



# British Columbia Product Stewardship Council

## BCPSC Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Wednesday October 6, 2010

**Time:** 9:30am-11:30am

**Venue:** Conference call hosted by RCBC

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1. **Meeting called to order**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Adoption of minutes from May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting (*attachment #1*)**
4. **Task List Review (*attachment #2*)**
5. **Correspondence**
  - 5.1 RDMW Withdrawal from the BC Product Stewardship Council (*attachment #3*)
6. **Information Items**
  - 6.1 Ministry of Environment Update
  - 6.2 BC EPR Programs Summary Document Update (*attachment #4*)
7. **Old Business**
  - 7.1 Update - Waste Characterization Studies Working Group
  - 7.2 Update - Working Group on EPR Service Level Definitions and Related Regulatory Frameworks
  - 7.3 Website redesign proposal from Product Policy Institute
8. **New Business**
  - 8.1 Letter to Minister RE: packaging stewardship impacts on Local Gov't infrastructure (*attachment #5*)
  - 8.2 BC Municipal Solid Waste Definition and Diversion Calculation Methodology
9. **Upcoming Events**
  - 9.1 B.C. EPR Workshop November 2-3, 2010
  - 9.2 BCPSC Conference Calls with Product Policy Institute
10. **Stewardship Issues to Resolve – remaining agenda items from May 25 meeting**
  - 10.1 Stewardship Outreach Materials (complimentary to EPR Handbook) (Laurie Gallant)
  - 10.2 Presentations to Regional District Boards (Laurie Gallant)
  - 10.3 Advance notice of upcoming stewardship program depot locations (Laurie Gallant)
  - 10.4 BCUOMA Ambassador Tour Update (Laurie Gallant)
  - 10.5 Management Strategy for Unacceptable Products under Product Care Program (Laurie Gallant)
11. **Next Meeting**
12. **Adjournment**



**B.C. Product Stewardship Council**  
**Post-Meeting Package**  
**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

This Package Includes:

1. Agenda – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010
2. Minutes – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Prepared By RCBC Staff



# British Columbia Product Stewardship Council

## BCPSC Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday May 25, 2010

**Time:** 4:00pm-6:00pm

**Venue:** Westin Resort, Whistler, BC

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1. **Meeting called to order**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Adoption of minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting (*attachment #1*)**
4. **Task List Review (*attachment #2*)**
  
5. **Correspondence**
  - 5.1 MoE response to request for funding (*attachment #3*)
  - 5.2 Request from Stewards for contact information (Laurie Gallant)
  - 5.3 Response to Solid Waste Flow Report (*attachment #4*) (Nicole Kohnert)
  
6. **Information Items**
  - 6.1 Ministry of Environment Update
  
7. **Old Business**
  - 7.1 Waste Characterization Studies working group (*attachment #5*)  
(Laurie Gallant and Greg Tyson)
  
  - 7.2 Working Group on EPR service level definitions and related regulatory frameworks
    - 7.2.1 Draft text for SWMP re: definitions of MSW (*attachment #6*) (Nicole Kohnert)
    - 7.2.2 Stewards' understanding of MSW definitions (Nicole Kohnert)
    - 7.2.3 Local government compensation for handling stewardship materials at local facilities
    - 7.2.4 Rural Service Level Standards (long-term and interim) (*attachment #7*) (Laurie Gallant and Janine Dougall)
    - 7.2.5 Evaluation and enforcement of rural service level standards
    - 7.2.6 Resolution for UBCM re: service levels (Cathy Kenny)
  
8. **New Business**
  - 8.1 Membership Survey of Cost Recovery methods for Waste Management (*attachment #8*)  
(Laurie Gallant)
  - 8.2 EPR revenue levels relative to service levels (Jeff Rahn)
  - 8.3 RCBC Hotline Services (Brock Macdonald)
  - 8.4 Renewal of RCBC Administrative Service Agreement (August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011) (Brock Macdonald)



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8.5 "Transition to EPR" update (**attachment #9**) (Laurie Gallant)

8.6 BCPSC Terms of Reference Review (**attachment #10**) (Nicole Kohnert)

8.7 Election of BCPSC Co-Chair (**attachment #11**) (Brock Macdonald)

## 9. Stewardship Issues to Resolve

9.1 Stewardship Outreach Materials (complimentary to EPR Handbook) (Laurie Gallant)

9.2 Advance notice of upcoming stewardship program depot locations (Laurie Gallant)

## 10. Next Meeting

## 11. Adjournment

# B.C. Product Stewardship Council

Attachment #1

## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Westin Resort, Whistler BC

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### Present:

Janine Dougall (Bulkley-Nechako)	Anke Bergner (Capital)
Peter Rotheisler (Central Okanagan)	Eve-Lyn Wolters (Central Okanagan)
Bob McDonald (Cowichan Valley)	Harmony Huffman (Cowichan Valley)
Don Hamilton (Okanagan-Similkameen)	Carmen Fennell (Columbia Shuswap)
Andrew Doi (Metro Vancouver)	Ken Carrusca (Metro Vancouver)
Mike Hofer (Fraser Valley)	Peter Hughes (Thompson-Nicola)
Rachael Ryder (Fraser-Fort George)	Laurie Gallant (Kitimat Stikine)
Tim Dueck (Kootenay-Boundary)	Alan Stanley (Kootenay-Boundary)
Sharon Horsburgh (Nanaimo)	Don Hamilton (Okanagan-Similkameen)
Nicole Kohnert (North Okanagan)	Jeff Rahn (Peace River)
Ben Van Nostrand (Columbia Shuswap)	Greg Tyson (Ministry of Environment)
David Lawes (Ministry of Environment)	Kris Ord (Ministry of Environment)
David Ranson (Ministry of Environment)	Teresa Conner (Ministry of Environment)
Meegan Armstrong (Ministry of Environment)	Martin Dickson (Thompson-Nicola)
Tim Des Champ (Skeena Queen Charlotte)	Brock Macdonald (RCBC)
Cathy Kenny (Sunshine Coast)	Jordan Best (RCBC)
Dion White (Sunshine Coast)	

### Regrets:

Brenda Fortais (Alberni Clayoquot)	Tera Grady (Cariboo)
Joy Mackay (Central Coast)	Nicole Ward (Central Kootenay)
Jim Penson (East Kootenay)	Loree Duczek (East Kootenay)
Sabina Kasprzak (Fraser Valley)	Patrick Donaghy (Mount Waddington)
Frances Ladret (Powell River)	Peter Hughes (Thompson-Nicola)
Cameron Baughen (Okanagan-Similkameen)	Scott Barry (Northern Rockies)
Jon Isfeld (Comox Valley)	Jarred Wright (UBCM)
Petra Wildauer (Fraser-Fort George)	Jesse Lee (Squamish-Lillooet)

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#### 1. Meeting called to order

- The May 25, 2010 BC Product Stewardship Council meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

#### 2. Adoption of agenda

100525-1PSC **Moved/seconded to adopt the agenda for the May 25, 2010 BC Product Stewardship Council meeting.**

Carried.

#### 3. Adoption of minutes from April 8, 2010 meeting (attachment #1)

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100525-2PSC Moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2010 BC Product Stewardship Council meeting.

Carried.

#### 4. Task List Review (*attachment #2*)

- Received as information
- Jordan Best reiterated the fact that the Product Policy Institute asked him to not post their meeting schedule. Those wishing to participate in PPI meetings should contact Jordan.

#### 5. Correspondence

5.1 MoE response to request for funding (*attachment #3*)

5.2 Request from Stewards for contact information (Laurie Gallant)

- Sue Maxwell from Product Care has requested info for municipal contacts in each RD
- Stewards want applicable contact information to send out info on new programs, program changes etc.
- A signup sheet was sent out, but few RDs responded

**Action Item: RCBC Staff will redistribute the contact list; BCPSC should return it with as much detail as possible.**

5.3 Response to Solid Waste Flow Report (*attachment #4*) (Nicole Kohnert)

- Purpose is to define waste types and sources accurately
- Grey Tyson – NRCAN study of historic data – canvassed RDs for data and received low response
- BC Stats compiled available data

#### 6. Information Items

6.1 Ministry of Environment Update

- Teresa Conner gave an overview of the plans launching July 1<sup>st</sup> – electronics expansion, fluorescent lamps, batteries and thermostats
- Plans and approval letters are on the MoE website
- Small appliances and smoke detectors – April 1, 2011
- Lead acid batteries/anti-freeze – July, 2011
- Tools, large appliances – July 2012
- Oct. 2009 – CCME supports EPR Action Plan – harmonization across Canada
- 2015 target date for packaging/printed materials
- 2017 target date for C&D waste, furniture, textiles, carpeting and ozone depleting substances

- There was a question on TELUS's electronics plan – they will launch in 2010 on mandatory items and additional items will come online in 2012
- MoE will be implementing 3<sup>rd</sup> party auditing of stewards' annual reports to ensure claims in reports are accurate
- Not annual, but periodic
- Intent is to verify claims in the reports, not financial statements etc.

## **7. Old Business**

### **7.1 Waste Characterization Studies working group (*attachment #5*)**

(Laurie Gallant and Greg Tyson)

- Primary work has been done by Laurie and Greg
- Laurie Gallant reviewed the main points included in the attachment (see attachment)
- Weight vs volume conversion – conversion table needed that is metric, to use as a standard
- Barriers to harmonizing methodology across BC – material categories do not align, budget
- Some RDs have received money from stewards to update study
- Idea – review 1991 guide and produce a new planning and analysis tool
- Laurie reviewed the task list (see attachment)
- Need feedback from stewards on what questions they want answered
- Standardized volume charts – does anyone have one? – if so, send to Laurie
- Those interested in joining the group should contact Laurie
- A proposed motion, requesting \$20,000 from the stewards to develop a new waste characterization methodology was discussed but eventually tabled

**Action Item: Working Group will discuss the issue further and will develop a more detailed request for funding from the stewards**

### **7.2 Working Group on EPR service level definitions and related regulatory frameworks**

#### **7.2.1 Draft text for SWMP re: definitions of MSW (*attachment #6*) (Nicole Kohnert)**

- Key issue is how stewards are using existing facilities in RDs and how products are disposed
- Nicole reviewed the document
- RDs need to work together, instead of each approaching the stewards individually for compensation – need united front
- Compensation should be tied to what is found in the waste stream

#### **7.2.2 Stewards' understanding of MSW definitions (Nicole Kohnert)**

- Discussed in 7.2.1

#### **7.2.3 Local government compensation for handling stewardship materials at local facilities**

- Discussed in 7.2.1

7.2.4 Rural Service Level Standards (long-term and interim) (*attachment #7*) (Laurie Gallant)

- Applicable document was reviewed
- Proposing standards for interim, transition and long-term
- Proposing softer period for first 18 months when product is added because permanent depots may not yet exist
- Proposed standards will make certain things, like a minimum of two collection events, mandatory
- Discussion around responsibility of RDs to provide services to stewards – multiple perspectives
- Discussion around what percentage of funding should be provided by stewards/ RDs – 90%/10%? 100%?
- Point was raised that assistance to business by local government may be illegal under local government act – cannot offer in-kind support
- Agreed that a presentation would be made to Product Stewards at the Thursday meeting

7.2.5 Evaluation and enforcement of rural service level standards

- Discussed under section 7.2.4

7.2.6 Resolution for UBCM re: service levels (Cathy Kenny)

- Discussion around need for a UBCM resolution

**Action Item: The Working Group will develop a recommendation for a UBCM resolution.**

**8. New Business**

8.1 Membership Survey of Cost Recovery methods for Waste Management (*attachment #8*) (Laurie Gallant)

- Discussion around need for a survey on how RDs fund their recycling programs
- Results to be compiled in time for 2011 budgeting
- Laurie will draft a survey and send it around for feedback

8.2 EPR revenue levels relative to service levels (Jeff Rahn)

- Discussion around appropriate service levels in each community, relative to eco-fees received
- Discussion on whether or not stewards are spending collected money on improving infrastructure/access
- Stewards need to meet regional goals now, not just province wide goals
- Discussion around need for stewards to increase infrastructure instead of reducing eco-fees

8.3 RCBC Hotline Services (Brock Macdonald)

- Removed from agenda – Brock will discuss with new chairs

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8.4 Renewal of RCBC Administrative Service Agreement (August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011) (Brock Macdonald)

- Removed from agenda – Brock will discuss with new chairs

8.5 “Transition to EPR” update (*attachment #9*) (Laurie Gallant)

- Working group will review this document

8.6 BCPSC Terms of Reference Review (*attachment #10*) (Nicole Kohnert)

- To be discussed by chairs

8.7 Election of BCPSC Co-Chair (*attachment #11*) (Brock Macdonald)

- BCPSC members voted and Nicole Kohnert was elected co-chair

### 9. Stewardship Issues to Resolve

- Deferred due to lack of time

9.1 Stewardship Outreach Materials (complimentary to EPR Handbook) (Laurie Gallant)

- Not discussed

9.2 Advance notice of upcoming stewardship program depot locations (Laurie Gallant)

- Not discussed

**Action Item: RCBC Staff will update the chart showing the status of BC Product Stewardship programs (original document circulated January 2010)**

### 10. Next Meeting

- Date will be circulated in the late summer

### 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

**BC Product Stewardship Council**

**Task List - September, 2010**

Task	Responsibility	Reference Document	Reference motion	Status/Notes
<b>Official Motions</b>				
Moved/seconded/approved that a qualified consultant be retained to update the existing "official" waste characterization methodology and that this procedure be considered by the Ministry of Environment and Stewards as an essential part of performance evaluation.	Waste Characterization Study Working Group (Laurie Gallant)	BCPSC meeting (May 26, 2009)	090526-5PSC	On-going in working group
Moved/seconded/approved that the BC Product Stewardship Council consider an acceptable funding formula for waste characterization studies after the waste characterization methodology has been updated.	Waste Characterization Study Working Group (Laurie Gallant)	BCPSC meeting (May 26, 2009)	090526-6PSC	On-going in working group
<b>Action Items</b>				
It was requested that the three current Waste Composition Studies' results be circulated to the BCPSC when complete.	Metro Vancouver, Capital RD, and KSRD	BCPSC Meeting Minutes (November 3, 2009)	Item 6.2	
Waste characterization study working Group will discuss the issue further and will develop a more detailed request for funding from the stewards	Working group	BCPSC Meeting Minutes (May 25, 2010)	Item 7.1	
The rural service level working group will develop a recommendation for a UBCM resolution.	Working group	BCPSC Meeting Minutes (May 25, 2010)	Item 7.2.6	
<b>Completed Items</b>				
RCBC Staff will redistribute the contact list; BCPSC should return it with as much detail as possible.	RCBC Staff	BCPSC Meeting Minutes (May 25, 2010)	Item 5.2	
RCBC Staff will update the chart showing the status of BC Product Stewardship programs (original document circulated January 2010)	RCBC Staff	BCPSC Meeting Minutes (May 25, 2010)	Item 9.2	Complete - updated version on website and September meeting package

## Ben Ramos

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**From:** Patrick Donaghy [pdonaghy@rdmw.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2010 12:27 PM  
**To:** Ben Ramos  
**Cc:** 'Bonnie Danyk'; 'Greg Fletcher'  
**Subject:** RE: BC Product Stewardship Council Meeting - September 29

Hi Ben

I'm not sure if you the right person to be contacting but the RDMW will not be renewing its membership on the Product Stewardship Council. This withdrawal is not a criticism of the council but recognition of our inability to allocate time to participate and hence justify the expense.

Thanks

**Text Box:** **Patrick Donaghy** PEng, RFT(Non-Practising), MSc  
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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Ben Ramos [mailto:ben@rcbc.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** September 16, 2010 11:39 AM  
**To:** Alan Stanley; Andrew Doi; Anke Bergner; Ben Van Nostrand; Bob McDonald; Brenda Fortais; Cameron Baughen; Carmen Fennell; Cathy Kenny; David Lawes; Dion Whyte; Don Hamilton; Frances Ladret; Greg Tyson; Harmony Huffmanh; Janice Hill; Janine Dougall; Jared Wright; Jeff Rahn; Jesse Lee; Jon Isfeld; Joy Mackay; Kathleen Milward; Kevin Paterson; Laurie Gallant; Lyn Smirl; Martin Dickson; Mike Hofer; Nicole Kohnert; Nicole Ward; Patrick Donaghy; Peter Hughes; Peter Rotheisler; Petra Wildauer; Rachael Ryder; Rob Williams; Roger Tooms; Sabina Kasprzak; Scott Barry; Sharon Horsburgh; Tera Grady; Teresa Conner; Tim Des Champ; Tim Dueck; Wendy Dunn; Jordan Best  
**Subject:** BC Product Stewardship Council Meeting - September 29  
**When:** September 29, 2010 9:30 AM-11:30 AM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** Conference Call

Dear B.C. Product Stewardship Council:

The next **B.C. Product Stewardship Council conference call meeting** will be on

**Wednesday, September 29, 2010**  
**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Please confirm your participation for this meeting. If you cannot make this meeting, please suggest an alternate date and time.

Meeting packages and meeting login information will be distributed next week.

Kind regards,

**Ben Ramos**  
*Member Services Manager*  
Recycling Council of BC  
Phone: (604) 683-6009 ext. 314  
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## B.C. Product Stewardship Programs – September 2010 Update

Product Category	Product Details	Administration	Program Status	Product Stewardship Plan	Consultation Status
<b>Antifreeze</b>	Automotive antifreeze and empty containers	BC Used Oil Management Association* <a href="#">(BCUOMA)</a> *Not yet confirmed	In development – program launch July 2011	In development – October 2010 deadline	Ongoing - Summer 2010
<b>Batteries</b>	Dry cell batteries under 5kg (rechargeable and non-rechargeable) and cell/mobile phones	Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation <a href="#">(RBRC)</a>	Ongoing as of July 2010	2010 Plan complete – approved March 2010  Available <a href="#">here</a>	2009 consultation period complete
<b>Beverage Containers</b>	<i>Non-Alcohol</i> – soft drinks, juice, water and sports drinks <i>Alcohol</i> – wine, spirits, import beers/ coolers sold in non-refillable containers	Encorp Pacific (Canada) <a href="#">website</a>	Ongoing	2006 Plan complete – approved November 2007 (including amendments)  Available <a href="#">here</a>	Product Stewardship Plan up for review ~2011
<b>Beverage Containers</b>	Beer cans, standard brown beer bottles and certain clear refillable beer bottles	Brewers Distributor Ltd. <a href="#">website</a>	Ongoing	2009-2014 Plan complete – approved November 2009  Available <a href="#">here</a>	
<b>Cell Phones</b>	Cell phones, smart phones, wireless PDAs, external aircards, pagers and accessories (chargers etc.)	Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association <a href="#">(CWTA)</a>	Ongoing	2009 Plan complete – approved October 2009  Available <a href="#">here</a>	2009 consultation period complete
<b>Electronics – Phase 1</b>	Televisions, computers, printers and computer peripherals (monitors, mice, keyboards etc.)	Electronic Stewardship Association of BC <a href="#">(ESABC)</a>	Ongoing since 2007	Original 2006 Plan complete – approved December 2006  Available <a href="#">here</a>	Product Stewardship Plan up for review ~2011
<b>Electronics – Phase 2</b>	IT and telecommunications equipment, audio-visual and consumer equipment (see full list <a href="#">here</a> )	Electronic Stewardship Association of BC <a href="#">(ESABC)</a>	Ongoing as of July 2010	Addendum to original 2006 plan (above) approved September 2009  Addendum available <a href="#">here</a>	2009 consultation period complete
<b>Electronics – Phase 3 (remaining) and Phase 4</b>	See list of products covered by the Recycling Regulation <a href="#">here</a>	Stewards unknown - TBD	Phase 3 – program launch by April 2011 Phase 4 – program launch by July 2012	Phase 3 – July 2010 deadline Phase 4 – October 2011 deadline	Unknown - TBD
<b>Fluorescent Lamps</b>	Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL) and fluorescent tubes – residential sources only (ICI sources to be added in 2012)	Product Care Association <a href="#">website</a>	Ongoing as of July 2010	2010 Plan complete – approved March 2010  Available <a href="#">here</a>	2009 consultation period complete

## B.C. Product Stewardship Programs – September 2010 Update

Product Category	Product Details	Administration	Program Status	Product Stewardship Plan	Consultation Status
<b>Lead Acid Batteries</b>	Industry led program to replace government program	Unknown	In development – program launch in July 2011	October 2010 deadline	Unknown
<b>Paint, Flammable Liquids, Solvents, Pesticides, Gasoline</b>	See <a href="#">here</a> for a full list of products accepted	Product Care Association <a href="#">website</a>	Program ongoing as of 1994 (paint), 1997 (flammables and pesticides) and 1998 (aerosols)	2006-2011 Plan complete – approved July 2007  Available <a href="#">here</a>	Product Stewardship Plan up for review ~2011
<b>Small Appliances</b>	Portable electrical appliances designed for use in homes – see list on pg. 6 of the <a href="#">Plan</a>	Canadian Electrical Stewardship Association (CESA)	In development – program launch by April 2011	In development – July 2010 deadline  Draft available <a href="#">here</a>	2009 consultation period complete
<b>Packaging and Printed Paper</b>	n/a	n/a	Expected within next few years	n/a	n/a
<b>Pharmaceuticals</b>	Prescription drugs, non-prescription medicine, herbal products, mineral and vitamin supplements, throat lozenges	Post Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association ( <a href="#">PCPSA</a> )	Ongoing since 1997	2006 Plan complete – approved March 2007  Available <a href="#">here</a>	Product Stewardship Plan up for review ~2011
<b>Thermostats</b>	All electromechanical (mercury containing) and electronic thermostats	Summerhill Impact <a href="#">website</a>	Ongoing as of July 2010	2009 Plan complete – approved February 2010  Available <a href="#">here</a>	2009 consultation period complete
<b>Tires</b>	See <a href="#">here</a> for a full list of tire types included in the program	Tire Stewardship BC ( <a href="#">TSBC</a> )	Ongoing (industry-led) since 2007	2006 Plan complete – approved September 2006  Available <a href="#">here</a>	Product Stewardship Plan up for review ~2011
<b>Tree Marking Paint</b>		Tree-Marking Paint Association <a href="#">website</a>	Ongoing since 1998	Under review by MoE	Product Stewardship Plan up for review ~2014
<b>Oil</b>	Used oil, oil filters and oil containers	BC Used Oil Management Association ( <a href="#">BCUOMA</a> )	Ongoing since 1992	2009 Plan <b>complete</b> – approved November 2009  Available <a href="#">here</a>	Product Stewardship Plan up for review ~2014



September 16, 2010

The Honourable Barry Penner  
Minister of Environment  
PO Box 9047 STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Penner:

Local governments in British Columbia, as represented by the British Columbia Product Stewardship Council (BCPSC), have strongly supported the successes to date of the province's product stewardship programs. These programs, which shift the responsibility of managing consumer products and their packaging waste from taxpayers to producers and consumers, should continue to be the focus of the province's waste reduction efforts.

The introduction of a stewardship program for packaging and printed paper, while supported by our membership, introduces a complex host of issues that require careful consideration of local governments' needs and concerns. Most local governments across the province have made significant investments in recycling infrastructure, including trucks and facilities, and have contracts signed into the future with service providers. An industry run packaging and printed paper stewardship program will likely impact these investments and contracts in significant ways.

Within that context, BCPSC members therefore recommend caution in the implementation of a stewardship program for packaging and printed paper. Additional dialogue and consultation is requested between the Ministry of Environment and local governments so that the impacts of this policy shift can be better understood and managed. Consideration should also be taken to ensure that local government concerns and comments are adequately addressed during the consultation stage of stewardship plans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Name/Signature of representative from regional district*

cc: Kris Ord, Ministry of Environment  
David Lawes, Ministry of Environment

## Packaging and Printed Paper Backgrounder

### **BC Climate Action Plan** [http://www.livesmartbc.ca/attachments/climateaction\\_plan\\_web.pdf](http://www.livesmartbc.ca/attachments/climateaction_plan_web.pdf)

The B.C. government is exploring options that will help make manufacturers more responsible for the packaging and other waste created by their products. British Columbia will encourage alternative, environmentally friendly forms of packaging and help create an environment that recognizes the need to reduce waste wherever possible.

### **CCME** [http://www.ccme.ca/assets/pdf/epr\\_cap.pdf](http://www.ccme.ca/assets/pdf/epr_cap.pdf)

As many of you know, all provincial and territorial jurisdictions in Canada are developing industry product stewardship programs for packaging as part of their commitment to the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Sustainable Packaging Strategy and the Canada-wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility.

The Canada-wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility is divided into Phase one and Phase two. Phase one includes recommended programs in place by 2015: packaging and printed materials; electronics and electrical products; mercury-containing products (including lamps); household hazardous and special wastes; and automotive products. Phase two includes recommended programs in place for 2017: construction and demolition materials; furniture, textiles and carpet; and appliances, including ozone-depleting substances.

The CCME EPR task group consulted with local government, environmental and industry stakeholders in March 2009 prior to finalizing the document.

### **MOE Service Plan** <http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2010/sp/pdf/ministry/env.pdf>

Ministry of Environment Service Plan 2010/11 – 2012/13 commits to adding 2 new products every 3 years to BC's Recycling Regulation, as well as a commitment to the CCME Canada Wide Action Plan Phases, listed above. In 2010, British Columbia will consider developing new programs for the remaining products from the Phase one of the Action Plan, such as adding packaging or expanding the programs for household hazardous waste and automotive products.

## **EPR in BC**

In 2004, government enacted the Recycling Regulation to provide a single results-based framework for extended producer responsibility (EPR). EPR is a market-based strategy that promotes the integration of the environmental costs associated with the life cycle management of products into the market price of those products. EPR holds producers responsible for the costs of managing their products and associated packaging at end of life.

## **Recycling Regulation**

*Focus on the 'Producer':* The 'producer' is the person who is the manufacturer of the product or the first seller of a product in the province. A producer may appoint an agency to discharge its obligation under the Regulation.

*Duty of the Producer:* A producer is required to have an approved product stewardship plan or comply with specific requirements outlined in the regulation in order to sell or distribute the product in B.C.. Producers may appoint an agency to undertake their duties.