

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Request for Decision

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Saturday, August 20, 2022				Report Date	Thursday, August 11, 2022			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report #22/08/20/1302- Recycling Collection Services -Blue Box Transition									

Subject: Recycling Collections Services throughout the Blue Box Program Transition

Recommendation: That Council continue to provide recycling collections services throughout the Blue Box Program transition period.

Resolution:

Resolution No.: 22/08/20/004

Moved by Councillor and seconded by Councillor

WHEREAS Council received Report #22/08/20/1302 regarding the provision of blue box material recycling services throughout the Blue Box Program transition period;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria does hereby direct staff to enter into an agreement with Circular Materials Ontario to continue providing blue box recycling collection services until 2025.

Background/Executive Summary:

The Blue Box Regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 makes producers fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed; sets mandatory and enforceable requirements for Blue Box collection systems; and gives producers choices for resource recovery services in a competitive market.

As of July 1, 2023, when municipalities start transitioning their Blue Box programs to the new framework, Blue Box producers will become fully accountable and financially responsible for collecting and recycling their materials when consumers discard them.

The current Blue Box Program administered by Stewardship Ontario on behalf of stewards under the Blue Box Program Plan and *Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016* will transition to the new regulatory framework for resource recovery starting on July 1, 2023 through to December 31, 2025. During the transition, Stewardship Ontario will continue to administer the program on behalf of stewards, and residents will not see any disruption in the Blue Box services provided by their municipalities and First Nation communities.

Circular Materials Ontario is undertaking the operational planning of the system on behalf of producers. They had a deadline of July 15 to get an indication from communities on your interest in providing collection services. The municipality has provided a tentative reply to continue providing collection services for the Municipality throughout the transition until a resolution of Council could be passed.

If Council chooses not to continue to provide collection services for blue box materials, Circular Materials Ontario will include the Municipality in procurement for collection services.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Circular Materials Ontario provided municipalities with a payment calculator and it is estimated that the municipality would receive the following:

	Residential Collection Services	Depot Payment	Public Space Payment	Total
2023	\$14,994	\$26,175	\$287	\$41,456
2024	\$15,804	\$27,589	\$302	\$43,695
2025	\$16,657	\$29,079	\$319	\$46,055

The figures are based on the data collected through the 2020 Datacall which includes 249 residential curbside collection stops. Rates begin as of July 1st of each year.

Others Consulted:

Circular Materials Ontario

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Crystal Fischer,
Clerk-Treasurer