



## **CIF Project #1160: Ineligible Sources Collection Planning Workshop**

### **Description**

This workshop was built around a five-step iterative planning process that provides guidance for servicing ineligible sources during and after transition.

This workshop is four and a half (4.5) hours in length and is delivered online as it allows greater scheduling flexibility.

The objectives of the workshop were as follows:

- Understand transitional impacts on ineligible sources
- Sort through options & determine what is best for the individual community
- Understand data needs & data collection methodologies
- Generate an individual community plan outline to address changes
- Outline a communications plan to keep key stakeholders informed (e.g., site operators, internal staff, council)

### **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.

Under the new regulation, Producers are not obliged to provide service to industrial, commercial, and institutional sources. This includes the small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that have been receiving service through the residential recycling program. Service to these sources will be discontinued as of January 1, 2026. Communities, therefore, will need to decide whether to continue servicing them at their own cost or to transfer the costs, where possible.

Individual municipalities, recycling associations and First Nations communities requested assistance in understanding the financial, diversion, and planning implications of this regulatory change. CIF undertook this workshop to address this issue and to allow communities time and opportunity to collaborate with all affected parties to determine the best solution for their unique local circumstances and to implement it prior to January 1, 2026.

### **Workshop Development Process**

Research was conducted with:

- British Columbia's residential blue box depot programs to learn from their experience
- Service providers and municipalities who have already begun planning for the long-term management of ineligible sources to gather learnings to be shared through the workshop

## Summary of Results

The workshop was delivered four times with dedicated sessions for depot and curbside programs. Participation is shown in the table below.

Session Focus	Delivery Dates	Participation Stats
Curbside	May 9 & 11, 2022 June 8 & 10, 2022 July 14 & 16, 2022	77 staff representing 57 communities
Depot	May 16 & 18, 2022	21 staff representing 19 communities

## Financials

The CIF contributed \$17,000 towards this work. This covered the cost for consultants to carry out the research, develop the workshop content, and deliver the sessions.

## Learnings

This workshop was successful in meeting the needs of participants in terms of its content and delivery format.

Due to increased demand since delivering the workshop in 2022, the CIF will look to facilitate additional deliveries in 2023 and develop additional guidance to continue to support the transition and post transition planning needs of communities.