



Alberta Collaborative Extended Producer Responsibility Study

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ISC: Unrestricted

Standing Policy Committee on Utilities and Corporate Services

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Previous Council Direction

On 2019 February 4, Council approved Notice of Motion C2019-0129 and directed Administration to cooperate with other Alberta municipalities, AUMA, producers and recyclers of packaging and paper products, and the Province of Alberta to develop a baseline that can inform the design of a provincial EPR program by researching:

- I. The benefits, challenges, and risks of an EPR program in Alberta for these groups and their constituents; and
- II. The current recycling systems and supply chains across the province, and potential impacts of an EPR program in Alberta.

Calgary



Partners

In funding and the project...



Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance



In the project...



RCA RECYCLING COUNCIL OF ALBERTA





Why does Alberta need EPR?

- Alberta municipalities spent approximately \$107 million in 2018 to manage paper and packaging products
 - With an EPR framework in place in Alberta, that cost would be partially or wholly shifted to producers and shared among consumers across Canada.
- For The City of Calgary, the implementation of EPR in Alberta would mean that residents of Calgary would see Blue Cart fees reduced or eliminated, potentially reducing costs for every single-family household in Calgary by up to \$100 each year



Environmental and Economic Benefits of EPR

- Additional 20,900 tonnes recycled in Alberta annually
- Additional 71,900 tonnes in avoided CO₂ emissions annually
- Approximately 220 jobs would be created
- Those who can actually create change are empowered with the incentive to create environmentally friendly packaging and efficient recycling systems

The equivalent of
15,000 cars off the
road each year





Recommendation

That the SPC on Utilities and Corporate Services recommends that Council reaffirm its support for Extended Producer Responsibility and direct Administration to continue advocating for EPR in collaboration with other Alberta municipalities, industry and affected stakeholders.