

CIF Project #369 – Coordination of School Curriculum Development Initiative

Background

In 2011 the CIF contracted Trow Associates to coordinate a Blue Box school curriculum working group on behalf of the CIF. Tasks included coordinating meetings, developing agendas, tracking minutes and interviewing stakeholders.

Summary of Results

While significant interest was shown amongst stakeholders in the development of a recycling related school curriculum, it was ultimately decided that the work was not core to the mandate of the CIF and further efforts would be put on hold until the strategic direction of the CIF could be agreed to by MIPC.

Financials

The CIF approved funding of \$4,630 plus tax for this project. The final cost was \$4,295.

Learnings

The development of a consistent and comprehensive educational program for use across the province was considered by many to be a good concept. Lack of a consensus on the operation of the CIF at the MIPC table ultimately prevented this and many other worthwhile projects from being pursued during this period of time. This failure highlighted the risk with allowing a negotiating group to have oversight over what was intended to be an independent and non-political committee (i.e., the CIF).