



# Durham Long-term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040



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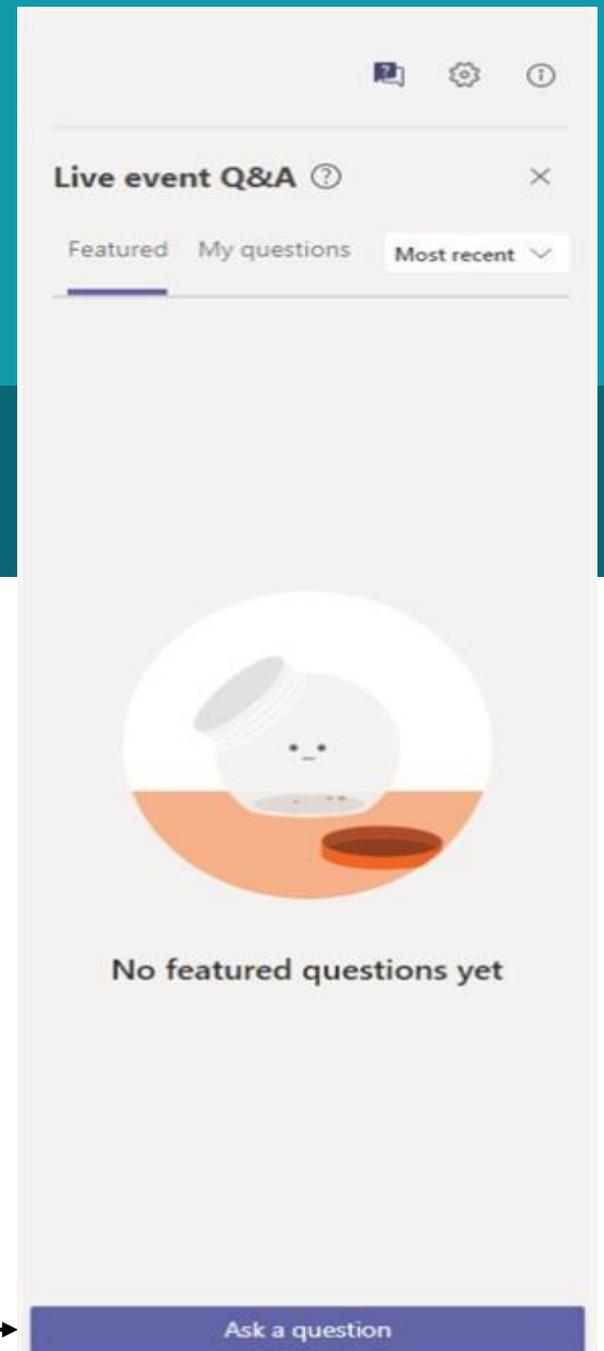
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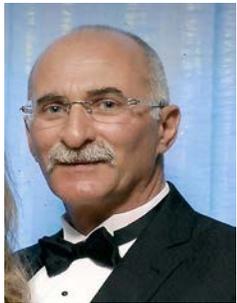
# Tonight's Speakers



Ameerah Palacios, HDR Inc.,  
Moderator



Angela Porteous, Region of  
Durham, Presenter



Gioseph Anello, Region of  
Durham, Speaker



Christine Roarke, HDR Inc.,  
Speaker



Peter Veiga, Region of  
Durham, Speaker

# Welcome to the Virtual Town Hall for the Durham Long-term Waste Management Plan 2021 - 2040



## Durham Region

### Public Engagement So Far

Over 2,000 residents have participated in the online open house hosted by the Region.

Many of the public comments received to date are reflected in this presentation tonight.

This presentation will be posted on the Long-Term Waste Management Plan website at [www.durham.ca/WastePlan](http://www.durham.ca/WastePlan)

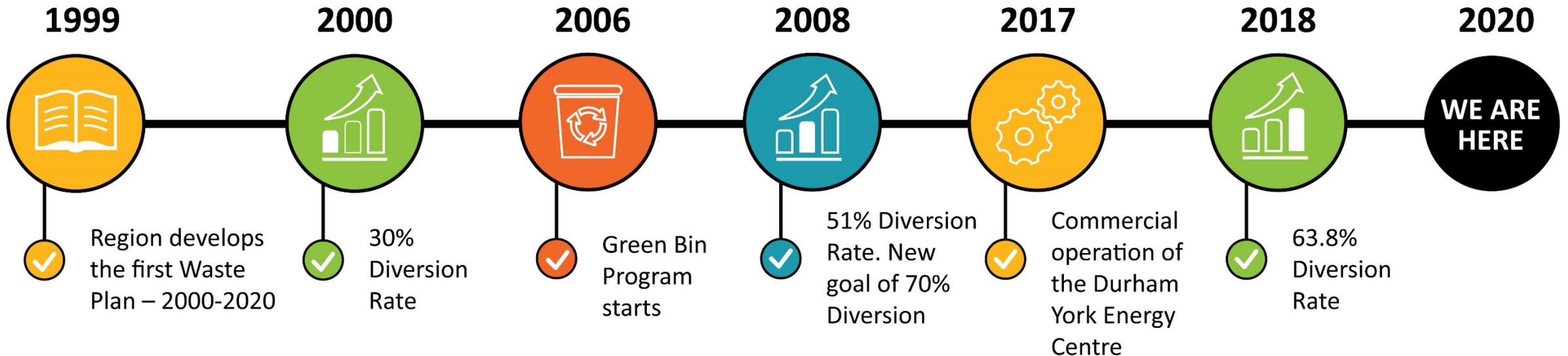
## Plan for this evening

- Short presentation to review initial feedback on:
  - Vision Statement
  - Objectives
- Question and Answer Session

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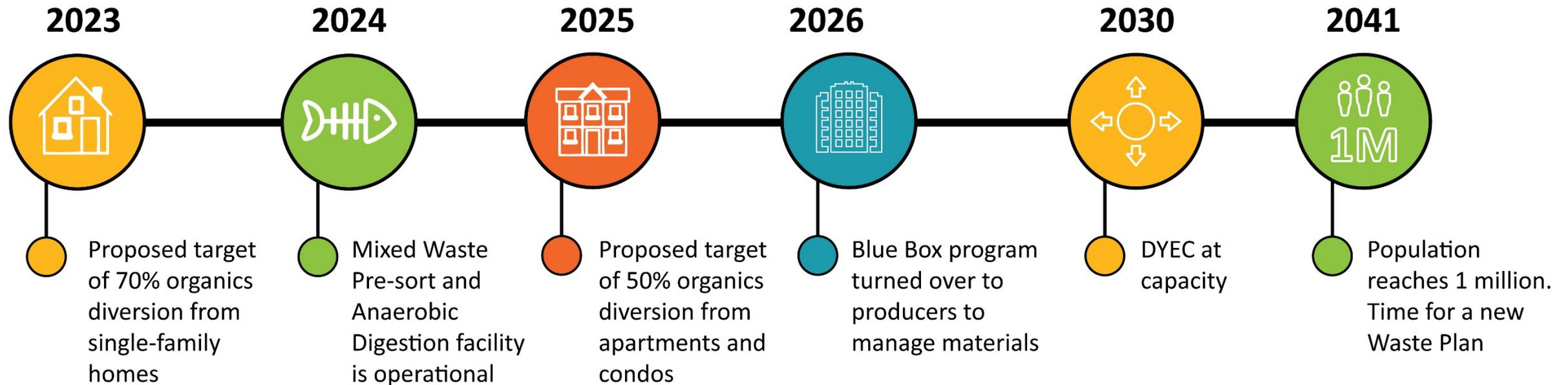
# Where have we been and where are we going

## What we have accomplished over the last 20 years



# Where have we been and where are we going

## What will impact our waste management decisions over the next 20 years



# Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles derived from Durham Region's new Strategic Plan established a framework for the new Waste Plan

80% of responses on this question were “no comment” or supportive of the Principles



**1. Deliver cost effective waste management services to a rapidly growing and diverse population.**



**2. Work with producers and importers of designated products and packaging to implement “Extended Producer Responsibility” and adjust Region waste programs as required.**



**3. Apply innovative approaches to Region waste streams to manage them as resources in a circular economy.**



**4. Demonstrate leadership in sustainability to address the climate crisis by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from waste management activities.**

# New Waste Plan: Proposed Vision



The Region of Durham will manage solid waste as a resource through innovation and adaptability to enhance environmental sustainability.

What we've heard so far:

- The vision should include reducing waste
- Unclear what solid waste is - maybe use municipal waste
- "I 100% love this direction"

# New Waste Plan: Proposed Objectives



## Objective #1: Increase diversion of waste from disposal and support the Circular Economy.

What we've heard so far:

- Extended Producer Responsibility will be helpful but must be enforced at provincial and federal level
- Expand what is accepted for recycling
- Direct resources from the waste stream to productive use
- 96.7% of respondents support this objective



## Objective #2: Support the Region's greenhouse gas reduction and climate change mitigation efforts.

What we've heard so far:

- Greenhouse gas reduction will happen if you do the other 3 proposed objectives
- It is difficult to make a direct correlation between climate change and waste management
- This is very broad – what are the Region's greenhouse gas reduction goals?
- 94.7% of respondents support this objective

# New Waste Plan: Draft Objectives



## Objective #3: Reduce the quantity of waste to be managed.

What we heard so far:

- If population is increasing how will the quantity of waste be reduced?
- Is this per capita?
- As long as this isn't reducing collection services
- 89.8% of respondents support this objective



## Objective #4: Protect or improve water, land, and air quality in Durham Region.

What we heard so far:

- This is the most important objective
- Land quality is hindered by recyclables blowing out of blue boxes on windy days
- 98.2% of respondents support this objective

# New Waste Plan: Other Suggested Objectives

Many residents suggested additional objectives for the Waste Plan:

- Reduce single use plastics
- More resident education - make it easier to understand what goes where
- Provide additional diversion options for multi-residential homes
- Make recycling mandatory and all waste disposal more convenient



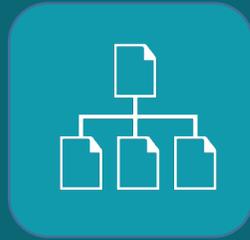
# New Waste Plan: Next Steps

Thank you for participating in the Town Hall



**Fall 2020**

All consultation feedback will be reviewed and a Waste Plan outline will be developed



**Winter/Spring 2021**

Council approves the Waste Plan outline which becomes a draft Waste Plan with 5-Year Action Plan



**Late Spring/  
Early Summer 2021**

We'll be holding more sessions to get your input on the draft Waste Plan and 5-Year Action Plan

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