



## THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

**Subject:** Bruce County Waste Management Update

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**Report:** The Waste Management Update Report is for information. Due to legislative changes, a number of programs are being amended.

**Background:**

**Waste Free Ontario Act**

The Waste Free Ontario Act was proclaimed on November 30, 2016, repealing the Waste Diversion Act, 2002 and signaling a new era in waste management and producer responsibility in Ontario. The Waste Free Ontario Act consists of two key pieces of legislation:

- Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA), 2016; and
- Waste Diversion Transition Act (WDTA), 2016.

The “A Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario – Building a Circular Economy” was released in February 2017 which outlined key objectives of the Act with proposed waste diversion priorities and transition timing for existing and future diversion programs. These include:

- Transition of full Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for designated materials in an orderly and smooth transition, with no impact on program activities
- Transition to full EPR for blue box materials
- Disposal bans on organics and other materials
- Greater emphasis on waste reduction and reuse
- Zero greenhouse emissions from the waste sector
- EPR programs for mattress, textiles, carpets and construction and demolition waste

A full EPR program means that producers of the material are responsible for the design, operation and financing of diversion programs.

Transitioning programs include:

- Winding up existing program under the Waste Diversion Transition Act (WDTA)

- Putting in place regulations under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA) to make producers fully responsible.

Used Tires	New Regulation in effect January 1 2019
Electronics (WEEE)	Regulation comes into force July 1 2020
Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW)	Regulation comes into force January 1 2021
Blue Box	Program wind up letter expected in early 2019

### **Used Tires**

The Used Tires Program was the first to transition under the new regulation, and has resulted in the following changes:

- Municipalities are not required to be a collector
- Collectors are not provided compensation for collecting, handling and storing tires
- Collectors must accept a minimum 10 tires per day and tires with rims are accepted at no cost
- Collectors cannot charge for accepting tires
- Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority - Find a Collector Tool <https://rpra.ca/programs/tires/collectionsites/>

### **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)**

- In February 2019, the then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change directed Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) to wind up the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) program on June 30, 2020
- Wind up plan was submitted and is under review, final plan approval is expected in June 2019
- Single use batteries will wind up with the electronics program, not the MHSW program
- Review if new program will consider expanding the current program to include additional electronic waste, the compensation changes relating to this program as unknown at this time.

### **Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste (MHSW)**

- In December 2018, the Minister of Environment, Conservation & Parks amended timelines associated with the wind up of the MHSW program
- Wind up plan must be submitted no later than June 30, 2019
- Review if new legislation will consider expanding the current program to ensure hazardous and toxic material are properly managed to reduce negative environmental impacts.
- Feasibility of a permanent MHSW depot will be on hold until the new legislation is finalized

### **Blue Box Program Plan**

- The Blue Box Program still needs to be transitioned

- Work to amend the blue box program plan occurred in 2017 and 2018, unfortunately a successful plan could not be reached
- Focus has switched to pursuing a blue box regulation under RRCEA similar to the other EPR programs
- Will be a complex transition, with an estimated timeline from 2019 to 2024

The County and municipalities will continue to review and discuss the ongoing changes to waste diversion programs as a result of regulation changes, which will have varying degrees of impact on the programs.