

### 1. What is the state of solid waste management currently in your community?

#### **Infrastructure & Equipment:**

- Do you have an open, unregulated land fill site?
- Do you have a fenced and supervised land fill site?
- Do you have a transfer-station?
- Do you have a reuse centre?
- Does your site have signage to ensure proper waste segregation?
- Does your community have the necessary equipment to carry out operations?
- What infrastructure & equipment needs does your community need to effectively manage waste?

#### **Current Practices & Services:**

- Do you have garbage curbside pickup service in your community?
  - Do you burn garbage?
  - Do you have recycling and what are you recycling i.e. pop cans, paper, electronics, tires?
  - Do you collect and compost organic materials?
  - Do you have stockpiles of divertable waste (e.g. End-of-life vehicles, scrap tires etc.)
  - Do you have regular monitoring and evaluation programs?
  - Is your environmental monitoring done by suitably qualified staff with appropriate training and experience?
  - Does your site accept hazardous waste? Where does your hazardous waste go?
  - Does your staff do regular waste screening & segregation? Random load checking?
  - Do you have staff trained on procedures?
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### **Community Health & Safety:**

- Do you have a problem with illegal dumping?
- Do you have proper containment to prevent contaminants from entering surrounding environment?
- Is leachate a threat to your surface or groundwater?
- How do you ensure the safety of the public, workers and the environment?
- Does your staff have proper personal protective equipment?
- Does your site have an eye wash station, first aid kit, fire extinguisher?
- Is your staff trained to respond effectively to emergencies?

### **Administrative: Regulatory & Law Making:**

- Do you have an existing policy or Solid Waste Management Plan?
- Do you have an Operations & maintenance plan?
- Do you have an emergency response plan?
- Do you maintain up to date and regular records?  
(e.g. Volumes, types of waste managed, investments and costs, etc.)

## **2. How much do you know about solid waste management? For example, do you know:**

- How to properly operate, maintain and close a land fill site, as well as post-closure monitoring;
  - How many land fill sites are in your territory;
  - What you recycle currently and what else you might be able to recycle;
  - How to manage a large-scale composting system;
  - How much illegal dumping might be happening and why;
  - About alternative solid waste management systems such as gasification, or incineration?
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### **3. How much do you know about levels of service and the cost for services? For example, do you know:**

- How much waste your community produces;
- What types of waste is being produced (i.e. household, hazardous, commercial, hospital, etc.);
- How the size or make up of your population is going to change within the next 10-20 years;
- How much it costs to operate a land fill site, transfer station, recycling facility or composting system;
- The range of pricing for solid waste management services;
- The return rate on recycled materials (i.e. how much do you get for a ton of aluminum cans)?

### **4. Do you know what to include in a service agreement on solid waste? For example, do you know:**

- If anyone in your group has ever negotiated a service agreement before;
- What services you wish to share and who will supply what;
- If your community needs additional infrastructure to be developed or upgraded and who would do that work;
- Where funding for the capital investment or cost of services will come from;
- What to do if a dispute with your partner arises in the implementation of the agreement?

### **5. Community engagement**

- How will you gather information and feedback from the community?  
(ex. focus groups, door-to door surveys)
  - How will your community set their Waste Management Goals, priorities and targets?
  - How do you intend to educate the community on your Solid Waste Plan & Waste Diversion programs? (ex. outreach materials, public meetings)
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## 6. Take away questions:

- What information do you still need to complete the profile?
- What data currently exists that could help determine quantities and composition of waste?
- Have you done a waste audit?
- What resources do you have available to complete your solid waste plan?
- How will you engage your community and leadership in the planning process?
- What promotion & education activities will you undertake to bring awareness and compliance with your plan?
- Champions –who will help? Are there community members, planning teams, committees, working groups?
- How will you engage youth, elders, students, general community members? To identify principles, goals and targets.
- If you intend to use a consultant, will you put capacity building into the scope of work?