

MEMBER COMMUNICATION

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*To the attention of the Clerk and Council
and Municipal Waste Managers or Recycling
Coordinators*
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Extending the Comment Period to June 30, 2008 Re: The AMO/AMRC Discussion Paper on an Alternative Approach to Ontario's Blue Box Funding Model

Issue:

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Association of Municipal Recycling Coordinators of Ontario (AMRC) are **extending** the request for your comments and support to the **end of June, 2008**, of the discussion paper on [An Alternative Approach to Ontario's Blue Box Funding Model](#).

Background:

There is a growing need to revise the current Blue Box funding model as municipalities are becoming more vulnerable to rising waste management costs. The combined effect of managing more Post Consumer Packaging and Printed Paper that is difficult to recycle, and the anticipated designation of other diversion programs, such as kitchen organics and leaf and yard wastes, leaves municipalities burdened with increasing waste management costs.

AMO and AMRC have proactively examined various funding models which are outlined in this paper and have determined that a fundamental change to Blue Box funding is required. Municipalities can no longer subsidize an industry generated problem. This paper outlines the following fundamental issues for discussion.

- Designating all Post Consumer Packaging and Printed Paper material;
- Phasing in full extending producer responsibility where industry is responsible for 100% of the cost of managing all Post Consumer Packaging and Printed Paper, including what is in the litter and garbage stream;
- Eliminating municipal Blue Box costs so that municipalities can implement and manage other diversion programs where industry funding organizations are not easily identifiable such as kitchen organics.

A number of municipalities have requested an extension to the comment period to accommodate their Council schedules.

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Action:

AMO asks its members to pass a resolution at Council conveying their comments and support to this discussion paper.

Please forward your municipality's resolution by **June 30, 2008** to:

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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