

UBCM Packaging and Printed Paper Working Group

Regional District CAO/CEO Forum

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Background

- UBCM has consistently endorsed resolutions for the reduction in unnecessary packaging.
 - 2009 - it specifically asked for all packaging to be included under product stewardship legislation.
- 2011 - Recycling Regulation was amended to include packaging and printed paper (PPP).

Formation of Working Group

- A forum was needed to support a smooth transition for this new PPP program which would:
 - Provide a voice for LG and their concerns/expectations;
 - Provide information to build LG understanding; and
 - Build LG capacity to effectively negotiate community interests with the producers.
- In response, UBCM, in partnership with MOE, worked to establish the PPP Working Group.

Working Group Membership

- Six regional district staff representing all UBCM Area Associations;
- One representative from the BC Product Stewardship Council;
- One representative from UBCM; and
- One staff rep from the Ministry of Environment acting as a “subject matter expert”.



Objectives of Working Group

- Act as forum for discussing LG issues with producers;
- Identify relevant issues that may require negotiating with industry; and
- Identify and propose recommendations to the producers for resolving potential issues.

Main Deliverable

- Complete policy paper – adopted by members at the September 2012 UBCM Convention

Key Recommendations of policy paper:

- Producers are responsible for, and have an obligation to manage 100% of PPP.
- Including an extension to ICI sector in 3 years.
- Equitable service between urban & rural
- Service be maintain or exceeded for LG who have established programs
- Right of first refusal
- Incentives for redesign and movement up the waste hierarchy, eliminating need for landfilling or incineration


Compressed Timeline...

- October 2012 – draft PPP plan posted for consultation
- November 19, 2012 – PPP plan submitted to MOE
- January 18, 2013 - list of PPP collected/where posted
- February 25, 2013 – updated PPP plan submitted to MOE
- May 19, 2014 - producers assume responsibility for recovery of PPP

Key Issues of concern for Local Government:


- **PPP collected at curbside will not include glass and some film plastics - will be collected at depot instead**
 - Result in more waste being sent for disposal
 - LG will pay directly for its management
 - Does not represent a seamless transition
 - Will be considered an inconvenience by residents.

ANYTHING IN EXISTING BLUEBOX SHOULD REMAIN

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- **Provision of streetscape PPP services limited to municipalities with populations >20,000**
 - Measured at municipal level not Regional District
 - Excludes some communities that already offer this service
 - Does not recognize municipalities with seasonal traffic which exceeds population limit

● **Approach to Multi-Family Residences**

- Concern over building-by-building approach to introduce competition
- May result in decreased recycling rates, more to landfill
- No efficiencies in having many different haulers driving all over
- Greater GHG emissions.
- Difficult for LG to separate out MF costs from SF costs if bundled
- Non-harmonized educational effort

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- **Concern that rural and remote areas will not receive equitable service levels**
 - Information and definitions in MMBC's Plan still do not provide certainty that these areas will be provided equitable levels of service.
 - We need to know more details otherwise we assume the worst



- **Inadequate time to respond to Market Clearing Price**

- Local Government needs adequate time for analysis/consideration
 - Fees per household, admin, education??
- Time to steer it through the political approval process
- MMBC contemplated 90 days, but even this will be short. This may be compressed as we wait for MOE to approve plan

GIVE US THE DETAILS NOW

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