

Hello:

As you must all know by now, the provincial government announced on June 3, 2021 the new [Blue Box regulation 391/21](#) that launches a plan to move from the current municipality managed shared responsibility blue box model to one that is solely the responsibility of producers of printed paper, packaging, and packaging like products. On April 14, 2022, government released the [Blue Box regulation amendments 349/22](#) that further impacts how the new system will be delivered without any public consultations.

On your behalf, the Bluewater Recycling Association has been closely monitoring the implementation of the regulations to protect the interests and prepare its municipal members for the transition to the new system scheduled for April 1, 2024.

At this time, we would like to submit two reports for your information. The first report named “Blue Box Regulation Primer” is drafted to give the reader an understanding of the blue box program’s origins and the related legislations that has brought us here. The second report titled “Blue Box Transition Update - May 2022” is intended to give council and staff an overview of what we expect will happen as part of the implementation of the new regulation given the information available thus far and our interactions with all the stakeholders.

I am pleased to report that the Association has met all Municipal obligations to date and it will continue to do so on your behalf as we always have for the past three decades so you and your staff can rest assured that everything is under control. At this time, we know that everything will be status quo until April 1, 2024 and we expect that to be extended until December 31, 2025 with the exception of the producers paying most of the costs starting on April 1, 2024. This extension may require some approvals this fall because of the compressed timelines to proceed with implementation and as such your council may consider providing staff delegated authority for such an extension. Beyond that, we expect that all other decisions will be a consideration of the next council as changes will apply to January 1, 2026 and beyond.

We will continue to act on your behalf to protect your interests and those of your residents. Updates will be delivered as the implementation unfolds and significant information becomes available.

Thank you for your confidence as we navigate through this fundamental shift in policy.

Yours truly,

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