



## The Corporation of the Municipality of Tweed Staff Report

Date: April 22, 2025 Council Meeting  
Report to: Council  
Report from: Kelly Pender, Interim CAO  
Department: Administration  
Title: Re-cycling Update – Transition to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

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### **PURPOSE:**

To provide Council and the Community with an update regarding the impacts of the Provincial move to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for recycling products.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The following updates are provided for Council's information:

- The contract with Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) has been signed as approved by Council at our meeting on March 25, 2025 – By-law #2025-25. The contract will pay for approximately 40% of the Municipality's cost to operate the recycling depot on Marlbank Rd.
  - This contract will expire at the end of 2025, with the potential for three, one year renewals.
- CMO will be rationalizing depot locations during the transition period. Residents may experience changes moving forward.
- Beginning July 17, 2025, the management of local blue box recycling will transition from Quinte Waste Solutions to CMO. At this time, we do not anticipate a change to the pickup date. There is no change to the materials eligible for recycling.
  - The collection contract will transition from Quinte Waste Solutions to e360.
- Effective July 17, 2025, industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) collection will end.
- Residents will have access to household hazardous waste (HHW) disposal at the HHW depot located on Wallbridge Crescent in Belleville, and through mobile community events until the end of 2025.
- Waste (garbage) collection will continue with Waste Management (WM) – renews for one year at a 2% cost of living increase.
- Quinte Waste Solutions will be officially disbanded. A disbandment agreement is currently seeking approval from member municipalities.

CMO has advised that inquiries about:

- General recycling questions
- Bin requests
- Collection schedules
- Missed collections

Should be directed to the CMO website at [www.circularmaterials.ca/ON](http://www.circularmaterials.ca/ON).

Inquiries about:

- Contractor service
- Program inquiries
- Transition to EPR

Should be directed to CMO at [customerservice@circularmaterials.ca](mailto:customerservice@circularmaterials.ca) or 1-877-667-2626.

Should residents have concerns about the legislation or implementation impacts of EPR, they should direct their questions to our local M.P.P. Mr. Ric Bresee. Madoc office (613) 473-1112, or toll free at 1-855-229-6676.

Staff will direct citizens to these contacts as questions arise. They will also be posted to our website.

#### **OPTIONS:**

None at this time. This is a Provincially mandated program.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The contract with CMO will generate approximately \$6,400/month for the Municipality.

#### **IMPACT:**

The change to EPR is a Provincial initiative that will impact all residents, but most particularly ICI members of the community who will now be left to find alternate methods to recycle materials from their operation.

The impact of recycling depot rationalization is currently unknown.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Interim CAO report entitled, Re-cycling Update – Transition to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).