

Presentation to General Committee

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Blue Box Transition Confidentiality Agreement

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Background

- Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) is the lead producer responsibility organization in charge of transitioning municipalities from the current blue box program to the new common collection system
- In preparation for Ontario's blue box program transition, CMO has released Collection RFPs for services to collect blue box material from low-density and high-density residences, long-term care and retirement homes, and recycling depots
- To obtain copies of the blue box Collection RFPs and related documents, municipalities must forward executed Registration Forms and Confidentiality Agreements to CMO
- Transition of blue box services for some municipalities begins July 1, 2023. Markham, together with the other local area municipalities in York Region, are scheduled to transition on December 31, 2025

Confidentiality Agreement

- It is important to obtain and review these documents as soon as possible in order for Staff to best prepare Markham for transition
- The Confidentiality Agreement does not prevent Staff from sharing information related to the blue box Collection RFPs with Council however, certain information identified by CMO as confidential will be disclosed in a closed meeting of Council (and in accordance with the public meeting exceptions of the *Municipal Act*)
- Staff will bring forward an update to Council concerning the blue box transition process in the near future

Resolutions

1. THAT the CAO be authorized to execute Circular Materials Ontario's Registration Forms and Confidentiality Agreements, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, in order for Staff to obtain documents related to blue box Collection RFPs and blue box transition;
2. AND THAT Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.