



Report to: General Committee

Meeting Date: November 16, 2020

SUBJECT: New Provincial Blue Box Regulations and Preferred Program
Transition Date – Presentation

PREPARED BY: Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste & Environmental
Management

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the presentation entitled “New Provincial Blue Box Regulations and Preferred Program Transition Date” be received;
2. THAT the City of Markham submit the attached document entitled “City of Markham Comments – ERO (Environmental Registry Ontario) Number 019-2579” and Council Resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Ontario’s Environmental Registry as the City of Markham’s official comments on the draft Blue Box Regulations;
3. THAT the City of Markham request that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks include Markham as an Eligible Community on the final Transition Schedule and be assigned the transition date of January 1st, 2023, or as early as possible, prior to 2025; and
4. THAT if an earlier transition date is not provided, the City of Markham request the right to negotiate directly with the Producers for a date earlier than the one indicated on the final Transition Schedule; and
5. THAT the City of Markham request that the eligible sources, as indicated by the Draft Blue Box Regulation, be expanded to include recycling depots in communities with curbside Blue Box collection, municipal facilities, public-facing facilities, all public spaces, Blue Boxes located at Canada Post super mailboxes, and small retail businesses within Business Improvement Areas; and
6. THAT the City of Markham request that the obligations for collection after the transition period (2026+) be equal to or exceed the service standards applicable in transitioning communities on August 15, 2019, specifically, increase Blue Box collection from every other week to weekly collection; and
7. THAT, if provided with the right to select the service delivery option, the City of Markham reserve the right to select the service delivery option determined to be the most financially and operationally beneficial for its residents and report back to Council on the preferred service delivery option; and
8. THAT Staff be directed to update Council following the release of the final regulation and Transition Schedule by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and

9. THAT the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution and Comment Letter to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, York Region and Local Municipalities and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and
10. AND THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Andy Taylor
CAO

Phoebe Fu
Director, Environmental Services

ATTACHMENTS:

New Provincial Blue Box Regulations and Preferred Program Transition Date -
Presentation to GC on November 16 2020

City of Markham Comments - ERO (Environmental Registry Ontario) Number 019-2579
(Attachment 1)