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Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2019 December 03

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: RALLYING FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Sponsoring Councillor(s): COUNCILLOR PETER DEMONG

WHEREAS... Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach that empowers the producers of Packaging and Paper Products (PPP) with financial and/or physical responsibility for end of life management of those products, and would remove the financial burden for recycling programs from taxpayers and ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS, on February 4, 2019 Calgary City Council endorsed investigating Provincial EPR legislation by way of notice of motion;

AND WHEREAS, thirty-five Albertan municipalities have individually expressed their support for moving forward with Provincial EPR legislation by way of motion, letter of support, etc., and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association has done the same by way of official Resolution;

AND WHEREAS, with the exception of Alberta, Provinces across the country have implemented EPR legislation to varying degrees with British Columbia having had *Full* EPR legislation for PPP since 2011

AND WHEREAS, Ontario and New Brunswick have recently committed to adopting *Full* EPR legislation, where financial *and* operational responsibility for end of life management of products is given to the companies that produce those products;

AND WHEREAS, Canada will play host to the World Circular Economy Forum in September 2020;

AND WHEREAS, while Provinces ultimately hold the authority to implement EPR legislation, the Federal Government has the unique ability to mandate and/or encourage national standards for EPR and related legislation;

AND WHEREAS, uniformity of legislation across municipalities and provinces could significantly improve the outcomes of EPR legislation across the country:

AND WHEREAS, while FCM has passed five resolutions on the subject of plastic pollution of which two make reference to Producer Responsibility for plastics specifically, there is currently no official FCM policy relating directly to harmonization of EPR for Packaging and Paper Products (PPP);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ... endorse proposal of the following resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

WHEREAS, the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) adopted the Canada-wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in 2009, and yet EPR programs are not in place in all provinces and existing programs lack harmonization and consistency;

WHEREAS, EPR shifts the responsibility for managing PPP at end-of-life away from the taxpayer/ratepayer and empowers producers to drive innovation, product harmonization, and enhanced product recyclability;

WHEREAS, while FCM has passed five resolutions on the subject of plastic pollution of which two refer to Producer Responsibility for plastics specifically, there is currently no official FCM policy relating directly to harmonization of EPR for Packaging and Paper Products (PPP);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities further call on the Government of Canada to create a harmonized regulatory framework for EPR across Canada including all packaging and paper products (PPP), in cooperation with all orders of government, industry and affected stakeholders, allowing for regional considerations and respect for Provincial authority.