



## **CIF Project #1155: Transition Working Group, Data Monitoring & Reporting**

### **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 Data Monitoring & Reporting subcommittee was tasked with establishing common approaches/tools to assist municipalities and FN with data management (i.e., administrative & operational).

### **Summary of Results**

The Data Monitoring & Reporting subcommittee held facilitated discussions every other week. The subcommittee developed guidance and support in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions webpage to help all Ontario communities meet their Initial and Transition Report regulatory obligations for Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA).

### **Financials**

The CIF contributed approximately \$3,000 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 Data Monitoring & Reporting subcommittee will play an active role going forward. It will provide a forum for facilitated sessions around the municipalities and FN communities' data collection needs pre- and post-transition (e.g., auditing, contamination rates, unique addresses, RPRA datacall, and RPRA change management reporting). These discussions will help CIF to prioritize funding decisions related to this work.