

## Dufferin among top performers in waste diversion

Numbers released earlier this month by Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) for 2013 show that Dufferin County had one of the most efficient blue box programs in the Province and ranked among the top 21 of 226 municipalities for the amount of waste diverted from landfill during the first year of County authority for waste services.

In finding Dufferin had the province's second most efficient Blue Box Program, WDO employed the 'net cost per tonne of marketable recyclable material' as a measure that considers all expenses and revenues related to the blue box program and is a good indicator of the overall efficiency.

Dufferin's net cost per tonne of marketable recyclable material is \$109, which is the second lowest of the 226 municipalities across Ontario that reported to WDO.

Meanwhile, Dufferin's 2013 diversion rate of 53.68% was among the top 21 municipalities that achieved 50% or greater waste diversion from landfill within the province.

The top diversion rate of 69.15 per cent was achieved by the City of Guelph.

Dufferin ranked 14th overall within the province, and third when compared with the municipalities in WDO's Municipal Group of similar size, population density and program service.

The diversion rate measures the percentage of waste material that is prevented from going to landfill through diversion programs, such as the Blue Box, Green Bin, yard waste, hazardous, and electronic waste recycling.

'To be both a top performer, and one of the most efficient is great news. Dufferin residents should be very proud of their efforts,' said Mulmur Mayor Paul Mills, chair of the county's Public Works Committee.

The reported figures come from WDO's Municipal Datacall, which requires municipalities across Ontario to provide recycling and waste tonnages, program costs, revenues, and other program details to be eligible for Blue Box Program funding.