



QUINTE WASTE SOLUTIONS

operated by the Centre & South Hastings Waste Services Board

September, 2011

Open letter to all Ontario Municipal Councils:

Presently annual municipal tax requirements across Ontario are reduced by approximately 130 million dollars due to partial Extended Producer Responsibility programs for Blue Box, electronics, and household hazardous waste diversion programs.

The Centre & South Hastings Waste Services Board, a cooperative of nine municipalities in the greater Quinte area, has voiced its desire for any future Ontario government to demonstrate leadership in waste diversion and to stop the downloading of waste diversion costs onto the backs of municipal taxpayers. Now is the time to move forward by putting the responsibility for post consumer product costs on producers and importers. We need to move speedily towards 100% Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in waste diversion.

Currently in Ontario, partial EPR results in an annual savings of about 133.5 million dollars a year. This would increase dramatically if the province were to support 100% full EPR for waste diversion. EPR does not mean 'eco-fees'; it means stewards being fully responsible for the design and production of printed materials and packaging – eliminating wasteful practices as well as reassuring useful waste diversion.

We urge you to support the attached resolution, sending copies to the Centre and South Hastings Waste Services Board, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Minister of the Environment as a means of ensuring that removal of partial EPR relief for municipal taxpayers does not occur and, in fact, full EPR does occur in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Terry Cassidy
Chair - Centre & South Hastings Waste Services Board

Att: Resolution for 100% EPR.





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WHEREAS: The Centre & South Hastings Waste Services Board is a municipal service board, as per the Municipal Act of Ontario, responsible for the provision of blue box recycling and other waste diversion programs to nine member municipalities;

AND WHEREAS: Manufacturers and First Importers, through the Ontario Waste Diversion Act, are currently reducing municipal waste diversion costs across the province by approximately \$133.5 million dollars annually through partial Extended Producer Responsibility;

AND WHEREAS: the cessation of said partial Extended Producer Responsibility would download onerous costs to municipalities, which could be funded only through increases to municipal property taxes;

AND WHEREAS 100% Extended Producer Responsibility would result in full responsibility for the design and production of printed materials and packaging by Manufacturers and First Importers, in Ontario, and ensure that these materials are kept out of Ontario landfills and usefully diverted;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Centre & South Hastings Waste Services Board urges the Province of Ontario to continue partial Extended Producer Responsibility and moreover to move swiftly toward 100% Extended Producer Responsibility to ensure continuation of municipal waste diversion and reduction programs while relieving municipal taxpayers of a financial burden,

AND THAT the Centre & South Hastings Waste Services Board encourages all Ontario municipalities to join in bringing this message to the provincial Minister of Environment for immediate action.

Adopted by resolution of the Centre & South Hastings Waste Services Board,
September 12, 2011.

