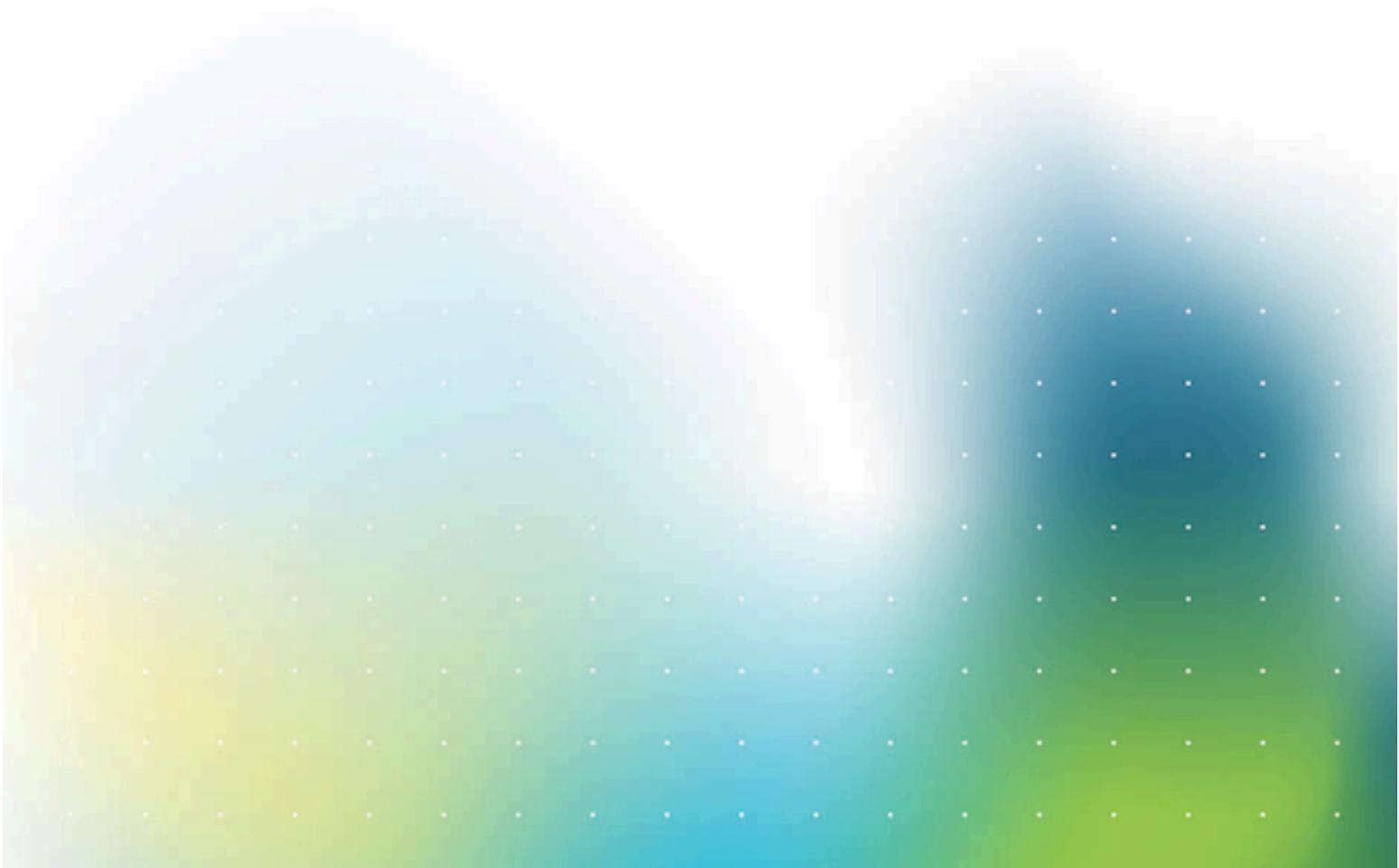




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## INTRODUCTION

In December 2013, The PAC NEXT Leadership Council agreed to provide quarterly updates to members on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation for Printed Paper and Packaging (PPP) in Canada.

### Multi-Material BC Brings Curbside Collection Services

MMBC [announces](#) that it will be providing recycling collection services to 1.25 million BC households in 88 communities starting on May 19, 2014. Residents in these communities will be able to recycle new categories of packaging that are not commonly included in current curbside or depot recycling programs – including milk cartons, foam packaging, plant pots, aluminum foil packaging, and drink cups. The full list of PPP to be collected from households and at depots can be found [here](#). This will allow the MMBC program to work toward a goal of 75% of packaging and printed paper – from the current 50-53% provincial rate. MMBC's program is the first of its kind in Canada where responsibility for managing the residential recycling of PPP has been fully shifted by provincial regulation from local governments and taxpayers to business. MMBC has selected [Green by Nature EPR \(GBN\)](#) to manage the post-collection system for PPP. GBN will be responsible for processing and marketing of approximately 185,000 tonnes of collected PPP material. The system will employ 570 British Columbians and bring \$32 million in new investment to the province.



### Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba Releases 2012 Annual Report

[MMSM](#) has released its annual report for 2012, detailing initiatives taken to reach its objective of increasing the recovery and recycling rates of designated materials within its program. These initiatives include promotion and education to increase participation rates by school programs, First Nations and remote communities cleanup programs and outreach, and the plastic bag roundup challenge. The report includes material recovery rate statistics from each municipality as well as audited financial statements. MMSM funding of recycling and garbage carts in Winnipeg during 2012 has allowed the city to collect more recycling than ever. Read the full report [here](#).

### Proposed Changes and Feedback to Alberta's Recycling Regulations

The Government of Alberta is proposing several changes to the province's existing regulatory framework for recycling designated materials. The proposed changes are intended to reduce municipal solid waste in Alberta, streamline Alberta's regulatory framework and provide options to shift end-of-life management responsibilities from taxpayers to producers and consumers. Read more [here](#).

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development's consultation findings on the changes have been released in two reports: [Proposed Designated Materials Recycling Regulation Stakeholder Consultation Workbook Feedback Summary Report](#); and [Proposed Designated Materials Recycling Regulation Public Opinion Poll Summary Report](#).

## **EPR Program Extended in Saskatchewan**

Just before the New Year, Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment approved the [Waste Packaging and Paper Stewardship Plan](#) submitted by the [Multi-Material Stewardship Western \(MMSW\)](#). A new cost-sharing initiative between businesses and municipalities in Saskatchewan will require producers of packaging and printed paper assume the responsibility for financing up to 75 per cent of recycling programs for residential waste packaging and paper beginning January 1, 2015 as part of the government's Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations. Reporting for MMSW's program is being harmonized with other packaging and printed paper programs. MMSW is currently working on developing a small business policy to be shared in the coming months. Until then, businesses can see this [fact sheet](#).

## **Waste Diversion Ontario Meeting**

The Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) meeting held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 included discussion of Stewardship Ontario, Call2Recycle Industry Stewardship Plan, Blue Box and MHSW 2014 Rules and Fees, as well as updates from the Audit Committee and Governance and Nominations Committee. Ontario's [Blue Box program](#) has a history of success as the world's first curbside recycling program. It has become a blueprint for recycling programs in more than 150 countries worldwide. Read more about it [here](#). See how far the Blue Box and more recent [Orange Box](#) programs have come in their most recent performance [statistics](#). The summary report of the March meeting is currently available [here](#). Look out for the upcoming minutes on the [WDO website](#).



## **New Launches From Éco Entreprises Québec**

ÉEQ recently released its 2012 Annual Report, [Recycling is Our Business](#). The report details the principles by which ÉEQ operates, including the value chain, guiding principles, model of governance, and objectives for the future. ÉEQ is currently working on [The Best Practices Project](#), which seeks to develop strong business ties with municipalities throughout Quebec. More recently, ÉEQ has launched the Institute for Product Development's [study on profitability of eco-design](#). This study will help drive improved environmental performance of packaging parallel to economic growth.

## 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>

Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance

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

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