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**TO:** Solid Waste Management Select Committee      **MEETING:** September 5, 2019

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**SUBJECT:** Brewers Recycled Container Collection Council Draft Stewardship Plan 2020-2024

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board approve the draft letter prepared by staff and submit to the Brewers Recycled Container Collection Council in response to their draft Container Stewardship Plan.

## **SUMMARY**

The Brewers Recycled Container Collection Council's (BRCCC) Schedule 1 Stewardship Plan for containers is due for renewal this year. The BRCCC as regulated by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy is conducting stakeholder consultation on the draft Container Stewardship Plan<sup>1</sup>. The deadline for submission is September 10, 2019 however, staff have requested an extension of deadline to September 30, 2019.

## **BACKGROUND**

BRCCC, under Schedule 1 of the *Recycling Regulation*, is the stewardship agency for all refillable glass beer and cider bottles, as well as all metal beverage alcohol cans. BRCCC is seeking to renew this product stewardship plan on behalf of its stewards, for collection and processing of these containers for the period of 2020-2024.

RDN staff have reviewed the draft Container Stewardship Plan and participated BRCCC live Q&A webinar on August 22, 2019 along with BC Product Stewardship Association members. Some of the key areas for improvement identified in the Plan are:

- Coordination of education and drop-off locations for all beverage containers with other stewardship agencies (i.e. Encorp, Recycle BC)
- Clearer reporting on recycling and disposal of packaging for alcohol beverage containers (i.e. caps, six pack rings and boxboard)
- Improved reporting on containers processed through other Stewardship agencies for example BRCCC aluminum containers from curbside collection.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://envirobeerbc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/BRCCC-BC-2020-2024-Schedule-1-Stewardship-Plan-FINAL.pdf>

BRCCC should be recognized for its commitment to high performance in overall program and individual container recovery rates at 91% which is well over the regulated requirement of 75% as well as container specific performance which promotes the reuse of containers through refill.

The deadline for submission of feedback to BRCCC's draft plan is September 10, 2019. Staff have requested an extension of the deadline to September 30, 2019 to allow time for the Board to review the draft letter (Attachment 1) prior to submission.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. The Board approve the draft letter prepared by staff and submit to the Brewers Recycled Container Collection Council in response to their draft Container Stewardship Plan.
2. The Board provide staff with alternate direction.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Advocacy and education that promotes waste diversion are key elements of the RDN Solid Waste Management Plan and budgets have been established for carrying out these activities.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

Environmental Stewardship - Achieve the 90% waste diversion target as per the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Improvements to BC EPR programs assist the RDN in achieving the 90% waste diversion target. Programs and regulations at the provincial and federal level regarding waste diversion and waste reduction are anticipated to increase regional waste diversion by 5%.



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Attachment

1. RDN Feedback on Brewers Recycled Container Collection Council draft Container Stewardship Plan