



CIF Project #1154: Transition Working Group, Fair Compensation

Background

On June 3, 2021, the Ontario government announced a new Blue Box regulation that makes producers responsible for Blue Box materials under the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*. The CIF, in partnership with AMO's Municipal Resource Recovery and Research Collaborative (M3RC), launched a Transition Working Group (TWG). The TWG is comprised of five subcommittees, coordinated by a Transition Steering Committee. Subcommittee areas of focus are: 1) contracts, 2) fair compensation, 3) collection & communications, 4) post collections, and 5) data monitoring & reporting. Subcommittees are made up of Municipal and First Nations (FN) staff, tasked with creating plans to support program hand off to producers.

The Fair Compensation subcommittee was tasked with ensuring municipalities have the tools to properly assess various collection scenarios as well as report to Council.

Summary of Results

In 2021, the Fair Compensation subcommittee held multiple facilitated discussions. For example, the subcommittee was given two opportunities to provide early feedback on a multi-PRO jurisdictional scan project which provided municipalities and FN groups with a greater understanding of how multi-PRO systems operate in different jurisdictions. The focus of the scans was to identify key drivers of success and remedies to common issues that promote long term sustainability of producer-led, multi-PRO systems. Included in the scan were considerations of contracting and compensation arrangements in other jurisdictions.

Financials

The CIF contributed approximately \$2,100 towards this work.

Learnings

The CIF will continue to seek opportunities to engage municipalities and FN communities more directly in the design and delivery of working group sessions (e.g., research, prepare and lead discussion on data topics identified by the group).

The Fair Compensation subcommittee will play an active role going forward. It will provide a forum for facilitated sessions around the municipalities and FN communities' engagement with the PROs in the collection marketplace (e.g., RFPs, contract extensions, and reassignments). It is recommended that the Fair Compensation and Contracts subcommittees work jointly on these efforts.