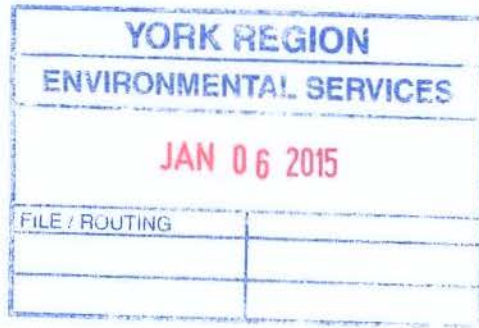




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Stewardship Ontario



York Regional Municipality of
17250 Yonge St.
Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1

RE: December Payment for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the 2014 Program Year

December 31, 2014

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Packaging and printed paper companies, represented by Stewardship Ontario, fulfill their responsibilities to fund 50% of the net cost of the Blue Box Program by making cash payments to municipalities on a quarterly basis. The determination of the amount of industry funding for the 2014 program year was referred to arbitration by Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) after the Municipal Industry Programs Committee (MIPC) was unable to agree on the calculation of the net cost of the Blue Box Program. The arbitrator set the 2014 obligation at \$115,172,322, of which \$7,396,320 will be made in in-kind advertising contributions.

In making his award, the Arbitrator upheld the enforceability of cost containment and the requirement of reasonable costs for assessing stewards' obligations. We are committed to moving forward collaboratively with AMO and the City of Toronto to construct the methodology for determining stewards' 2015 payments to municipalities in accordance with the Blue Box Program Plan, as amended by the Cost Containment Plan.

WDO has posted a [memo](#) providing additional details regarding the distribution of the 2014 interim Blue Box payments.

I would like to thank you for your partnership and significant contributions to waste diversion in this province.

Sincerely,

David Pearce
Managing Director
Stewardship Ontario