

# TOWN OF BONNYVILLE

## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Date:** March 19, 2025

**Submitted By:** Administration

**Meeting Date:** March 25, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Extended Producer Responsibility Launch

**BACKGROUND:** Alberta is moving to an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program for recycling most single use paper, plastics, and household hazardous waste beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. EPR shifts the physical and financial burden of collecting, sorting, processing and recycling residential waste away from municipal governments and taxpayers to the producer. If the Town of Bonnyville decides to ratify proposed agreements with Product Care (HSP stream) and Circular Materials (PPP stream) we will be compensated for recycling services currently offered to residents. Commercial recycling is not included in the program.

Alberta's EPR system will be implemented in phases. The first phase of EPR is specific to single-use products, packaging, and paper products (PPP), and hazardous and special products (HSP). Not all materials currently managed by municipalities are covered by the regulations.

### OTHER COMMENTS:

EPR presents several positive opportunities for Alberta:

1. It will increase the recycling of products across the province as producers take responsibility for recycling the products they create – meaning fewer products end up in our landfills.
2. It will catalyze Alberta's circular economy, as products that previously ended up in the waste stream are redirected and recycled into new products to be used again and again. This means more job creation, more economic investment, and larger economies.
3. It reduces the burden on municipalities and taxpayers that are currently covering the costs of recycling products.

**REPORT/DOCUMENT:** ☐Attached ☒Available ☐NIL

- Product Care Draft Agreement.
- Circular Materials Draft Agreement.

**KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPT:** Administration is seeking direction to enter into compensation agreements with Product Care for HSP recycling and Circular Materials for PPP recycling. To facilitate operations, Administration is proposing the relocation of the HSP depot to the landfill.

### RELEVANCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN:



Communications  
Strategy



Economic  
Growth



Recreation &  
Wellness



Service  
Excellence




Value Added  
Service

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**RECOMMENDATION: THAT Council direct Administration to enter into agreements with Product Care and Circular Materials for the Extended Producer Responsibility program.**

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**FINANCIAL:** Changes will be made for Final Budget in April.



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