

JOINT RECYCLING COMMITTEE
June 10th, 2019
HAWKESBURY TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Normand Riopel, Chairperson, Mayor, Township of Champlain
Robert Kirby, Mayor, Township of East Hawkesbury
André Chamaillard, Councillor, Town of Hawkesbury
Paula Knudsen, Chief Administrator Officer, Township of Champlain
Luc Lalonde, Administrator Clerk-Treasurer, Township of East Hawkesbury
Daniel Gatien, Chief Administrator Officer, Town of Hawkesbury
Guillaume Boudrias, Technical Services Director, Town of Hawkesbury
Robert Lefebvre, Recycling Coordinator

Also Present: Robert Lessard, Recycle Action Inc.

Chairperson Normand Riopel called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Declaration – Conflict of Interest

Robert Lefebvre declared a pecuniary interest on page 21 and 22 of the Agenda being amounts for his consulting services for the months of February, March and April 2019. Robert Lefebvre also mentioned that he would withdraw from the meeting room during the presentation of the accounts and requested Paula Knudsen to act as the recording secretary during his absence.

Recycle Action Inc.

Robert Lessard mentioned that the problems continue to persist, being the lack of availability of markets for the sale of certain recyclable material.

Robert Lessard stated that he had been in contact with Carole Lavigne, Director of Economic Development for the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, who coordinates the agricultural plastic bale wrappings program. Robert Lessard mentioned that due to the maximum storage limit imposed by the Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on the property of Recycle Action Inc., Carole Lavigne has offered to investigate the possibility of storage of excess material on County property. However, it was also noted that storage of recyclable material off-site of Recycle Action Inc. would also have to be in compliance with regulations of the Ministry.

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Recycle Action Inc. (continuation)

Robert Lessard also mentioned that under their Environmental Youth Project that a sum of \$1,457 had been awarded to “L’École Secondaire Catholique Régionale de Hawkesbury” for the construction of wood gardens to grow produce.

Robert Kirby stated that at a recent conference, being the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, there was a Halifax-based company that had new technology for handling waste material and that representatives from this company would be making a presentation to County Council in the latter part of June of this year. Robert Kirby stated that this company is seeking a minimum quantity of material including payment of a tipping fee for their services. Robert Kirby mentioned that he would be providing further information as to the scheduling of this presentation.

Robert Lessard stated that the new Executive Director has recently started his new employment duties with Groupe Convex and that the agreement for the processing of recyclable material will be addressed in the very near future. Robert Lefebvre inquired from Robert Lessard as to whether our Agreement is the first one to expire that they have with their municipal clients. Robert Lessard confirmed that this was the situation and, as such, is taking longer for them to develop their proposal for pricing since it will be used for their other municipal clients. Robert Lessard mentioned that they have to consider market conditions including recyclable material that is no longer profitable or accepted by markets.

Chairperson Riopel thanked Robert Lessard for his continual update as to the current situation.

Adoption of minutes – May 13th, 2019

After a brief discussion as to the minutes of the meeting of May 13th, 2019 it was subsequently

Moved by: Paula Knudsen
Seconded by: André Chamailard

THAT the minutes of the meeting of May 13th, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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Tonnage Reports

The Recycling Coordinator stated that the material collected for the months of January to May 2019 was 591.60 tonnes in comparison to 587.72 tonnes for the same period the previous year, being an increase of 3.88 tonnes or 0.66%.

The Recycling Coordinator also stated that the tonnage of the electrical and electronic waste diverted from landfill sites by Recycle Action Inc. for the months of January to May 2019 was 34.35 tonnes in comparison to 42.73 tonnes for the same period the previous year, being a decrease of 8.38 tonnes.

Update – Recycling Vehicles

Luc Lalonde mentioned that the transmission of one of the recycling vehicles had to be dismantled and rebuilt and that it has now been received and will be re-installed. It was also mentioned that due to this truck being non-operative that the services of Mayer Sanitation Limited had to be used for six (6) days plus the use of GRS Sanitation in order to continue providing scheduled services. It has been estimated that with the repairs to the transmission including truck rentals that the costs will range in excess of \$20,000.

Accounts

Robert Lefebvre withdrew from the meeting room further to the declaration of a pecuniary interest and Paula Knudsen acted as Recording Secretary.

The accounts were presented to the Members of the Committee and it was

Moved by: André Chamailard
Seconded by: Paula Knudsen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts paid, as per Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of these minutes, be approved as presented to the Committee.

CARRIED

Robert Lefebvre returned to the meeting and assumed his duties as Recording Secretary.

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2019 Financial Report

Robert Lefebvre provided an update as to the revenues and expenditures of the joint recycling operations with the following comments being made:

- The total costs for the May 2019 household hazardous waste event was \$56,893; Robert Lefebvre indicated that last year's costs for the May 2018 event was similar, being \$55,649 and appears to be normal for spring events. The October events are usually less expensive with the costs being \$44,108 in 2018 and \$40,354 in October 2017;
- With respect to the repairs for the two (2) recycling vehicles the total combined costs is approximately \$10,000 as of April not including the current expenditures for the repairs to the transmission that could amount to \$15,000. With this expenditure, the costs to date would be approximately \$25,000 and the total combined budget for the year is \$45,000;
- The budget for the leasing of vehicles due to mechanical failure is \$15,000, however with the recent requirements for leasing of equipment, approximately two-thirds of the budget has now been expended;
- Based upon current projections and assuming fuel prices remain relatively stable that the 2019 budget of \$60,000 should be adequate; and
- The grant claims have been made for the May 2019 household hazardous waste event and are consistent with past claims with respect to amounts to be received.

Robert Lefebvre mentioned that the other expenditures are consistent and within prorated budgetary expenditures and will continue to be monitored.

Household Hazardous Waste Day Activities

Robert Lefebvre stated that the next event is scheduled for October 5th, 2019 and that the school "Le Sommet" will be invited to participate and that he would be contacting them.

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Mayer Sanitation – Contracting Services

At the last meeting of the Joint Recycling Committee dated May 13th, Guillaume Boudrias had been mandated by the Committee to contact Mayer Sanitation as to their possibility in providing collection services.

Since Guillaume Boudrias mentioned that he had obtained preliminary estimates of costing from Mayer Sanitation and that the same could be the subject of future negotiations. It was therefore

Moved by: Paula Knudsen
Seconded by: Luc Lalonde

THAT a closed meeting of the Joint Recycling Committee be held for the purpose of discussing pricing as to the possible contracting of services for the collection of recyclable material to Mayer Sanitation Limited.

CARRIED

It was subsequently

Moved by: Luc Lalonde
Seconded by: Paula Knudsen

THAT the meeting of the Joint Recycling Committee be re-opened.

CARRIED

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WASTE-FREE ONTARIO ACT 2016

Robert Lefebvre indicated that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks had appointed a Special Advisor on Recycling and Plastic Waste to immediately address a number of issues, being the serious problem of plastic pollution and litter, improving recycling and also increasing the number of products that can go into the blue box.

Robert Lefebvre mentioned that the most important task of the new Special Advisor will be to act as a mediator to bring producers and municipalities together in reaching an agreement on key issues of producer responsibility. In addition, the mandate of the Special Advisor will also be in an advisory capacity in order to provide advice to the Minister on how other issues may be addressed in the overall recycling system.

Robert Lefebvre mentioned that the Special Advisor has been given until July 20, 2019 to advise the Minister as to the issues that have been agreed upon and recommendations as to how to address outstanding issues. A copy of the letter from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to David Lindsay, Special Advisor, is attached hereto including a copy of the News Release and are both identified as Schedule “B” to these minutes of the Committee.

Service Agreement – Mike’s Waste Disposal Inc. - Collection – Part of Ward 4 – Champlain

Paula Knudsen stated that she had a conversation with Mike’s Waste Disposal Inc. regarding the upcoming changes in recycling as it relates to full producer responsibility and that the terms and condition of the existing collection contract for a portion of pickup of recycling material would require changes.

Paula Knudsen stated that Mike Sauvé indicated his interest in continuing to provide services and is also willing to discuss and negotiate any matters relating to the pickup of recyclable material.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Hawkesbury and Area Joint Recycling Committee is scheduled for August 26th, 2019 at 8:30 am.

Adjournment

This meeting of the Recycling Committee was adjourned at 9:26a.m. on a motion by André Chamailard and seconded by Paula Knudsen.



NORMAND RIOPEL
CHAIRPERSON

ROBERT LEFEBVRE
RECYCLING COORDINATOR

Schedule "A" to the minutes of the Joint Recycling Committee dated June 10th, 2019

Invoice Release List - Summary



Date : May 15, 2019 Time : 8:06 am

Account Code : 2 - HAWK. REGIONAL BOARD OF WASTE M

Supplier Code & Name	Invoice No.	Batch Description	Invoice AMT	Released AMT	Cheque AMT
ONTARIO INC					
133	133	FLUID H3 / AZOLLA TRUCK #16-#17	269.70	269.70	
133	133	CLEAR DIESEL- 918.2 LITRES	992.84	992.84	
133	133	CLEAR DIESEL- 938.6 LITRES	1,015.64	1,015.64	
Supplier Inv. Total :			2,278.18	2,278.18	2,278.18
BENSON					
133	133	ACHAT SHOP SUPPLIES-CHAIN CL	295.86	295.86	
133	133	SHOP SUPPLIES LOCKING CHAIN	-49.03	-49.03	
133	133	ACHAT SHOP SUPPLIES- CLAM LO	37.48	37.48	
Supplier Inv. Total :			284.31	284.31	284.31
CANADIAN TIRE 157					
133	133	RECYCLING GARAGE TOOL DEWA	259.89	259.89	
Supplier Inv. Total :			259.89	259.89	259.89
COMMERCIAL TRUCK REPAIR INC					
133	133	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS TRU	388.38	388.38	
133	133	TRUCK # 17 - MAINTENANCE AND	97.80	97.80	
Supplier Inv. Total :			486.18	486.18	486.18
IKO INDUSTRIES LTD					
133	133	WEIGH SCALE- 39 WEIGH SLIPS (440.70	440.70	
Supplier Inv. Total :			440.70	440.70	440.70
KING GARAGE					
133	133	TRUCK #16 -MAINTENANCE AND R	2,206.89	2,206.89	
Supplier Inv. Total :			2,206.89	2,206.89	2,206.89
LEFEBVRE ROBERT					
133	133	ADMINISTRATION FEES - AS PER 2	2,399.00	2,399.00	
Supplier Inv. Total :			2,399.00	2,399.00	2,399.00
PIECES HYDRAULIQUES MENARD INC					
133	133	TRUCK #16 - MAINTENANCE AND F	408.86	408.86	
Supplier Inv. Total :			408.86	408.86	408.86
RECYCLE ACTION					
133	133	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 25.	1,699.07	1,699.07	
133	133	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 27.	1,868.57	1,868.57	
133	133	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 24.	1,628.56	1,628.56	
133	133	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 25	1,825.18	1,825.18	
133	133	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 2	1,696.36	1,696.36	
Supplier Inv. Total :			8,717.74	8,717.74	8,717.74
TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN					
133	133	RECYCLING SERVICES-WEST HAV	2,454.46	2,454.46	
Supplier Inv. Total :			2,454.46	2,454.46	2,454.46

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Supplier Code & Name

Invoice No.	Batch No.	Batch Description	Invoice AMT	Released AMT	Cheque AMT
N06 TOWNSHIP OF EAST HAWKESBURY					
03	133	SAL/BEN/SUPER/HOUSING/ FOR M	23,825.97	23,825.97	
Supplier Inv. Total :			23,825.97	23,825.97	23,825.97
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Grand Total : 20 Invoice(s) 11 Cheque(s)			43,762.18	43,762.18	43,762.18

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Supplier Code & Name

Invoice No.	Batch No.	Batch Description	Invoice AMT	Released AMT	Cheque AMT
1443ONTINC 1443635 ONTARIO INC					
621551	130	CLEAR DIESEL- 1217.4 LITRES	1,314.59	1,314.59	
623472	130	CLEAR DIESEL-1262.5 LITRES	1,433.34	1,433.34	
Supplier Inv. Total :			2,747.93	2,747.93	2,747.93
BENS03 BENSON					
11589166	130	TRUCK # 17 - MAINTENANCE TRUC	86.16	86.16	
11589167	130	TRUCK # 17 - MAINTENANCE AND	119.95	119.95	
11589441	130	TRUCK #16 - MAINTENANCE AND F	103.46	103.46	
Supplier Inv. Total :			309.57	309.57	309.57
COMM05 COMMERCIAL TRUCK REPAIR INC					
IC27506	130	TRUCK #16 - MAINTENANCE AND F	299.47	299.47	
Supplier Inv. Total :			299.47	299.47	299.47
HERB02 HERB'S TOWING					
113124	130	TRUCK #16 -MAINTENANCE AND R	593.25	593.25	
Supplier Inv. Total :			593.25	593.25	593.25
KING01 KING GARAGE					
112047	130	TRUCK # 17 -MAINTENANCE AND F	141.25	141.25	
Supplier Inv. Total :			141.25	141.25	141.25
LEFE01 LEFEBVRE ROBERT					
02-2019	130	ADMINISTRATION FEES - AS PER 2	2,399.00	2,399.00	
03-2019	130	ADMINISTRATION FEES - AS PER 2	2,399.00	2,399.00	
Supplier Inv. Total :			4,798.00	4,798.00	4,798.00
RECY01 RECYCLE ACTION					
RA-10001	130	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 21.	1,465.84	1,465.84	
RA-10009	130	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 26	1,791.28	1,791.28	
RA-9998	130	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 25	1,741.78	1,741.78	
Supplier Inv. Total :			4,998.90	4,998.90	4,998.90
TOWN06 TOWNSHIP OF EAST HAWKESBURY					
REC-02	130	SAL/BEN/SUPER/HOUSING/ FOR M	23,252.82	23,252.82	
Supplier Inv. Total :			23,252.82	23,252.82	23,252.82
Grand Total : 14 Invoice(s) 8 Cheque(s)			37,141.19	37,141.19	37,141.19

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Supplier Code & Name

Invoice No.	Batch No.	Batch Description	Invoice AMT	Released AMT	Cheque AMT
1443ONTINC 1443635 ONTARIO INC					
627074	172	CLEAR DIESEL- 1066.90 LITRES	1,211.03	1,211.03	
627309	172	FLUIDS- AZOLLA Z5 32 19L - TRUCK	919.46	919.46	
627506	172	CLEAR DIESEL- 1642.30 LITRES	1,884.19	1,884.19	
628059	172	CLEAR DIESEL- 705.90 LITRES	806.60	806.60	
628356	172	CLEAR DIESEL- 1057.10 LITRES	1,241.95	1,241.95	
Supplier Inv. Total :			6,063.23	6,063.23	6,063.23
AGRI04 AGRI-HOSE CORP					
535	172	TRUCK # 17 - MAINTENANCE AND	357.76	357.76	
606	172	TRUCK # 17 - MAINTENANCE AND	454.40	454.40	
Supplier Inv. Total :			812.16	812.16	812.16
DELO01 GESTION DELOITTE S.E.C.					
8000499273	172	2018-AUDIT FEES	8,729.25	8,729.25	
Supplier Inv. Total :			8,729.25	8,729.25	8,729.25
GILL01 GILLES R. MAYER SANITATION LTD					
52864	172	COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE AP	1,113.05	1,113.05	
Supplier Inv. Total :			1,113.05	1,113.05	1,113.05
HAWK03 HAWKESBURY AUTO PARTS INC					
074-630299	172	SHOP SUPPLY-GANTS	13.54	13.54	
074-632232	172	SHOP SUPPLY-10 PAIRS DE GANT	97.97	97.97	
Supplier Inv. Total :			111.51	111.51	111.51
IKO01 IKO INDUSTRIES LTD					
907734	172	WEIGH SCALE- 44 WEIGH SLIPS	497.20	497.20	
Supplier Inv. Total :			497.20	497.20	497.20
LEFE01 LEFEBVRE ROBERT					
05-2019	172	ADMINISTRATION FEES - AS PER 2	2,399.00	2,399.00	
16-2019	172	MILEAGE EXPENSES-APRIL 2019	217.50	217.50	
Supplier Inv. Total :			2,616.50	2,616.50	2,616.50
LERE01 LE REGIONAL NEWSPAPER					
40217	172	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS ADD IN	593.25	593.25	
Supplier Inv. Total :			593.25	593.25	593.25
MICH01 MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA (CANADA) INC					
DA0007079664	172	TRUCK # 17 - MAINTENANCE AND	1,518.72	1,518.72	
Supplier Inv. Total :			1,518.72	1,518.72	1,518.72
MIKE01 MIKE'S WASTE DISPOSAL INC.					
31413	172	COLLECTION OF BLUE BOX - MAR	90.40	90.40	
Supplier Inv. Total :			90.40	90.40	90.40
PIEC02 PIECES HYDRAULIQUES MENARD INC					

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Supplier Code & Name

Invoice No.	Batch No.	Batch Description	Invoice AMT	Released AMT	Cheque AMT
856274	172	TRUCK # 17 - MAINTENANCE AND	42.01	42.01	
Supplier Inv. Total :			42.01	42.01	42.01

RECY01 RECYCLE ACTION

RA-10195	172	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 28.	1,903.15	1,903.15	
RA-10205	172	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 24.	1,631.27	1,631.27	
RA-10208	172	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 32.	2,227.91	2,227.91	
RA-10218	172	PROCESSING RECYCLABLES - 28	1,915.35	1,915.35	
Supplier Inv. Total :			7,677.68	7,677.68	7,677.68

TOWN05 TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN

1048	172	RECYCLING SERVICES-WEST HAV	1,966.19	1,966.19	
Supplier Inv. Total :			1,966.19	1,966.19	1,966.19

TOWN06 TOWNSHIP OF EAST HAWKESBURY

REC-04	172	SAL/BEN/SUPER/HOUSING/ FOR M	22,122.27	22,122.27	
WAJAXCC5189	172	TRUCK #16 - MAINTENANCE AND F	708.68	708.68	
Supplier Inv. Total :			22,830.95	22,830.95	22,830.95

Grand Total : 25 Invoice(s) 14 Cheque(s) **54,662.10** **54,662.10** **54,662.10**



Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Ontario To Tackle Plastic Litter and Waste & Revamp Recycling

Government Appoints Special Advisor on Recycling and Plastic Waste

June 7, 2019 11:00 A.M.

TORONTO — Ontario is protecting what matters most by tackling the serious problem of plastic pollution and litter that is increasingly plaguing our parks, highways, lakes and rivers.

Ontario has engaged David Lindsay as a Special Advisor on Recycling and Plastic Waste to urgently address these issues. Mr. Lindsay will provide Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, a report this summer on how to tackle plastic waste and litter, improve recycling, increase products that can go into the blue box, and ensure producers are responsible for managing plastic and other packaging at end-of-life.

"Ontario families take pride in doing their part for the environment. In fact, our own city of Kitchener was the birthplace of the world's first Blue Box program," said Minister Phillips. "Knowing this, I was disappointed to learn that, while Ontario families work to sort and recycle properly, government and industry are failing them. Ontario's recycling rates have been stalled for 15 years and up to 30 per cent of what is put into blue boxes is sent to landfill. Not to mention, recent stories highlight how some of Ontario's plastic waste is being unsustainably shipped across the ocean to the Philippines and Malaysia."

Mr. Lindsay currently serves as President and CEO of the Council of Ontario Universities. Prior to this, he was President and CEO of the Forest Products Association of Canada and of Colleges Ontario, an advocacy organization for the province's 24 colleges of applied arts and technology. Mr. Lindsay also served Ontarians as a former Deputy Minister for several Ontario ministries over the course of six years, including Natural Resources and Northern Development, Mines and Forestry.

"I'm looking forward to helping Ontario's municipalities and producers work together to address plastic litter and improve recycling in our province," said David Lindsay. "Having stakeholders come together to identify concerns and find solutions will be integral to reinvigorating the province's Blue Box Program and solving the problem of plastic litter and waste."

In the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan, Ontario committed to transitioning the costs of the Blue Box Program away from municipal taxpayers to make the producers of products and

packaging fully responsible. Shifting to producer responsibility will obligate producers across the province to pay for and manage their materials. It will also enable the common list of what can be recycled across the province. This is a cost-effective and accountable way to promote innovation and ensure Ontarians' recycling efforts are more effective, resulting in increased recycling and diversion rates.

Reducing plastic waste and litter and making producers responsible for the end-of-life management of their products is a key part of our Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan to balance a healthy economy and a healthy environment and keep our province clean and beautiful for current and future generations.

QUICK FACTS

- In the open-facing letter to the Special Advisor, the Minister has requested that work be guided by the following public policy objectives:
 - Standardization across the province of what can be recycled in offices, parks, public spaces and homes;
 - Improve diversion rates and increase what materials can be recycled;
 - Reduce litter and waste in communities and parks;
 - Improve Ontario's Blue Box Program by requiring producers to pay for the recycling of the products they produce, through achieving producer responsibility;
 - Maintain or improve frequency of Blue Box collection; and
 - When increasing diversion in the residential sector, consider how these policies can also enable diversion in the institutional, commercial and industrial sector.
- The current Blue Box Program has been in place since the 1980s and had world-renowned success in recovering residential printed paper and packaging for recycling. However, Ontario's waste diversion rates have stalled at just over 60 per cent for the past 15 years.
- Blue Box costs are expected to increase by approximately \$10 million per year after 2019.
- Based on 2017 costs, municipalities would save about \$125 - \$175 million annually once full producer responsibility for the Blue Box Program is put in place.
- It is estimated that almost 10,000 tonnes of plastic debris enter the Great Lakes each year.
- Ontario posted a discussion paper: [Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities](#) on the Environmental Registry from March 6 to April 20, 2019 and received close to 18,000 comments, which are currently being reviewed to inform next steps.

LEARN MORE

- Read the [Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan](#)
- Read the [Waste Discussion Paper](#)

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June 7, 2019

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

I would like to express my appreciation to you for agreeing to volunteer to help the people of Ontario and their government tackle the serious problem of plastic pollution, a key commitment in the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan.

Ontario families take pride in doing their part for the environment. Ontarians are leaders in Canada in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our own city of Kitchener was the birthplace of the world's first Blue Box program. Knowing this, I was disappointed to learn that, while Ontario families do their part by diligently sorting their recycling, government and industry are failing them.

Today, Ontario's recycling rates have been stalled for 15 years and up to 30% of what is put into blue boxes is sent to landfill. Some of Ontario's plastic litter and waste is being shipped across the ocean to the Philippines and Malaysia. Meanwhile, plastic and other litter is increasingly plaguing our parks, highways, rivers and lakes.

This is unacceptable—both industry and government must do better.

It is for these reasons that I look forward to you providing me with advice on how to improve recycling through the Blue Box Program and better manage plastic pollution.

In addition, I ask that your work be guided by the following public policy objectives:

- Standardization across the province of what can be recycled in offices, parks, public spaces and homes;
- Improve diversion rates and increase what materials can be recycled;
- Reduce litter and waste in communities and parks;
- Improve Ontario's Blue Box program by requiring producers to pay for the recycling of the products they produce, through achieving producer responsibility; and
- Maintain or improve frequency of Blue Box collection.
- When increasing diversion in the residential sector, consider how these policies can also enable diversion in the institutional, commercial and industrial sector.

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Your work will consist of two roles: a mediation role where you, as an impartial mediator, will foster discussion and help producers, municipalities and other stakeholders to move closer to or reach agreement on key issues; and an advisory role, where you will provide me with advice on how these issues may be best addressed to ensure Ontario's recycling system is more consistent, reliable and cost-effective for Ontarians.

To assist you in this work, I have also requested a jurisdictional review on how leading jurisdictions are employing innovative technologies to improve recycling efficiency and diversion rates for you to consider.

The current Blue Box Program has been in place since the 1980s and had great early, world-renowned success in recovering residential printed paper and packaging for recycling. In recent years, however, waste diversion rates have stalled in Ontario and been surpassed in other provinces. Meanwhile the costs to operate the program are rising.

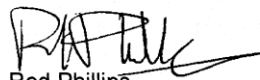
While many countries used to take our recycled material, they are increasingly shutting their doors. In 2018, China launched "National Sword", a policy which bans the importation of many recycled plastics and other materials – including from Ontario. This has resulted in increased recycling costs, increased material being sent to landfill, and more plastic litter and waste in our communities.

Mandating producer responsibility will allow for a province-wide obligation for producers to pay for and manage their materials. It will also allow for a single common list of what can be recycled across the province. This system is a cost-effective and accountable way to promote innovation and to make sure that Ontarians' efforts to recycle are more effective, resulting in increased recycling and diversion rates.

At the conclusion of your work, please provide me with a report that outlines where the parties reached agreement and your recommendation on how to address any outstanding issues by July 20, 2019.

Thank you again for volunteering your time to help government and industry live up to the expectations of Ontarians when it comes to plastic pollution and recycling.

Regards,



Rod Phillips
Minister