

Peterborough County Council Resolution Re: Re-instating the Eligibility for Curbside Blue Box Collection January 1 2026, for Nonprofit Organizations
Good morning,

Please note at their meeting on November 5, 2025, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 203-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Councillor Taylor

Whereas the Province of Ontario designated producers to be responsible to collect recycling in the Province; and

Whereas nonprofit organizations, including our local food banks, have been deemed ineligible for producer blue box collection effective January 1 2026; and

Whereas food insecurity is a local, provincial and federal issue; and

Whereas food banks need to receive grocery items that are delivered in cardboard boxes and cartons which generate copious amounts of recyclable material; and

Whereas food banks are volunteer and donation based with no revenue collected to pay for services such as removal of recyclable materials;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the County of Peterborough strongly urges the Province to re-instate the eligibility for curbside blue box collection January 1 2026, for nonprofit organizations, such as food banks; and

That this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Dave Smith, MPP Laurie Scott, MPP David Piccini, the City of Peterborough, EOWC, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Thanks!

Holly Salisko

Administrative Services Assistant | Clerk's Division/Planning
Peterborough County
(705) 743-0380 Ext. 2105