

Memorandum

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Date: April 27, 2015
To: Waste Management Planning Steering Committee
From: Catherine Habermebl, Director, Waste Management Services
Subject: An Overview of the Current Funding Framework for Diversion Programs

The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to the Councillor Information Request from the March 2, 2015 Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting regarding an overview of the current funding framework for the Region's diversion programs.

The Region received industry stewardship funding in 2014 for the following diversion programs:

- Blue Box funding from Stewardship Ontario;
- Materials Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) funding from Stewardship Ontario and Recycling Council of Ontario;
- Waste Electronics and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) funding from Ontario Electronics Stewardship; and
- Tire funding from Ontario Tire Stewardship.

A description of each program's framework is included in Appendix I. Table 1 below provides a summary of the funding received in 2014 and the budgeted amount for 2015:

Table 1 – Industry Stewardship Funding for Regional Diversion Programs

Program	2014 Operating Program Costs	2014 Funding Received	% of Program Funding in 2014	Funding Budgeted in 2015
Blue Box ⁽¹⁾	\$8,082,008	\$3,898,217	48%	\$3,494,750
MHSW	\$918,782	\$461,005	50%	\$425,000 ⁽³⁾
WEEE	\$0 ⁽²⁾	\$57,414	n/a	\$55,000
Tires	\$0 ⁽²⁾	\$5,523	n/a	\$5,500
Total	\$9,000,790	\$4,422,159	49%	\$3,980,250

- 1) Blue Box Program includes program support costs e.g. advertising/promotion and staff time in addition to operating costs based on reporting requirements and funding eligibility and only includes the residential program portion of costs.
- 2) The Region has no direct operating costs for the WEEE or tire programs, except for minor promotional costs, which are part of the larger outreach program.
- 3) The anticipated 2015 MHSW funding, based on 2015 tender pricing and 2014 volumes, is estimated to be \$417,456, which is slightly lower than the 2015 budget amount of \$425,000.

Respectfully submitted and signed by,



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