

The SM4RT Living Plan: Objectives and Actions

Objective 1	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Successfully navigate legislative changes This is about responding flexibly and using legislative changes to continually improve SM4RT Living.	Region and local municipalities leverage existing framework for collaborative decision-making to navigate legislative changes				
	Region and local municipalities ensure compliance with changing legislation (e.g., Food and Organics Waste Policy Statement and Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act), including reviewing Official Plan and bylaws				
	Local municipalities and Region together explore legal mechanisms to ensure producers manage their waste as required in the Region				
	During the transition to full producer responsibility, Region and local municipal partners continue to monitor and address blue box contamination and Region ensures the Materials Recovery Facility performs as needed				
Objective 2	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Use resources and infrastructure more strategically to achieve SM4RT Living This is about focusing efforts, innovating and improving coordination to create a more seamless, cost-effective system and do more with available resources	The Region and local municipalities leverage technology to improve data collection, analysis and information sharing from facilities and operations, in support of greater efficiency and more strategic decisions				
	Region and local municipalities maintain leadership in waste diversion by researching and sharing best practices, approaches and technologies, particularly for multi-residential buildings	Local municipalities take the lead in testing and applying new approaches and sharing lessons learned			
	Local municipalities include standards for waste diversion and material storage and collection in the approval process for new multi-residential developments				
	The Region contracts for anaerobic processing capacity to diversify its portfolio and inform future investment decisions				
	Region and local municipalities work towards consistent messaging and education to reduce food waste, including promoting backyard composting to help manage SSO pressures and costs				
	Local municipalities and Region apply best practices and tools to work towards consistency in waste collection services, messaging, enforcement and performance monitoring				
	Region works with other Ontario municipalities to standardize record-keeping and data reporting across the province to provide consistent evidence for advocacy positions				
	Region secures long-term contracts to recover energy from residual materials				
Objective 3	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Inspire people across the Region to embrace SM4RT Living and advance the circular economy This is about the value of partners and pioneers in igniting the uptake of SM4RT Living and the circular economy across our communities	Region and local municipalities celebrate and encourage grassroots community initiatives that align with the SM4RT Living philosophy				
	Region improves support for partnerships, including establishing a \$100,000 Circular Economy grant program that would help community partners, new social enterprises and businesses advance SM4RT Living Plan goals				
	Region identifies and promotes how SM4RT Living connects to broader Regional initiatives around healthy communities and social well-being and builds linkages where appropriate				
	Through strategic partnerships, the Region and local municipalities support opportunities for residents to repair, share, reuse and repurpose items				
	Region and local municipalities work to implement an "Ask First" voluntary program across the Region to reduce single-use items, and show leadership by reducing consumption at their own facilities	Region and local municipalities assess results of "Ask First" program, review federal and provincial policies if available, and determine if a mandatory approach is needed			
	Region and local municipalities advocate for provincial and/or federal policies and legislation that advance the circular economy				
	Region researches, consults and shares findings to build understanding of the circular economy in York Region and how it connects to SM4RT Living	Region encourages residents, not-for-profit groups, businesses and others in York Region to move to the circular economy			