

From: AMO President [mailto:amopresident@amo.on.ca]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 4:01 PM
Subject: Thank you for your resolutions with preferred timing for transition of your Blue Box program

Dear Mayor/Head of Council:

RE: Thank you for your resolutions with preferred timing for transition of your Blue Box program

In December 2019 I wrote to you requesting that your Council pass a resolution outlining the preferred date to transition your municipal Blue Box program to full producer responsibility if provided the opportunity to self-determine (between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025). I asked that resolutions be provided by June 30, 2020. Despite the challenges all of our communities have faced with the COVID-19 emergency, we have received over 160 resolutions which represents over 95% of the Province’s Blue Box program.

I want to thank each of you for providing this information to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and AMO.

We have attached a summary of the information we have received from each of you and I would ask that you review it and let us know by August 15, 2020 if there are any revisions or corrections required.

Please note: the attachment lists municipal programs as they report into the datacall. For some programs, this is completed as a group of municipalities under an Association (i.e. Bluewater Recycling, Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority etc.) or as an upper tier municipality where services are provided by both levels of government (i.e. Oxford County, York Region etc.). We have presented the date based on what the majority of members selected. However, in some cases there are discrepancies in the dates chosen by members within these groups. If your municipality finds itself in this situation, please take a look and discuss this with your peers in the Association or in your Region or County. Also note that all resolutions have been provided to Ministry as they were received.

The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks has already received this information and will be using it to inform their recommendations on the transition schedule in their draft Regulation which is expected by the end of the summer.

As you know, the transitions of the Blue Box programs to full producer responsibility are expected to occur with approximately one third of the program transitioning in each of 2023, 2024 and 2025. Based on the responses received, we have used the transition date you have proposed and allocated your program’s transition over a 12 month period. For example, a municipality that indicated a transition date of July 1, 2023 would have half of the program allocated to 2023 and the other half allocated to 2024. Based on this, the preferred timing indicated through Council resolutions provides for a measured transition over the three years, as shown in the Table below using a number of different criteria:

	Households	Population	Collected	Marketed	Gross Cost	Net Cost	Waste Generated
2023 *Represents 96 programs	39.98%	37.62%	37.82%	37.32%	38.68%	37.56%	38.91%
2024 *Represents 20 programs	28.56%	29.02%	28.36%	27.61%	27.56%	27.17%	28.66%
2025 * Represents 15 programs	24.24%	27.57%	28.82%	28.39%	25.48%	26.01%	28.85%

PLEASE NOTE that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will be making the final determination on the transition schedule.

Thank you again for your hard work to submit your resolutions by June 30 despite all of the challenges we have faced over the last several months.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Dave Gordon, Senior Advisor, at 416 389 4160 or dgordon@amo.on.ca or Amber Crawford, Policy Advisor, at 416 971 9856 extension 353 or acrawford@amo.on.ca.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Municipal Resolutions Summary