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EPR Update

Council Presentation

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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Update

- What is EPR
- Why it's important
- Progress to date
- What it will mean for HRM
 - Opportunities and Challenges

What is EPR

- Provincial legislation that assigns the role and responsibility for the management of a waste product or packaging to the manufacturer and producer
- Producers accept full costs, risks and liabilities for waste management

Why is it Important

- Producers are held accountable
 - To process and market materials
 - Design for the environment
 - Create demand for recycled content from suppliers
 - Invest in collection and recycling process efficiencies that can impact waste reduction and recycling recovery rates
- Costs for collection, processing and marketing shift from the municipal taxpayer to the product manufacturer

Progress to Date

- 2018-2019
- ✓ System Wide Review of Solid Waste in NS
 - EPR was identified as a catalyst for change
 - Provincial vs Regional systems approach

EPR Drives Efficiencies

“Because producers can plan a provincial or even cross-provincial system, and not just a municipal system, they will be able to capitalize on efficiencies that municipalities cannot, including economies of scale, strategic investment in high-efficiency MRFs, and large-scale system design. In planning a system for Nova Scotia, producers may also consider pre-planning for an Atlantic Canada, cross-provincial system to capitalize on future, greater economies of scale. If this is the case, then it might be prudent for Nova Scotia to be an early EPR system adopter to ensure it has the ability to provide early and ongoing influence on system design and the greater potential for local investment.”

Impact on HRM - Challenges

- Accessibility & Service Levels can be impacted
 - Curbside vs Depot models
 - Producers will decide how to meet provincial recycling and recovery targets

Impact on HRM - Challenges

Stranded Assets & Contract Implications

- HRM Recycling facility
 - Contracts to operate
- Recycling Collection
 - Contracts to collect

Impact on HRM - Challenges

Residential Only

- Curbside, condos and apartment

NS bans recyclables from landfill

- inclusive of residential and businesses

Impact on HRM - Opportunities

- First Right of Refusal
 - Negotiate service delivery contract
 - Fee for service paid to municipalities

Impact on HRM - Opportunities

Financial

- \$ 5,998,299 net recycling program costs
 - potential savings

Impact on HRM - Opportunities

Diversion Potential

- Material Specific Targets



Framework for EPR

Municipal Proposal for Preserving the Culture of Recycling in NS

- Continue to raise this issue with the Province, keeping EPR in discussion at every opportunity
- It's Important to HRM

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