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Extended Producer Responsibility Municipal Registration

Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
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Overview

- EPR Recap
- Provincial Regulations
- Timeline
- Potential Gaps
- Next Steps
- Financial Impact

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What is EPR for PPP?

- Policy which makes product manufacturers responsible for end-of-life management (physical and financial)
- Producers become the owner of the program
 - i.e., deliver residential recycling collection and processing services
- Packaging, Paper Products & Packaging-like Products
 - Material currently collected in blue bags

Who is obligated?

- Producers
 - Manufacturers, brand holder
 - Small producer exemptions
- Producer Responsibility Organization
 - Act on behalf of multiple producers

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Provincial Regulations

- Divert NS named Administrator
- Producers are required to consult with municipalities
- Collection to be provided:
 - Residential premises (i.e., curbside)
 - Eligible facilities (e.g., multi-residential properties and schools)
- Promotion & education program

Provincial Regulations

- Material Management Standards
 - Sets targets based on material type
- Annual action plans and audited statements
- Exemptions for small producers
 - Under \$1 million gross revenue or under 1 tonne of material

What residents can expect

- Continuity in collection services
 - Anticipate same schedule
 - Potential for depot collection for harder to capture materials
- Provincial harmonization
 - Same sort list
 - Potential for added items in future
- Potential different service provider
 - Collection and customer service

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Timeline



Contracts

- Curbside Collection
 - Expire June 2025 with option to extend up to two years
 - Includes termination clause with six months notice
- Processing
 - Current agreement extension expires March 2029
 - Includes off-ramp clause relative to EPR

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Potential Gaps

- Cart-based collection
- Rural Small Business Collection
- Future of Municipal Recycling Facility
 - Processing
 - Transfer station
- Commercial Recycling Processing

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Next Steps

- Producers Readiness Report
 - Outlines the proposed residential recycling program
 - Due October 1, 2024
- Status of service delivery discussions/negotiations related to collection and processing
 - Winter/Spring 2025
- Addressing service delivery gaps
 - Winter/Spring 2025

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Financial Impact - 2025/2026

	Projected Budget	Estimated Budget	
EXPENSES	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Curbside & Condo Recycling Collection	\$4,619,000	\$4,711,000	\$4,810,000
MRF Operation & Capital	\$4,289,000	\$5,045,000	\$4,806,000
TOTAL COSTS	\$8,908,000	\$9,756,000	\$9,616,000
REVENUE			
Recyclables Marketing & Bottle Refund	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000
Tipping Fee Revenue	\$285,000	\$287,500	\$290,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,585,000	\$2,587,500	\$2,590,000
Net Program Costs/Potential Savings	\$6,323,000	\$7,168,500	\$7,026,000

2025/2026 First Year of Potential Savings

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Questions