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Subject: Proposed Transition schedule for your Blue Box program to the new Full Producer Responsibility regulation

Dear Mayor/Head of Council,

Re: Proposed Transition schedule for your Blue Box program to the new Full Producer Responsibility regulation

I wanted to follow up with you regarding the proposed transition schedule for your Blue Box program to the new full producer responsibility regulation.

Minister Yurek [announced](#) the posting of the draft Blue Box resolution under the RRCEA. It will be [on the EBR for 45 days](#), and comments are due December 3, 2020. The draft regulation contains a proposed transition schedule for municipal blue box programs.

The announcement made the following clear:

- Communities that have a program today, regardless of size, will receive mandatory servicing by producers in the future,
- The program will be required to expand to all communities (with the exception of the far north) along with schools, long term care and retirement homes, parks and public spaces by 2026,
- Input from municipal governments about when they desired to transition was accommodated as much as possible, but not in all cases.

We are pleased the Minister responded to many of the concerns brought forward by municipal governments. He and this government should be commended for moving this important initiative forward. It will be helpful to continue to encourage that this regulation be approved in a manner that aligns with what municipal governments have advocated for many years – better environmental and economic outcomes.

Thanks to all of you for your work on this file and to the many of you who provided a resolution regarding your preferred date for transition. We have included an analysis of the preferred dates municipal Councils identified versus what is proposed in the draft regulation (Attached).

AMO worked diligently to ensure the Ministry had both a copy of all municipal resolutions passed related to the Blue Box transition, as well as, providing them with a full summary of resolutions.

We also met with the Ministry on multiple occasions to ensure they understood the list we had provided and why it was reasonable based on the recommendations in [David Lindsay's Mediation Report](#).

When the list of municipal government resolutions was prorated based on when in the year municipal governments wanted to transition (see Table below), the Ministry had a list that resulted in roughly one-third of the program transition per year. This was the stated objective from producers and industry to disperse the full cost over a three-year period.

	Total Households Served	Total Population	Collected	Marketed	Net Cost	Total Residential Waste Generated
2023 - resolutions	40.45%	38.00%	38.12%	37.78%	38.32%	38.91%
2024 - resolutions	29.14%	29.50%	28.73%	28.18%	27.94%	28.83%
2025 - resolutions	25.21%	28.45%	29.10%	29.35%	26.97%	29.69%
Total - resolutions	94.81%	95.96%	95.95%	95.31%	93.23%	97.43%

As we always reiterated in our correspondence with you, the final decision on the transition schedule rests with the provincial government. They have indicated that they used your preferred dates but also included geographical catchments, tonnes and costs to set the schedule.

We understand changes to transition dates could be problematic for some, especially based on contractual relationships or other issues. We would encourage you to ensure the Ministry is directly aware of your concerns and would appreciate it if you could copy us on your correspondence.

If you have any questions or require further details please contact Dave Gordon at 416 389 4160 or dgordon@amo.on.ca.

Sincerely,

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Mayor of the Town of Bracebridge