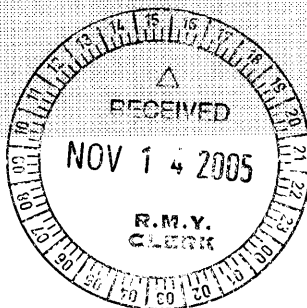




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Regional Chair and CEO and Members of Council
Region of York
PO Box 147
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1

Dear Regional Chair and CEO and Members of Council:

Re: 2004 Municipal Blue Box Datacall Results

Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) is a non-crown corporation with a mandate to develop, implement and operate diversion programs for wastes designated under the Waste Diversion Act (WDA).

WDO is responsible for compiling data on the quantities of Blue Box and other wastes diverted from disposal and the cost of municipal Blue Box programs. WDO compiles this information by issuing an annual Tonnage and Blue Box Financial Datacall. The annual Datacall is the major source of data for allocation of municipal program funding under the Blue Box Program Plan.

Your municipality was one of 190 municipal programs that completed the 2004 Tonnage and Financial Datacall. The results of the verified 2004 Datacall are now posted on the WDO's website at www.wdo.ca under Reports Central>Municipal Datacall>Program Information or Tonnage or Financial>2004 Data.

The Blue Box Tonnage Datacall results are presented showing the quantity of the various Blue Box materials marketed by each municipality. The Blue Box Financial Datacall results are presented showing residential collection, processing, depot/transfer, promotion and education and stockpiling costs as well as revenue by municipality.

The following table provides a summary of your municipal program's verified 2004 Datacall:

	Total	Per Household	Per Tonne
Households Serviced by Blue Box Program	264,366		
Tonnes Marketed	48,731	184	
Gross Cost ¹	\$11,881,666	\$ 45	\$244
Revenue	\$5,630,612	\$ 21	\$116
Net Cost	\$6,251,055	\$ 24	\$128

¹ Excluding calculated administration factor



WDO, working with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, has developed a methodology to group municipal programs based on similar characteristics. Your municipality has been placed in the Urban Regional group.

Your program cost is \$128 per tonne compared to \$ 94 per tonne, which is the average for your municipal group.

New for the 2004 Datacall reporting year is the calculation and reporting of recovery rates and efficiency and effectiveness factors by municipal group. It has been recognized that some measure of program effectiveness or diversion performance needs to be incorporated into the assessment of reasonable and best practice costs, reflecting the dual objectives of minimizing Blue Box system costs and increasing Blue Box diversion.

The concept of an efficiency and effectiveness factor was discussed during consultation on the Municipal Funding Allocation Model in early 2004. The concept was also described in WDO's recommendations on Blue Box program cost containment (approved by the Minister of the Environment in December 2004), in which it was proposed that a new efficiency measure be developed that combines the net cost per tonne of a recycling program and the percent recovery of Blue Box Materials available in its waste stream. This Efficiency and Effectiveness (E&E) Factor has been expressed as Net Cost per Tonne divided by Percent Recovery. An E&E Factor for a better performing program is relatively low resulting from a relatively low cost per tonne in the numerator and relatively high percent recovery in the denominator.

Your Efficiency and Effectiveness Factor is 2.52 compared to 1.84 which is the average for your group.

Blue Box Tonnage and Financial Datacall results are also presented on the WDO web site by municipal groups to allow municipal programs to compare their performance to other similar programs. I encourage you to visit WDO's web site to review the Blue Box tonnage and financial data from municipal programs across Ontario.

Based on experience with the annual Financial and Compliance Audits of Blue Box Financial Datacall submissions, WDO is requesting that all municipal programs review their accounting systems to incorporate General Ledger cost centers specific to the Blue Box program to facilitate municipal Datacall reporting and verification.

Sincerely,
Waste Diversion Ontario

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenda Gies".

Glenda Gies
Executive Director