

February 26, 2019

Councillor Peter Demong
City of Calgary – Office of the Councillors
800 Macleod Tr. SE
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

Dear Councillor Demong,

Strathcona County wants to express its support for the efforts that will be taken to conduct baseline research to assist in advancing the design of an Extended Producer Responsibility program in the Province of Alberta.

Strathcona County strongly supports the development of an EPR framework that takes a multi-stakeholder approach, ensuring that the expertise of the entire industry is consulted. Municipalities play a leading role in the delivery of recycling services to Alberta's residents. It is imperative that as municipalities, we continue to advocate on behalf of our residents for efficient and effective services, and that we remain a key voice in the development of a provincial policy.

We are convinced that EPR can provide opportunities to shift the funding and if municipalities choose, the operational responsibility for recycling, recycling collection, processing and materials marketing to the producer, resulting in potentially significant cost savings for municipalities. This shift would also provide incentives to producers to incorporate environmental considerations in the design of their products.

We would be pleased to join the collaborative efforts that the City of Calgary, City of Edmonton, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and other provincial municipalities are taking to ignite more interest and action for EPR in Alberta.

Our administrative contact for this initiative will be Leah Seabrook, Manager of Waste Management Services; please have the working committee connect with her at leah.seabrook@strathcona.ca or 780-416-6797.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rod Frank

cc: AUMA Executive Committee