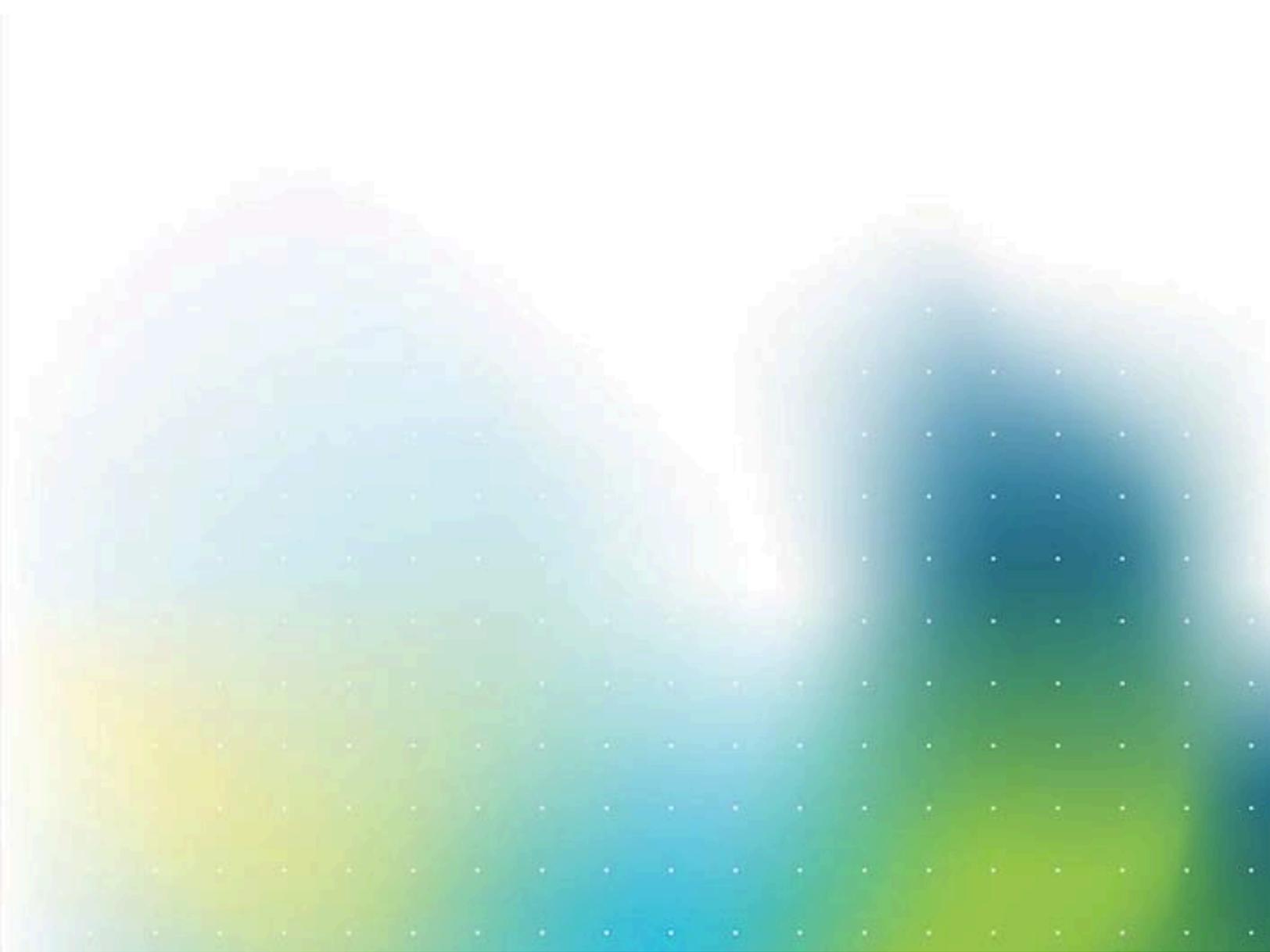




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PAC NEXT is proud to present its final quarterly issue of 2014 to provide members Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation updates for Printed Paper and Packaging (PPP) in Canada.

### **Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance Second Annual Steward Meeting**

The second Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance (CSSA) Annual Steward Meeting took place on October 15, 2014 and brought in over 550 participants, both via webcast and in-person. This meeting reviewed CSSA's accomplishments over the past year, including cost savings realized through harmonization; year over year program performance; implementation status for the MMSW program in Saskatchewan; 2015 material fee schedules; and updates on progress in other provinces that are preparing to implement EPR programs for packaging and printed paper. CSSA has multiple successes to show for its work towards harmonization, and its ongoing progress is invaluable as a national voice for EPR programs. The [webinar](#), [presentations](#), and [pre-read](#) from the meeting can be found online.



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### **Multi Material BC (MMBC) Continues to Launch Recycling Programs in BC Communities**

Multi Material BC's (MMBC) responsibility for residential curbside, multi-family, and depot recycling programs in many areas across BC came as a result of changes made to the provincial Recycling Regulation to shift responsibility for end-of-life management of packaging and printed paper from governments and their taxpayers to the businesses that produce these materials. MMBC established over 175 depots earlier this year, and its most recent communities that now accept MMBC materials without charge have expanded to include Oliver, Langley, and Port Coquitlam. City of Langley residents will receive one new recycling box and a recycling guide on sorting materials starting in January. Stay tuned for more updates [here](#).

### **For Small Businesses in BC and Saskatchewan**

#### **Understanding MMRP and the Small Business Policy**



The BC Ministry of Environment has posted a definition for small businesses in the [Policy Interpretation: Small Producer Definition](#) document, particularly as it impacts stewardship for franchisors/franchisees. The guide provides businesses with the information they need to determine exemptions, obligations, and eligibility from regulations. More broad resources are available [here](#). MMBC has also provided an [Assessment Tool](#) to help small business and low volume stewards determine an estimate of the tonnage they supply into the BC residential waste stream.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment is currently conducting consultations on the [proposed small business policy](#). In partnership with MMSW, the Ministry of Environment held two workshops in November for small businesses looking to learn more about the Multi-Material Recycling Program. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Waste Diversion Ontario 2013 Datacall Reports Released**

Each year, Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) requires municipalities to complete the Municipal Datacall to be eligible for Blue Box Program funding. This includes submitting tonnage and financial information for residential Blue Box material collected from local residents as well as all other non-Blue Box materials the municipality oversees, including hazardous or special waste, waste electrical and electronic equipment, organics, garbage, and other materials.

In 2013, 226 municipalities, recycling associations and First Nations submitted information to WDO through the Datacall. These recycling programs represent about 400 of Ontario's 444 municipalities, or over 98% of Ontario's total population. The annual reports are available below.

- [2013 Blue Box Tonnage Highlights](#)
- [2013 Blue Box Program Cost & Revenue](#)
- [2013 Non-Blue Box Recyclables Trends \(Residential\)](#)
- [2013 Organics Trends \(Residential\)](#)

### **Stewardship Ontario Blue Box Arbitration Update**

An arbitrator has rendered a decision in Stewardship Ontario vs. [AMO](#) and City of Toronto, regarding the unfinished arbitration over the methodology used to calculate the steward obligation for the blue box program, available [here](#). The arbitrator validated all of Stewardship Ontario's key legal arguments surrounding the legitimacy of stewards' efforts to limit their payments to reasonable costs, but in the absence of a negotiated agreement between Stewardship Ontario and AMO/City of Toronto, the arbitrator set the steward obligation to municipalities at an amount higher than Stewardship Ontario had requested—at \$115M v. \$95.7M. Stewardship Ontario is reviewing options on how it will finance the additional obligation and related payment options for stewards. More details on the decision can be read on the Stewardship Ontario website, [here](#). The Minister of the Environment recently announced that he will table new EPR legislation in 2015 and Stewardship Ontario will continue to work with AMO and City of Toronto to develop a suitable legislative framework for the Blue Box Program that will work in the interests of all parties.

### **Multi-Material Stewardship Western Non-Member Discount Factor Confirmed for January 1, 2015 Program Launch**

Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) has calculated a non-member discount factor is 25% (subject to quarterly adjustment) to ensure that it can fund all municipalities and businesses signed up for industry funding. The funding begins January 1, 2015; 370 businesses signed up, collectively reported supplying 50,000 tonnes of waste, and 314 municipalities collectively supplying 40,000 tonnes of packaging and paper waste into the Saskatchewan residential marketplace. The absence of a Saskatchewan collection or recycling target makes it difficult for MMSW to estimate its supply chain costs and avoid paying for non-compliant businesses. To address this issue MMSW has applied a voluntary recycling rate of 60% to ensure that each participating municipality receives funding but that MMSW does not pay for free riders. For information on how the Discount Factor was determined, and for an example of how the 25% non-member discount factor will work, see [here](#).

### **ÉEQ welcomes the creation of an Advisory Committee on Residual Materials**

On November 10th, 2014, ÉEQ launched and held the first meeting of the Comité conseil sur les matières résiduelles (advisory committee on residual materials). The committee's mandate is to advise the government on the implementation of Quebec's Residual Materials Management Policy and other issues relating to residual materials. The committee will work to optimize and reevaluate of the role and responsibilities of stakeholders involved the compensation for municipal

services provided to recover and reclaim residual materials, which is one of the five major issues on which government officials will focus.

### **First Consumer Survey on Ecodesigned Packaging in Quebec: consumers demand is there!**

ÉEQ and The Responsible Consumption Observatory (RCO) recently surveyed Quebecers to determine their perception of ecodesigned containers, packaging and printed matter. Today's findings demonstrate that Quebec consumers want eco-responsible packaging, but not at any price. If cost were not a factor, almost three-quarters of Quebecers (72.9%) would choose eco-responsible packaging. The findings will help industry understand consumer perceptions and make informed decisions regarding their ecodesign initiatives. Detailed findings of the report can be found on the ÉEQ website [here](#). Additionally, an infographic report can be found [here](#).



### **Announcement of first curbside Recycling Ambassador Projects**

In mid-October, ÉEQ and its partners announced the first projects to be approved under the Curbside Recycling Ambassadors Program. The program consists of financial assistance provided to youth centres that develop ways to encourage their municipalities to install recovery equipment or that conduct awareness activities among local residents to help optimize the recovery of recyclable materials in Quebec through curbside recycling. The budget of \$700,000 in industry contributions will enable young people to make contributions to their community and share environmentally responsible habits with their fellow citizens. More information on the program can be found [here](#).



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## HELPFUL LINKS

BC

<http://multimaterialbc.ca/notices-archive>

Alberta

<http://esrd.alberta.ca/waste/>

<https://www.recycle.ab.ca/public-policy>

Saskatchewan

<http://www.mmsk.ca/notices-alerts>

Manitoba

<http://stewardshipmanitoba.org/mmsm/whats-new/>

Ontario

<http://www.stewardshipontario.ca/latest-news/>

<http://www.wdo.ca/news/>

<https://www.rco.on.ca/wra-overview--timeline>

Quebec

<http://www.ecoentreprises.qc.ca/news-and-events>

Nova Scotia

<http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/waste/>

Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance

<http://www.cssalliance.ca/latest-news>

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