

Blue Box Transition Update Next Steps

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Current Shared Industry Funding



Future Full Producer Responsibility



Transition Period vs. Post-Transition

Transition Period

- July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025 (**Region of Waterloo transitions March 2, 2024**)
- Producers will assume operational and fiscal responsibility for all Eligible Communities throughout the Transition Period on dates provided by the Ministry
- Producers will be responsible for communications, replacing blue boxes and dealing with complaints/concerns from residents
- Eligible communities can choose to negotiate with CM to continue service delivery or fully divest their responsibility

Post Transition

- January 1, 2026 & thereafter
- Producers will be fully responsible for operating and financing the blue box program in all Ontario municipalities
- Producers will be responsible for communications, replacing blue boxes and dealing with complaints/concerns from residents
- Producers will have increased responsibilities and targets as set out in O. Reg 391/21
- Eligible communities could choose to negotiate with CM to continue service delivery or fully divest their responsibility

2023

2024

2025

2026

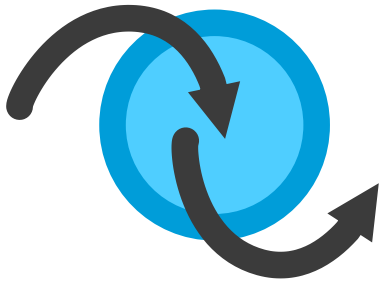
Voluntary Opt In or Out for Transition Period

During the Transition Period, Eligible Communities may **OPT IN** to provide collection services by accepting the Master Services Agreement and the Statement(s) of Work being offered by CM

Eligible Communities may also **OPT OUT** of providing services during the Transition Period and CM will secure arrangements with an alternate service provider

Region of Waterloo recommending to OPT OUT due to significant operational and financial risks.

In either case, consideration of how to manage non-eligible locations and materials through transition as per the new regulation need to be determined.

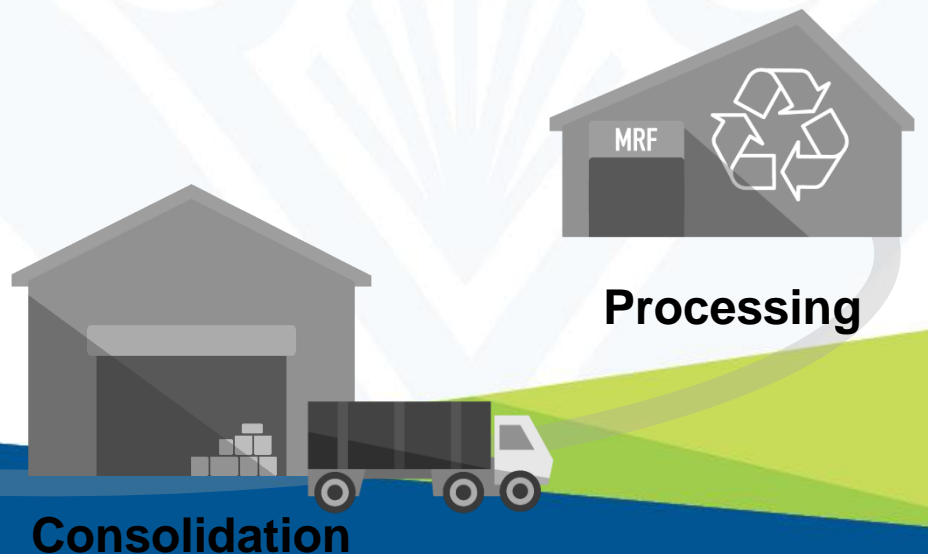


**Non-Competitive
Service Agreement**
(transition period only)



**Promotion &
Education**

Collection



Non-Eligible Sources

- CM not responsible to service these sources as part of the new regulation
- Approximately 1,500 to 2,000 non-eligible sources are serviced through our existing residential blue box program such as downtown businesses, places of worship and commercial buildings along residential collection routes
 - During the Transition Period, CM will allow continued service to non-eligible sources if communities that opt-out to arrange agreements directly with the collection contractors
 - After the Transition Period (post 2026), CM will not allow blended collection of non-eligible and eligible materials and we will need to decide whether to continue servicing these non-eligible sources separately at our cost



Overview of Future Common Collection System

Collection

CM will ensure curbside collection for Eligible Sources continues seamlessly through existing contractors (including customer service resolution) **clarification of eligibility/cost options for BB materials dropped off at public depots required*

Blue Box Collection Service



Receiving Facility



Consolidation

CM will require collection contractors to deliver materials to the designated RF (Waste Management Canada – Waterloo Transfer Station) **use of Region sites for transfer of BB materials by curbside contractors may be required*

Materials are consolidated at the RF

PROs will transfer the consolidated materials to a material recycling facility (MRF)

Common Collection System

Collection & hauling to a designated Receiving Facility (RF) and consolidation of materials at the RF

Next Steps

- Notify CM of Council's approval to officially "opt-out" of collection for transition
- Negotiate pricing with our curbside contractors to continue to collect blue box materials through the transition period from non-eligible sources that we currently service
- Evaluate options and cost implications to manage blue box materials through transition that are currently dropped off at our public drop-off facilities in Cambridge and Waterloo
- Negotiate pricing with existing curbside contractors to provide blue box material transfer services at our Cambridge and Waterloo waste management facilities through transition (as required)
- Development of an education campaign to assist with the transition process
- Provision of another update report to Committee in the fall of 2023



Questions



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