

The Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph

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Town of Deep River 100 Deep River Road, Deep River, Ontario KOJ 1P0

<u>RE: Request for Ontario to Amend Blue Box Regulations</u>

Dear Town of Deep River,

At their meeting on December 18, 2024, Council for the Township of St. Joseph passed resolution #2024-320 supporting The Town of Deep River's resolution respectfully demanding that the Province of Ontario amend the Blue Box Regulation 391/21.

Under Ontario Regulation 391/21: 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. 'Ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks.

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. These costs this will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects.

The Township of St. Joseph supports the 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.

We appreciate your attention to this important issue.

Respectfully,

Amanda Richardson Clerk Administrator

cc Premier Doug Ford, Andrea Khanjin the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Micheal Mantha