

## **Resolution on Transition to Full Producer Responsibility**

**WHEREAS** the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing public concern;

**WHEREAS** reducing waste and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can significantly reduce GHGs;

**WHEREAS** the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

**WHEREAS** the global move to a circular economy is aligned with the Region's priorities as outlined in its SM4RT Living Waste Management Plan and that the transition of Blue Box programs would help achieve this outcome;

**WHEREAS** The Regional Municipality of York supports a timely, seamless and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of all packaging, paper and paper products;

**WHEREAS** the local municipalities have each passed resolutions indicating their preference to transition waste collection services in 2025 and to continue to act as service providers;

**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to indicate the best date to transition their Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

**THEREFORE be it resolved that:**

1. The Regional Municipality of York prefers to transition blue box transfer and processing services together with local municipal collection services in 2025.
2. The Regional Municipality of York prefers to no longer provide transfer and processing services after transition of the Blue Box program

**AND THAT** this decision is based on the following rationale:

1. The Region's transfer and processing contracts and the four local municipal collection contracts expire at different times during the transition period, however transitioning in 2025 minimizes potential penalties to local municipalities due to amending or terminating collection contracts early.
2. The Region and local municipalities prioritize customer service and transitioning in 2025 will allow maximum time to prepare for seamless transition and learn from experiences of other municipalities, minimizing disruption to our residents from this transition.