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# Waste Diversion at Special Events

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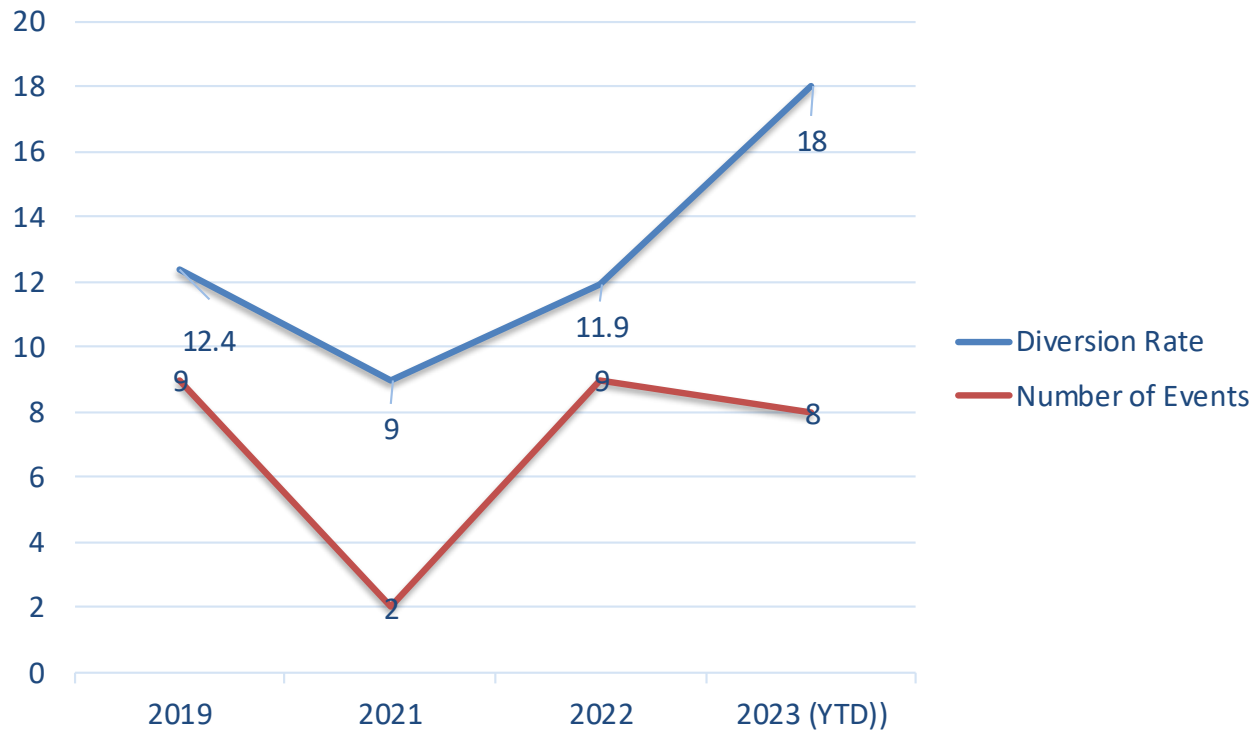
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## Current Program

- City provides waste support to events that are:
  - Expected to have between 15,000 to 100,000 attendees;
  - On City property; and
  - Coordinated by non-profit organizations
- Some events that don't meet criteria have historically received service
- Support includes providing:
  - Roll-off containers for the collection of garbage, recycling and organics at the end of the events
  - Carts for collecting recycling and organics throughout the event
  - Signage
  - Disposal at City facilities

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## Waste Diversion at Events



- Additionally, two to four events per year fail to divert any waste

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## Program Review

- As part of the 2020 Solid Waste Management Master Plan update, staff have been working to improve waste diversion at events
- Work included piloting different options and services to improve waste diversion at four events including:
  - Providing the option of using front-end containers to organizers of smaller events
  - Providing staff and equipment for waste sorting stations
  - Providing training to event organizers on waste diversion

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## Pilot Results:

- Front-end containers were proven to be a practical solution for smaller events
- Appropriate waste diversion occurred when City staff were on site running sorting stations but stopped once staff left
- Three sorting station tents provided by City went missing
- Event organizers need to be held more accountable for waste diversion and City equipment



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## New Program

To be eligible to receive support from City moving forward:

- Expected attendance between 1,000 to 100,000:
  - 1,000 to 15,000 to have combination of front-end containers (smaller) and roll-off containers (larger)
  - 15,000 to 100,000 to be provided with roll-off containers for all material
- Events must be on City property
- Events must be put on by non-profit organizations
- Events with multiple locations / insufficient areas for containers will not be eligible for service
- Events with food service / food trucks etc.

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## New Program (cont'd)

- Support subject to sufficient infrastructure at event location (i.e. space for containers)
- Events that are provided with diversion containers and do not divert waste / put forth sufficient effort to divert waste will no longer be eligible for support in the future and will be required to pay tipping fees for material not diverted
- Historical servicing will no longer determine future servicing
- Support is based on a first-come, first served basis due to resourcing
- City staff will not operate sorting stations

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## Next Steps

- Work with the Special Events Advisory Team (SEAT) to implement the revised program
- Update guide for event organizers with new program requirements
- Create an agreement for event organizers to receive City support