



EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY/WASTE PROGRAMS REVIEW

Issue

The Extended Producer Responsibility/Waste Programs Review is provided for Council's information.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Extended Producer Responsibility/Waste Programs Review be received as information

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The Town is required to declare its intent on whether it will act as a service provider for single-use products, packaging, paper products, and Hazardous and Special Products as a part of Alberta Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program.

Administration is completing a review of the current programs it offers and waste service levels with a view to align any changes with the changes resulting from EPR.

Extended Producer Responsibility shifts the cost of recycling materials like single-use products, packaging, paper products (PPP), and Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) away from municipalities and Albertans to the producers and manufacturers who supply those products into the marketplace. PPP includes the following materials from the residential sector:

- paper products such as newspapers, packaging, cardboard, printed paper, and magazines;
- plastics (both rigid and flexible); and
- metal and glass.

The Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA), as the oversight body, will be the central information hub for the EPR Program.

Alberta's EPR Program does not include PPP from the industrial, commercial, and institutional sectors. PPP materials regulated under existing regulated stewardship programs (beverage containers, electronics, paint, tires, and used oil materials) are not included in EPR PPP to avoid duplicating requirements.

Circular Materials is the national not-for-profit organization responsible for implementing and managing the PPP portion of the new EPR Program in Alberta.

The second system of the new EPR Program is HSP which includes the following:

- consumer-sized solid, liquid, and gaseous products that are flammable, corrosive, and toxic;
- batteries; and
- pesticides.

The program does not include HSP products sold in industrial sizes (over 10L/kg). HSP materials regulated under existing regulated stewardship programs (beverage containers, electronics, paint, tires, and used oil materials) are not included in the EPR HSP framework to avoid duplicating requirements.

Call2Recycle and Product Care are currently identified as being responsible for implementing and managing the HSP portion of the new EPR Program in Alberta.

Transition Timelines

The transition timeline for full implementation of the PPP as follows:

PPP transition is scheduled to begin by April 1, 2025 and HSP transition is scheduled to begin by October 1, 2025.

The timelines to provide feedback to Circular Materials and ARMA on what role the municipality will take on the implementation of EPR has been extended.

Program Review

The implementation of EPR is expected to impact waste utility rates and potentially service levels. A review of all solid waste programs is underway with the intent to identify synergies, cost efficiencies and opportunities of potential service delivery changes. This review will include the following areas:

- Eco Centre
- Cart collection models (Bi-weekly pickup)
- Cart sizes
- Industrial, Commercial & Institution (ICI) programs
- Multi Residential (MR) programs
- Route modification
- Pay-as-you-throw (PAYT)
- Utility Rate update

An overview of potential service delivery changes will be brought to a future Governance and Priorities Committee meeting for consideration. Administration would recommend aligning proposed changes to the waste services delivery model with the rollout of EPR in 2025 to minimize community impacts.

Strategic Plan Goals

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Local Economy		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Culture & Community Health

Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy

n/a

Environmental Impacts

n/a

Public Participation Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

This report is providing an update on the delayed decision requirement for Council. Initially Councils were to make a decision by the end of March in relation to the role they want to play in collection of recyclables in a full EPR environment. It is anticipated that this decision will need to be made in the next 60 days and Administration is working to advance the information to help inform Council's decision-making. Much of this information is outside of the control of the Municipality, which affects timelines and data integrity. To align with this provincial program, Administration is carefully reviewing its current service delivery model to ensure value for money for the remaining programs to ratepayers. These proposed service level reviews will be further discussed at the upcoming budget discussions in May.

Attachment(s)

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