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Community compost program returning to Vernon in 2020

A popular compost program will return to Vernon this year.

At its Regular Meeting on January 27, Council approved funding for Phase 2 of a Compost Bin Program to divert household organic material from the landfill. The program will include the placement of six compost bins throughout the community. The bins will be supplied and emptied twice a week by the contractor, Spa Hills Compost.

On Monday, Council approved an expenditure of \$27,000 from the Climate Action Revolving Fund to support Phase 2 of the program.

“I’m excited that we are able to continue to provide this service,” said Mayor Victor Cumming. “The community has demonstrated strong support for composting and continuing the bin program will divert a substantial amount of organic material from the landfill. Organics diversion through composting can almost eliminate the Greenhouse Gas emissions associated with the disposal of food waste.”

City Administration will be selecting the bin locations over the next few weeks. Once the bin locations and a schedule are determined, the City will let the community know and provide information about how to use the bins.

In the summer of 2019, the City of Vernon conducted an organics collection pilot program with two bin locations to determine the level of interest from community members to compost household organic material. The program proved to be successful and showed that Vernon residents are passionate about diverting organic material from the landfill to reduce GHG emissions.

Once the six bins are placed for Phase 2, anyone can deposit their organic material in them. Acceptable materials include food scraps, paper and leaves and small amounts of garden trimmings. Glass, metal and plastic of any kind are not accepted. For more information on composting or residential pick up, please visit the Spa Hills Compost website at <https://spahillscompost.ca/>.