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October 8, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Re: Amending Ontario Regulation 391/21

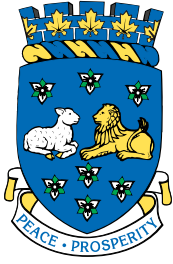
Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Development meeting held on October 7, 2025 approved the following motion:

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/2, Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of for 'eligible' sources only; and

Whereas 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include business improvement areas, places of worship, daycares, camp grounds, public facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

Whereas the province amended Ontario Regulation 391/2 to not expand services for new public space recycling; and

Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;



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Therefore, be it resolved that Region of Waterloo Council request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21, Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources as stated above; and

Further that Council request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

That Minister McCarthy be asked to provide more information on the estimated \$171M in savings for municipalities through this program.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Dorothy McCabe, Councillor DMcCabe@regionofwaterloo.ca

Regards,

Chris Fraresso, Legislative Services Specialist

cc: Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks
Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Rob Flack, Minister of Affairs and Housing
Robin Jones, AMO President
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All Ontario Municipalities
First Nation Councils