

CITY OF HAMILTON

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Public Works

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Changes to the *Waste Diversion Act*

Whereas, municipal taxpayers bear more than 50% of the cost of recycling and disposal of waste packaging and printed paper, products that are increasingly complex or multi-material, resulting in higher costs to reuse, recycle, reclaim or dispose of them; and,

Whereas, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change has committed to replacing the current waste diversion legislation, but has yet to introduce replacement legislation for the *Waste Diversion Act* to the legislature; and,

Whereas, full producer responsibility provides that producers be responsible for 100% of the costs to end-of-life management for such products and packaging; and,

Whereas, municipalities should not have to bear the cost of end-of-life management of these designated materials through recycling or disposal; and,

Whereas, producer responsibility would provide considerable savings to Hamilton residents and grow the local economy as producers innovate to reduce waste, develop more easily recyclable packaging and work with municipalities on better ways to collect and process these materials;

Therefore be it resolved:

That the City of Hamilton call on the Ontario Government to introduce legislation to replace the *Waste Diversion Act* with a system based on full Producer Responsibility, ensuring that:

- (i) producers are responsible for 100% of the end-of-life costs of designated waste;
- (ii) producers work with the municipal sector on those Producer Responsibility programs that affect municipal integrated waste management systems; and
- (iii) municipalities are fairly compensated for services provided to manage designated waste that enters the municipal system."