



February 12, 2024

BY EMAIL

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Re: Support for Blue Box Program Extended Producer Responsibility for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector (Non-Eligible Sources)

At its Regular Council Meeting held on February 5, 2024, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated January 11, 2024 from Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority regarding support for the Blue Box programs extended producer responsibility for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Sector. Council discussed the financial impact that the Blue Box regulation program will have on small local businesses, non-profit organizations, daycares, places of worship, post-secondary schools and municipal buildings as it shifts the cost of recycling to producers. Council noted that if the ICI's do not participate in the Blue Box program due to the additional cost this could negatively impact our landfills as recyclable materials may be discarded in the garbage. Council urges the provincial government to reevaluate and reconsider the criteria for non-eligible source to help promote continued participation in the Blue Box program.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R24-02-036

Moved By Councillor Verbeek
Seconded By Deputy Mayor Shepley

That the correspondence dated January 11, 2024 from The Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority regarding the blue box extended producer responsibility for industrial, commercial and institutional sector (non-eligible sources) be received and supported; and



That a letter of support be sent to Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment/Conservation and Parks, Marit Stiles, Leader, Official Opposition, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington, Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor West, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex Riding, AMO and local municipalities.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "jmall", written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure

cc: AMO

Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment/Conservation
Marit Stiles, Leader, Official Opposition
Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh
Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington
Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor West
County of Essex
Town of Amherstburg
Town of Kingsville
Municipality of Lakeshore
Town of LaSalle
Municipality of Leamington
Town of Tecumseh