

Request for Council's Consideration

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(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor |
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Date of Council Meeting: 12 November 2019

Subject: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Extended Producer Resolution

Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council endorse the proposal of the following resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

WHEREAS, the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) adopted the Canada-wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in 2009, and yet EPR programs are not in place in all provinces and existing programs lack harmonization and consistency;

WHEREAS, EPR shifts the responsibility for managing PPP at end-of-life away from the taxpayer and empowers producers to drive innovation, product harmonization, and enhanced product recyclability;

WHEREAS, while FCM has passed five resolutions on the subject of plastic pollution of which two refer to Producer Responsibility for plastics specifically, there is currently no official FCM policy relating directly to harmonization of EPR for Packaging and Paper Products (PPP);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities further call on the Government of Canada to seek progress reports from provinces towards implementation of EPR and further create a harmonized regulatory framework for EPR across Canada including all packaging and paper products (PPP), in cooperation with all orders of government, industry and affected stakeholders, allowing for regional considerations and respect for Provincial authority.

Reason: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach that empowers the producers of Packaging and Paper Products (PPP) with financial and/or physical responsibility for end of life management of those products, and would remove the financial burden for recycling programs from taxpayers. Halifax Regional Council endorsed investigating Provincial EPR legislation by way of notice of motion and all Nova Scotian municipalities have individually expressed their support for moving forward with Provincial EPR legislation by way of motion, letter of support, etc., and the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities has done the same by way of official Resolution.

With the exception of Nova Scotia and Alberta, Provinces across the country have implemented EPR legislation to varying degrees, with British Columbia having had *full* EPR legislation for PPP since 2011. Ontario and New Brunswick have recently committed to adopting *full* EPR legislation, where

financial *and* operational responsibility for end of life management of products is given to the companies that produce those products.

While Provinces ultimately hold the authority to implement EPR legislation, the Federal Government has the unique ability to mandate and/or encourage national standards for EPR and related legislation. Uniformity of legislation across municipalities and provinces could significantly improve the outcomes of EPR legislation across the country.

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Outcome Sought: Regional Council's endorsement for FCM EPR Resolution.

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