

## **Appendix A – Letters of Support**



Health Sciences North  
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June 7, 2017

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Dear Chantal

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CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY  
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The Ontario Hospital Association's Waste Management Award recognizes a hospital that has reduced their environmental impact through waste prevention, reduction, or beneficial treatment. In addition to conventional waste diversion programs, the waste management award recognizes efforts to improve the environment, find alternative markets or end-users for waste materials, or reduce the impact of waste through waste processing.

Health Sciences North was one of the finalists for the Green Health Care Awards for 2015. To continue on the "green" path, we recognized that there are many other initiatives to reduce waste to landfill. One of which we will require the city's support and approval.

In the past 3 years we have reached out to the city to be part of the composting projects, sadly we were not successful in participating in the trial stages. We understand that the city may not be equipped to accept all of our compostable waste at this time. However we would like to be considered and included in the compost program so that we can meet our goal of a Green Health Sciences North by 2020.

We recognize that this endeavour will take some time to bring to fruition and there is some champions that will require some training. If we start small and increase as we become familiar with the process I am confident that we can meet the 2020 goal.

As we prepare for this venture we have gathered some metrics to assist the city in recognizing just how much the hospital is able to contribute to reducing waste to landfill.

We have estimated that, through two Tim Horton's on site, a large cafeteria and our food services department, we dispose of over 100kg of coffee grinds daily.

Starting our composting project this fall with the city's support would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach me at 705-523-7100 ext. 3050 or by e-mail [ddorion@hsnsudbury.ca](mailto:ddorion@hsnsudbury.ca)

Best Regards,

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Mark Browning  
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July 18, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this letter to add my encouragement to Sudbury City Council to institute a COMMERCIAL compost program for restaurants.

Since Tucos opened in late 2014 we have been committed to RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, and using a minimal of disposable products- thereby reducing as much as possible our environmental impact on our community. Initially, our compost was taken by a local farmer/gardener- but when he passed away in 2016, we were left with the choice to compost ourselves, or add our pure compost to the city landfill. We build a paddock on our property across the street to house the material, but it couldn't keep up with the volume generated. Two weeks ago, we had to swap our recycling bin for a garbage bin- the first time we've had to do this- primarily to dispose of compost. We generate on average 1-2 tons/week of compost- that is currently going into landfill. It bugs me to waste such excellent organic compost.

I know the City of Greater Sudbury is trying to reduce the volume coming into its landfill- hence the residential bag limit reduction from 3 to 2 bags. I believe a COMPOST PROGRAM for restaurants in particular will help further this endeavor dramatically. Our restaurant is used to composting so for us it will be easy- some other restaurants obviously will need some training but, I'm sure management/owners will be happy to reduce their costs.

I would be happy to volunteer my time to advise as needed on this project- and we'd be happy to start this IMMEDIATELY. As I said, every week of delay adds another 1-2 tons of organic compost into the City landfill where it is wasted.

Sincerely,

Mark Browning



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July 31, 2017

VIA EMAIL

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City of Greater Sudbury

Dear Ms. Wissell:

**Re: Letter of Support for the City of Greater Sudbury proposal to extend the municipal organic collection and composting Green Cart Program to the non-residential sector**

On behalf of the Sudbury & District Health Unit, please accept this letter of support for the City of Greater Sudbury proposal to extend the organic collection and composting Green Cart Program to the non-residential sector.

We are pleased that the City of Greater Sudbury is considering this expansion of the existing Green Cart Program in an effort to further reduce the amount of waste being sent to local landfills.

How waste is handled and reliance on landfills has many links to the environment and our health. For example:

- Organic matter that is dumped in landfills produces methane gas, a greenhouse gas that is 21 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> in terms of global warming. Composting organic matter is a better choice to mitigate the environmental and health effects of climate change.
- Building more landfills uses viable land that could remain untouched or used for developments that directly support local residents, such as recreational areas or local agriculture. Maximizing diversion options such as recycling and composting are important measures in reducing our reliance on landfills.

Increasing diversion of organics from non-residential sectors and reducing waste are very positive for Greater Sudbury residents and are significant steps in moving our community toward an environmentally sustainable future.

We are committed to working with partners such the City of Greater Sudbury, to foster healthy environments that support health for everyone. We support the expansion of the municipal organic collection and composting program to the non-residential sector and look forward to participating in future phases of this project.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jane Bulloch, Health Promoter, at 705.522.9200, ext. 764.

Sincerely,

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August 8, 2017

Nataly & team,

The Science North Green team has been working over the past several years to implement changes within our Centres to minimize the environmental impact of our operations on City run landfill sites. Some changes and improvements implemented by the team include; a battery recycling program, paper reduction program, installation of water bottle refill stations, hand dryer installations, and education for staff and visitors regarding proper disposal of garbage and recycling.

A goal for the Science North Green team is to continue our waste reduction by improving garbage and recycling collections both inside and outside the Centres. We are reaching out to your team to offer our support in the implementation of a Commercial Composting Program. The Science North Green team fully supports the implementation of a Commercial Composting Program through Greater Sudbury. A waste reduction program supported by the Centre has the potential to improve awareness with local visitors, as well as, visitors travelling from many other geographical locations within and outside Canada.

Yours Truly,

  
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cc: Members of Greater Sudbury Council

