

CIF Project #334 – Municipal Program Support

Background

The CIF retained Earth's Edge Inc. in 2011 to investigate municipal blue box programs in Eastern Ontario and to provide support to those communities. Earth's Edge was directed to obtain the current status of contracts/plan development/implementation, and anticipated 2011 CIF applications. The consultant was also to provide support to municipalities in an effort to coordinate a joint tender or establish best practices and to meet with the proprietor of Beauman Waste Management operations to update the CIF on its current status.

Summary of Results

The consultant coordinated and hosted a meeting/webinar with nineteen Eastern Ontario communities. All of the communities that did not have a MRF at that time were interested in organizing a review of their current collections system and participating in a joint tender for collection and processing services. The Town of Renfrew, in particular, was interested in being the lead for this project.

Support was also provided to several communities individually to establish applications for a variety of projects, such as for small program P&E funding. This included Bonnechere Valley, OVWRC, Horton, McNab Braeside, Admaston/Bromley and Lanark Highlands.

Lastly, the consultant met with Dan Menard, proprietor of Beauman Waste Management. At that time, the business was for sale and there was potential interest from both municipal and private industry buyers, although no clear indication of an imminent purchase. Mr. Menard discussed his plans to remain open and continue bidding on new contracts until a buyer could be found.

Financials

The final cost of this undertaking was \$5,593.

Learnings

Earth's Edge Inc. recommended the CIF continue to support these communities' efforts by working with them to submit a joint application. The consultant provided a potential project outline to initiate and establish an enhanced Eastern Ontario inter-municipal recycling system as a next step.