

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: October 28, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. WHITEHEAD.....

Staff Comments to Proposed Regulation for Blue Box Program Transition

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks released a Proposed regulation, and proposed regulatory amendments, to make producers responsible for operating blue box programs;

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole Report PW20028 approved by City Council on May 27, 2020 to endorse the preferred transition date for the City of Hamilton to be April 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, the requested endorsement was forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for their consideration;

WHEREAS, the proposed regulation transition schedule identifies that the City of Hamilton will not transition until 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the delay of transitioning to producer responsibility by two years will delay the taxpayers of the City of Hamilton relief from funding at least 50% of the Blue Box program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the staff report being considered at the Public Works Committee meeting on November 16, 2020 to have City Council endorse comments to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks with respect to the proposed regulation to transition the blue box program to producer responsibility include that any benefits realized by municipalities who transition in 2023 and 2024 be equitably distributed amongst all municipalities and proportional to any realized savings; and
- (b) That the Mayor forward a letter to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks identifying and formalizing Council's position with respect to the proposed regulation to transition the blue box program to producer responsibility.