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New in-ground collection system begins at Algonquin Park

Ontario's largest park has a new waste system using in-ground containers and early diversion results are encouraging.

In the 10 weeks since the program began in July, 42 tonnes of container recyclables, 31 tonnes of paper recyclables and 30 tonnes of organics have been collected.

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVWRC), located in Pembroke, was chosen in the spring as the successful bidder to provide the Ministry of Natural Resources with an integrated waste management system in Algonquin Park along the Highway 60 corridor.

In July, the OVWRC began collecting and receiving all four streams of park waste: paper and container recycling, organics and regular waste. All four streams are managed using the MOLOK deep-collection technology, replacing the traditional above-ground, bear-proof containers.

This program will assist the park in achieving its waste management goals, which include exceeding the provincial waste diversion target of 60%, providing convenient opportunities for park users to participate in diversion programs, and implementing best practices to improve efficiency, reduce costs and increase diversion.

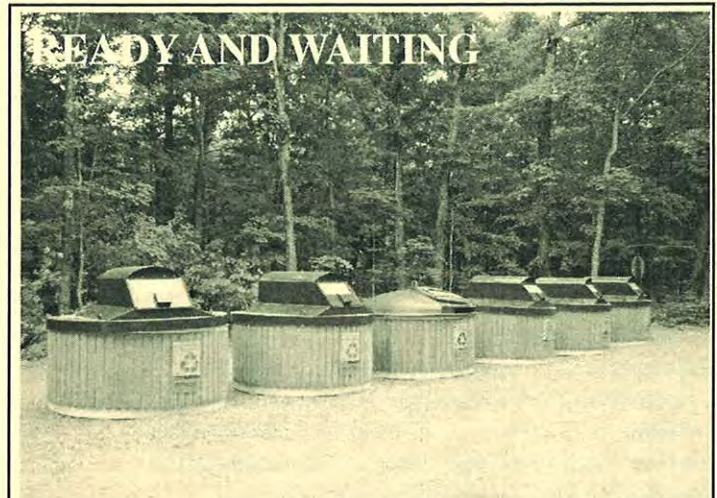
HIGHWAY CORRIDOR

MOLOK containers are used throughout the highway corridor to service campers, leaseholders, commercial facilities and park staff. Park visitors have access to paper recycling, container recycling, and regular garbage. Containers for organics diversion are currently only available for commercial operators in the park (i.e. lodges, youth camps, stores, etc.) with the possibility of expansion of organics diversion into campgrounds in the future. There are 129 of the special containers installed at 32 different sites throughout the park.

The OVWRC collects material using a truck equipped with a 30-yard roll-off compactor unit and crane to lift the containers out of the ground. All material is processed at the OVWRC's waste management facility.

The centre also assisted park staff with the extensive promotion and education (P&E) program to advise commercial users and park visitors on what was acceptable in each stream. The P&E program included signage on all the containers, a reference card used by staff and commercial operators, posters used throughout the campsites and common areas, and the development of a website.

For more information on Algonquin Park's program, please contact Elizabeth Graham, Communications Supervisor, at 613-735-7537, ext. 216 or egraham@ovwrc.com.



More than 100 tonnes of recyclables and organics were collected in the first 10 weeks of a new waste system in Algonquin Park using in-ground deep collection containers (Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Graham, OVWRC)

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