- 2) L'Atelier de Clare
- 3) Geraldine Amirault's O2 Class, Digby Regional High School
- 4) YMCA Yarmouth
- 5) Parent's Place - Yarmouth Family Resource Centre
- 6) Carleton Volunteer Fire Department
- 7) Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 61 Yarmouth
- 8) Mariners Centre
- 9) Beacon United Church
- 10) Wedgeport Legion

Student Work Placements

Waste Check hosted 2 students from 2 different schools this year for work placements. There was a student from Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School and one from NSCC. They were with us at separate times throughout the year and varying lengths of time. We included them in all aspects of our regular operations so they could learn different workplace skills. They enjoyed their time at Waste Check and thanked us for the opportunity.

Waste Reduction Week (October 20th – 26th)

Waste Check had another busy Waste Reduction Week in Region 7. Our annual community swap was held on October 26th, 2013 at the South Ohio Community Centre. We had a good turn out with a lot of items to give away.



Our RRFB sponsored shredding event was held Tuesday, October 22nd at the Digby Transfer Station from 11 – 2pm. In addition, Waste Check partnered with Yarmouth Life Skills on the same day and time to promote the shredding service they offer to residents and businesses in Yarmouth County.



Management Guide for Construction and Demolition Debris

Waste Check, in coordination with other Regions in the Province, developed a Waste Management Guide for Construction and Demolition (C&D) debris generators. It includes information on how to properly manage C&D debris generated from any project in the province of Nova Scotia. The categories of information contained within the document are vast and contain the specifics required to bridge C&D debris communication gaps. The Guide is available through the Waste Check website, and has also been provided as an education tool at construction sites in the area.

Christmas Parade



Waste Check participated in the Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade held on November 23rd, 2013. This year Waste Check partnered with the NSCC Environmental Committee to produce a float with the theme "Have a 'Green' Christmas". All decorations on the float were made from recycled materials. The "tree" on the back of the truck promoted the 3 R's as it rotated. All lighting was LED. Parade fans enjoyed the float and responded with positive comments. Mr. Green Bin was very popular as he worked the crowd and gave many high fives to enthusiastic children and adults.

Enforcement and Compliance Program

A summary of main activities of the By-Law Enforcement Officer and Compliance staff include:

- Ongoing load inspections at the Transfer Stations
- Respond to complaints relating to open burning, illegal dumping and repetitive non-compliance in the ICI and residential sector
- Contact landlords about issues with their rental properties.
- Follow-up with curbside rejections to increase compliance
- Working closely with Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officers and local Inspectors with Nova Scotia Environment to resolve ongoing issues
- Address improper sorting issues at residences and multi-unit dwellings

The program continues to be successful in reaching non-compliance violators and responding to illegal dumping complaints.



There have also been several residential visits done. Visits are based on the rejection lists sent in by the haulers, or are done at curbside on collection days. People who are sorting properly received green “Thank You for Sorting” cards that can be returned to the office for a prize draw. People whose waste was rejected,

or whose waste was noticeably unsorted, received information kits which include a separation guide, sample bags, green cart tips, and simple separation guidelines.

Waste Check has presented a draft copy of amended by-laws to our municipal units which were edited so they could be inclusive of all the complaints we get regarding waste, and so that there can be consistency across our region in terms of enforcement. If adopted throughout our Region, this will help improve the overall efficiency of the Enforcement program at Waste Check.

There have been **598** curbside inspections/ visits this year.

The By-Law Enforcement Officer responded to **256** complaints from April 1st, 2013 to March 31st, 2014.

School Visits



Our Education Coordinator has been busy visiting with schools once again this year. It is beneficial to be present in the schools and educating students on waste separation programs on a regular basis.

School visits – 71 separate visits to 22 unique schools

Number of students – 1119

Number of adults – 289

Total reached: **1408**

Event Greening

Waste Check received a total of 25 bookings for borrowing waste separation stations for 2013. Some of the event bookings were repeat users of the stations. The events are located throughout the entire Region. Letters were sent out to event organizers who had not utilized the separation containers at their event. This generated some new interest in using the bins. Event greening stations were supplied for the National Play On! Street hockey tournament. The public waste was generally well sorted. The bins were monitored by an eager green team and they completed a second sorting when possible.



“Leaders By Example” Video Series Translation



This year, we received some funding to have the audio from our “Leaders By Example” videos typed and translated, and inserted as on-screen subtitles in each video. This was done to accommodate our French-speaking communities in our Region. The videos have been linked on our French website and are available through You Tube. The videos are used as an educational tool for schools, businesses, and organizations in our Region.

Communities in Bloom

Waste Check is a member of the Communities in Bloom committee through the Town of Yarmouth. Waste Check would like to congratulate the Town of Yarmouth on having received the National Environmental Action Award at a ceremony in Ottawa on October 26th, 2013.

Ship to Shore Marine Waste Program

A Waste Check representative has been working closely with the Ship to Shore Marine Waste Management program of the Clean Foundation (formerly Clean Nova Scotia). We feel that this program has been beneficial to our Region since we have a large number of wharves and shorelines in our area that are strongly affected by marine waste. Here are the updates on the program throughout the year:

Harbour visits were made with Ashley David, CNS Ship to Shore Program Coordinator, in the Digby Neck area. Wharves visited included Centreville (Trout Cove), Little River, Whale Cove, East Ferry, Freeport and Tiverton. A harbour waste assessment report for each site has been completed by Ashley. Each harbour has its own unique set of challenges which Ashley has identified and attempted to provide solutions for. Blue bins were provided to the harbour authority manager at Westport and Little River.

Ashley David delivered various other presentations throughout the year to:

- the participants of the Yarmouth Shark Scramble and the Wedgeport Tuna Tournament
- the 20 students and two instructors at the Fishing Master Class V program at NSCC
- the fishing master class 4 students in Digby (a combination of scallop and lobster fishermen in the class)

Visits were made with the new program coordinator, Chantal Moore, to deliver boat bins in Meteghan and Yarmouth. She has also delivered bins to fishermen in Westport, Yarmouth Bar and Pinkney's Point. The feedback about the bins has been very positive.

A "Toolkit for Ship to Shore" has been created. It serves as a guide for other regions who would like to deliver a similar program to Ship to Shore in their community.

A free marine litter webinar was presented. The webinar addressed the problem of marine litter and what different organizations are doing to combat this problem in Canada and the USA. The theme was to focus on prevention and not cleaning up after the fact as well as recycling more types of plastic. One of the panelists was Cathy Cirko of the Canadian Plastics Industry Association, who has funded Ship to Shore the past two years. She highlighted the Ship to Shore program as being one solution currently underway in Canada.

Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade

In the 2013-2014 fiscal year, Waste Check was a member of the following Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trades:

- Clare Chamber of Commerce
- Digby & Area Board of Trade
- Weymouth Board of Trade
- Bear River Board of Trade
- Argyle Chamber of Commerce
- Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce

The Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce had its 2013 Business Awards dinner on November 13th, 2013. Waste Check once again sponsored the Environmental Service Award which was awarded to Southwest Eco Energy Ltd. Waste Check's General Manager, Gus Green, presented the award.

Previous Waste Check Business of the Month winner, W. Boliver Service Centre, received the Environmental Service Award from the Digby and Area Board of Trade on May 22nd, 2013.

Call2Recycle®

We have registered Waste Check and the three HHW depots in the region as part of the Call2Recycle® national program. A program dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability by providing a no cost battery and cellphone recycling solution in Canada. This program accepts non-rechargeable and rechargeable batteries for recycling. There are some other drop-off locations in the area as well, and we encourage residents to use this free program. More information about the program is available online at their website www.call2recycle.ca.

Information Sessions/ Presentations/ Education

As part of the Digby Elementary School's improvement efforts in waste management, an information session was given to the teachers at the school. It focused on proper separation techniques and how to set up their classroom containers for optimal participation. There were many questions.

A presentation was made to the Digby Regional High School Options and Opportunities (O2) class on compost, garbage and you focusing on the importance of composting, illegal dumping and its effects on agriculture. The O2 students also completed a massive clean-up on the Middle Cross Road over a 2 day period.

Three separate transfer station tours were completed with grade 1 students from École Wedgeport, École Pubnico Ouest and École Stella-Maris. The students learned about where their waste goes and how wonderful compost smells. Two of the schools also visited their local recycling facility to learn about what happens to their recyclable materials.

Moby visits were made at Islands Consolidated School, École Stella-Maris, and École Pubnico Ouest in celebration of their win in the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest. The students loved Moby and enjoyed a game of "What Goes Where?"

Students and staff at the Digby Adult High School enjoyed a presentation on the successes in our region. They were shown the Leaders by Example video series and then played the "What Goes Where?" game. Assessments were completed at Digby Regional High, Barton Consolidated, Plymouth, Drumlin Heights, Islands Consolidated, Carleton and Port Maitland schools. All schools have the proper sorting systems in place and their waste management efforts range from good to excellent. Most schools have a one-stream catch-all container in the exterior play area. It was recommended that these be removed.

A compost presentation at Arcadia School was made to the grade 3 class. They enjoyed a slide show and then played a compost pile simulator game. The students harvested some of the Waste Check worms and then set up their own vermicomposting bin.

A booth on Waste Check programs was set up at the Early Childhood Educators Conference in April 2013 for a targeted audience of students of the Early Childhood Educator program and Day Care Providers. A "Learning Go Round" session was held where participants spent 10 minutes at each presenter's session learning about various topics. The participants learned about how to compost with children and then played the fun compost pile simulator game.

A display to help celebrate Earth Day was set up at TD Bank during Earth Week, April 22nd-26th, 2013.

Moby made a visit to the West Pubnico Beavers and Cubs meeting. The troop liked learning about the three R's and playing games. As usual Moby was the star of the show.

The clients at Yarmouth Life Skills enjoyed a visit from Moby, especially the one on one time they each received. They enjoyed singing and dancing with Moby.

A display booth was set up at the School Administrators Conference held at the Yarmouth High School. The booth promoted the new RRFB decals, the NS Recycles Contest and the services offered by Waste Check. A large number of the attendees stopped by the booth for discussion.

A waste audit was conducted by outside consultants at all NSCC campuses. Assistance was provided at the Burridge Campus audit. The results of the audit show the campus is still far ahead of the other campuses in the province. The environmental committee has held several meetings since the beginning of the school year.

Waste Check Educators set up a display booth at the Seniors 50 + Expo in Digby. We were well received and had great attendance at the booth with very positive feedback.

A display booth was also set up at the Yarmouth Seniors Expo held at the Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School. Close to one hundred people stopped by our booth to ask questions and to collect pencils, bags and literature.

A shoreline cleanup of a 2 kilometer shoreline at Pubnico Point was completed through the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup coordinated through the Vancouver Aquarium. Clean ups took place across Canada during the National Cleanup week of September. Ten bags of waste weighing 90 kg were collected by two staff. 98% of the waste collected was fishing related.

A large community clean-up was held on the East Ferry beach. Over 40 students from Digby High, St. Mary's Bay Academy and Islands Consolidated Schools participated along with 8 local residents. Two loads of debris were taken to the transfer station: one load weighing 1.4MT and the other 4.22 MT. The waste was from an old building that had been blown down in a storm after a rogue boat had removed the underpinnings of the building a few years ago. The waste consisted mostly of Styrofoam, wood and metal. The metal was salvaged and brought to the scrap yard. Most of the wood was left on the beach.

An info session was held at one of our Municipal Units for their staff. The staff learned about proper separation. Changes were made in the lunchroom to aid the staff in better separation.

Signage was installed at three Yarmouth area seniors' homes to help improve the situation in their waste storage areas. This was resulting from a presentation and assessment that had been completed in August. A follow up was done and the situation has improved somewhat.

Medical Waste Training was held with the Provincial Infection Control Consultant for Infection Prevention and Control Nova Scotia (IPCNS) at the Department of Health and Wellness along with two representatives from the Department of Labour. The session was arranged due to the concern over medical waste generated from the increase in the amount of home care in the province. The session showed that the risk of contracting an infectious disease is minimal despite public perception. The importance of practicing safe work habits at all times was also emphasized.

Staff of Clean Nova Scotia did a presentation of Eddie's Litterless Road Show to the grade 1 students at Meadowfields School. This was the first time I had seen the performance and was impressed by the level of student interaction and the valuable lesson the show teaches about litter with the use of puppets and humour.

A presentation on proper waste sorting techniques was made to the Department of Community Services staff. An office assessment was made. New updated signage was installed and the waste container set up was streamlined. They are looking to purchase a proper waste separation container to assist with their waste management efforts.

In summary Waste Check was proud to be the first region to achieve the provincially mandated disposal goal of 300 kg in 2013 with a disposal rate of 292 kg per person per year and to better this rate the following year (2014) with a disposal rate of 288 kg per person per year. We are proud to be provincial leaders in waste reduction. Education and enforcement have both played a critical role in guiding our residents and businesses to sort and divert their waste properly. Thank you to everyone who participated in our programs and helped us meet our goal! We look forward to continuing our success and lowering our disposal rate even more.