

Committee: Public Works, Environmental Services & Facilities

Date: February 18th, 2020

Department: Operations

Topic: Government Proposed Blue Box Administration Changes

Background: AMO is asking that Municipal Councils pass a resolution outlining the municipalities preferred date to transition from the Blue Box program to full producer responsibility by June 30, 2020. The requested resolution should outline the following:

- 1) Council's preferred date to transition based on exiting service provision.
- 2) Rationale for transition date.
- 3) Whether the municipality is interested in potentially continuing to provide services (e.g. contract management, collection, haulage, processing services, etc.) or not
- 4) Key contacts if there are any follow-up questions.

A sample resolution provided by AMO is attached for Council's consideration.

Considerations:

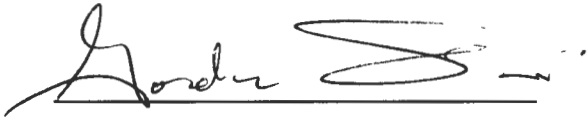
- 1) Regulation has not been passed at this point and negotiations are ongoing with respect to the types of materials that may be recycled. There are multiple unknowns that may affect administration of the new program.
- 2) Council's stated preference may not be the final determination of your transition date.
- 3) Council's interest level in being a contract administrator for the program or full step back from the program.
- 4) Council will need to consider extending the current contract with Waste Connections as it expires In February 2022.

Recommendations:

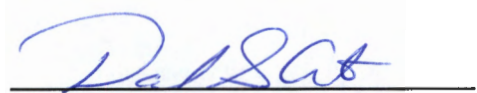
- 1) Council consider a transition date of January 2024. A third of the municipalities transition each year over the three-year phase-in period from January 2023 through December 31st, 2025. Since the contract between the Township and

Waste Connections is due to expire in February 2022, Waste Connections may find a two year contract more palatable.

- 2) Rationale for this start date is that there isn't enough information at this time to make an informed decision. Postponing commitment until year two will provide time to obtain greater insight into possible pitfalls and allow for mitigation.
- 3) Staff recommend allowing producers to assume control and operation of the system by working with municipalities and service providers.
- 4) Staff recommends The Director of Operations assume the role of Key Contact.

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Director of Operations

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TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

February 18, 2020

Resolution Number: 2020- _____

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Resolution on Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, and waterways is a growing area of public concern; and

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce greenhouse gases significantly; and

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes; and

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome; and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal is supportive of a timely, seamless and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal would like to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility by **select date between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025**).

AND FURTHER THAT this decision is based on the following rationale:

☐ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Unanimous

Mayor: _____

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor H. Cameron		
Councillor S. Dillabough		
Councillor J. Hunter		
Deputy Mayor T. Deschamps		
Mayor P. Sayeau		
TOTAL		

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1. **Include rationale based on analysis of contracts, assets, integrated waste management system or other considerations (e.g. collection contract for Blue Box materials expires on a specific date)**

AND FURTHER THAT the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal would be interested in providing collection services to producers, should the Township and the producers be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms.

AND FURTHER THAT any questions regarding this resolution can be directed to **supply contact name and details.**

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

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