

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOVEMBER 14, 2023
4:30 P.M.
AGENDA**

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3. Non-Residential Recycling Survey Handout
4. Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation 2
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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 7, 2023

To: Leann Graham
CAO

From: Melissa Robbins
Director of Operational Services

Re: Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation

Background:

Alberta's extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) came into force November 30, 2022. Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) will be overseeing the program. It requires obligated producers to have systems in place for single-use products, packaging, and paper products (PPP) and hazardous products (HSP) by April 1, 2025.

The goal of the program is to reduce overall packaging use and improve collection and recycling of packaging waste thereby minimizing landfill dependency and environment abatement costs.

What does this mean for Stettler?

Municipalities currently providing recycling services as of November 30, 2022 have the option of joining the phase 1 roll out transitioning recycle services from municipal sourced to EPR supplied services. Municipalities have the option to choose to join the program, or continue to supply the service independently. There are no direct costs for the EPR program.

In Stettler, curb side recycling pick up for residential has been established for many years, therefore the EPR supplied contractor must utilize the same methods of collection used as of November 30, 2022. This program does not extend to landowners who have been providing their own recycling services.

Deadline for Phase 1 application is December 31, 2023, with an operational date of April 1, 2025. Application under the program at this time does not commit a municipality to join the EPR program. Applications provide municipal information regarding what type of current collection exists, including the number of households receiving the service, municipal population, mapping, quantities of materials collected, etc.

E360 has applied to be an approved EPR contractor.

Recommendation:

Administration is seeking Committee of the Whole direction regarding joining the EPR program, or to continue to have the Town collect residential recycling independently.