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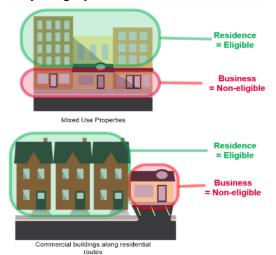
December 5, 2024

Dear Business/ ICI Property Owner,

This letter is to provide notice of an upcoming change to the curbside **recycling** collection program, currently provided by the City of Temiskaming Shores.

When the municipal curbside recycling program began in 2014, it was intended to service residential properties only. Over the years, the City gradually extended curbside collection service to **industrial**, **commercial**, **and institutional** (**ICI**) **properties**.

Recently, the Province of Ontario passed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation to make producers 100% responsible for the end-of-life costs for recyclable materials. Historically, producers paid 50% of the costs, and municipalities were responsible for paying the balance. Since the legislation passed, municipalities from across Ontario have been transitioning to **Circular Materials Ontario (CMO)**, a not-for-profit producer responsibility organization, committed to building efficient and effective recycling systems to minimize waste, and ensure materials are reused.



Effective January 1, 2025, the complete curbside **recycling** program in the City of Temiskaming Shores will be under the management of CMO.

With this transition, ICI properties will not be eligible for curbside recycling services. In addition to the ICI properties, municipal buildings, daycares, places of worship, and not-for-profit organizations are also excluded. There are some locations that are partially eligible for recycling collection, and often have commercial/ retail spaces on lower levels and residential units above. In these circumstances, curbside recycling

collection will be maintained for residential units; however, curbside recycling collection for the commercial units would no longer be eligible. CMO has implemented a transition period to provide non-eligible properties time to make alternate arrangements, by allowing their recycling materials to be collected from January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025. After this transition time, non-eligible properties will need to make alternate/private arrangements for the disposal of their recycling materials.

During this transition period, the City negotiated pricing to continue curbside recycling collection for the non-eligible properties in 2025. As a result, the cost to collect and process recycling materials from non-eligible properties will be \$28 per bin per month, or \$336 per bin for the year. This cost will be added and payable through the tax billing



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process. Due to the timing of the program rollout, the City will cover the cost of recycling collection for non-eligible properties, for the month of January 2025.

Effective **January 1, 2026**, the City will no longer be assisting the non-eligible properties with recycling collection. Each property will be responsible for making collection arrangements with a private service provider.

Should your organization choose to opt out of the suggested recycling collection service, please provide e-mail notification to Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services at sburnett@temiskamingshores.ca no later than **January 17, 2025**.

Yours truly,

Steve Burnett,

Manager of Environmental Services