

Collectors' Conference 2022 - Program Plan Consultation

Recycle BC looks forward to your continued participation in providing feedback on the **2022 Packaging and Paper Product Extended Producer Responsibility Plan** ("Program Plan"). At the Collectors' Conference on October 6 and 7, you will have the opportunity to participate in five sessions that are related to the Program Plan. Each of these sessions are described below.

Session 1: Program Plan Overview & Breakout Explanation

Join Jordan Best, Western Canada Director, Collection as he provides an overview of the Program Plan, including content and format. A question and answer period will follow with the opportunity for collectors to ask general questions and provide initial feedback on the Program Plan. At this session, Pinna Sustainability will also introduce the plan for the consultation process at the conference.

Session Objectives:

- To provide an overview of the Program Plan, including content and format.
- To identify areas of interest that may not be included in the conference breakout sessions.
- To provide an overview of consultation process.
- To provide an opportunity for general questions and feedback, particularly on topic areas that will not be addressed in breakout sessions 2-5.

Session 2: Performance Targets

Recycle BC will provide a high-level overview of the proposed performance target methodology, targets and timelines. Participants will have their chance to provide feedback through a short survey, and at table discussions. At this session, Recycle BC also hopes to hear about your ideas on how to develop innovative approaches to increase recovery rates.

Session Objectives:

- To provide an overview of the proposed performance target methodology, targets and timelines.
- To seek feedback on the proposed methodology.
- To seek feedback on the proposed targets and associated timelines.
- To explore innovative approaches to increase recovery rates.

Session 3: Incentive Development

Recycle BC will provide an overview of the proposed collection incentive methodology, highlight changes and provide an opportunity for clarifying questions. Then, provide your ideas and input on the methodology in small group discussions.

Session Objectives:

- To provide an overview of the proposed collection incentive methodology and how Recycle BC aims to develop fair and reasonable collection incentive rates.
- To outline proposed changes to the collection incentive methodology.
- To seek feedback on the methodology.

Session 4: Accessibility & Design

Recycle BC will provide detail and clarity on the Program Plan's approach to collection accessibility, including proposed community eligibility criteria. Then participants will have the opportunity to provide

feedback on language and criteria in the plan, and challenges and opportunities for improved and balanced collection accessibility.

Session Objectives:

- To provide detail and clarity on the approach to collection accessibility.
- To seek feedback on new language and criteria in the plan.
- To gather ideas on how to improve and balance collection accessibility.

Session 5: Pollution Prevention Hierarchy

Recycle BC will provide a high-level overview of the program's approach to adhere to the pollution prevention hierarchy and ensure materials are managed responsibly. The session will provide an opportunity for participants to provide feedback on the language used in the plan, and brainstorm ideas for Recycle BC to build upon initiatives in the pollution prevention hierarchy.

Session Objectives:

- To highlight the program's approach to the pollution prevention hierarchy.
- To seek feedback on the language proposed in the plan.

Pre-Consultation Survey

In July 2022, Recycle BC asked collectors, stewards and industry associations to participate in a pre-consultation survey to support the development of the Program Plan. 285 responses were received, with the majority of responses (57%) received from collection contractors. We value and appreciate your feedback.

We heard the following information from participants, and look forward to hearing more from you at the Collectors' Conference.

- Many aspects of the Recycle BC program are valued, including operational consistency, diversity of materials collected/managed, effective communication approaches and efficient compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Participants indicated opportunities for moving forward include accepting new materials, reviewing the collection incentive model and leveraging technology.
- Participants identified challenges such as incentive rates provided to contractors, the complexity of various operational and reporting requirements, and many different operational issues such as how to lower contamination in recycling.
- Primary changes suggested for the program, and the Program Plan included increased resident education, expanding collection services and materials accepted, higher fees for collection contractors, lower fees for stewards and simplified reporting structures.