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**Advocacy for Extended
Producer Responsibility**



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What is Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)?



EPR is an environmental policy approach in which the producer of a product is responsible for that product through the post-consumer stage of its life cycle.

EPR shifts the responsibility and costs of recycling from local governments to producers.

EPR incentivizes producers to reduce waste associated with their products and packaging, and to create products that are readily reusable or recyclable.



Previous Council Direction

On 2013 March 18, Council affirmed its support of nationally harmonized EPR in IGA2013-0137 (Update on the City of Calgary Intergovernmental Policy Issues and Position Statements).

The supported position was “that the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada pursue a mechanism to achieve a harmonized national approach to develop extended producer responsibility programs.”



How could EPR work in Alberta?

Alberta Government:

- Identifies materials to be included in EPR program
- Regulates how producers will be responsible
- Sets province-wide recycling targets that producers must meet

Municipalities:

- Choose level of participation in EPR program



Why should The City advocate for EPR?

- Opportunity to reduce recycling costs for Calgary residents
- Coordinate with Recycling Council of Alberta efforts
- AUMA Municipal Leader's Caucus
- Recycling markets are volatile (Chinese National Sword Program)



Recommendation

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommends that Council direct Administration to develop a Request For Decision for the AUMA Municipal Leaders' Caucus (March 14-15, 2018) to advocate that the Government of Alberta develop and implement legislation to establish Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Alberta.