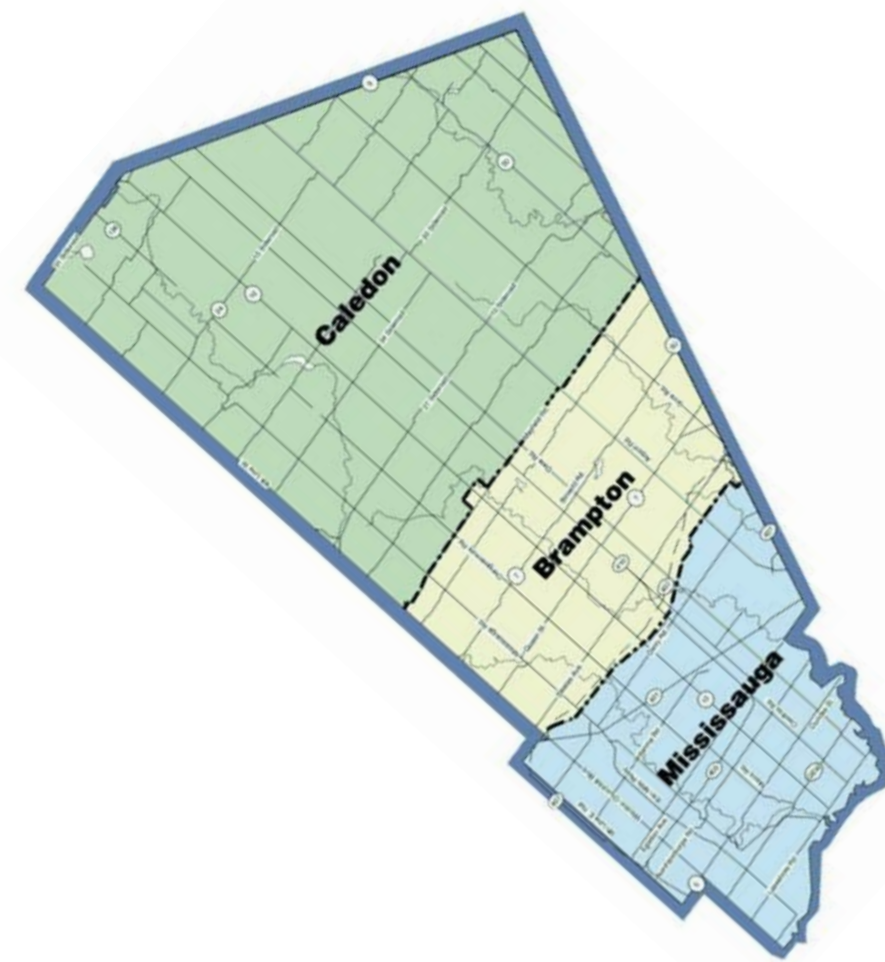


### Waste Management Division



The Regional council has adopted a **75% waste diversion target by 2034**. The Region of Peel's Waste Management division is committed to reduce the negative impact of waste by minimizing waste generation as one of its main objectives.



### Challenges and Opportunities for Waste Management

- Waste is a multi-faceted issue that requires collaboration and innovation from all sectors of society and across the entire product supply chain
- The lack of **harmonization** of waste management policies across Canada create challenges for businesses and residents to engage in waste reduction behaviours
- There is a shift towards **circular** thinking in the life cycle of products and in waste policies

### Contributions and Skills Gained

**Assisted with advancing the development of strategies that address food waste and single-use plastic waste reduction for the Region of Peel**

#### Food waste reduction

- Analyzed and identified gaps in various approaches taken by Waste Management to address food waste
- Conducted jurisdictional scan of food waste reduction initiatives in other municipalities and identified best practices
- Incorporated food literacy to support further behavioural changes from residents in support of food waste reduction

#### Single-use plastic waste reduction

- Conducted external stakeholder engagement
- Drafted reports on stakeholder's perspectives and concerns on single-use plastic waste
- Gained objective insight on single-use plastic waste reduction opportunities and challenges

### Key Takeaways



Strategies need to align with guiding principles, legislation, regulations and/or policies



Effective written communication needs to be clear, concise and tailored to the intended audience



Stakeholder engagement (such as engaging with local municipalities) is a necessary step in developing meaningful and effective strategies



Food waste and single-use plastic waste have significant impact on the three pillars of sustainability



The Region implements strategies within its jurisdictional limits and powers

