

Q&A: June 8th and 9th Webinars for Municipal and First Nations on Full Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

	Questions	Answers
1.	Is a copy of today's webinar presentation available and will it be provided to all participants?	The EPR Information Webinar slides and a recording of the sessions on June 8 th and 9 th are available on the MMSM website here .
2.	What is the timeline for the transition to full EPR?	The Transition Plan is due to the Minister in November. It is difficult to provide specific timing on the transition as it is dependent upon when the Plan is approved and any further government consultations which might be needed to complete the process. However, we can anticipate that once the Plan is approved MMSM will work with municipalities and First Nations to review service agreements and contracts and ensure that requirements of the Plan are being met before the transition to full EPR begins. Once begun, we anticipate that the process will take approximately three years to transition all communities taking a phased approach.
3.	When the recycling system transitions to full EPR, does this result in increased costs to consumers?	There is a cost associated with producers assuming full responsibility for the recycling system, but it will be up to producers on how they manage these costs – whether they absorb them into the cost of doing business or pass them through to consumers through their product pricing.
4.	What will this change look like for the municipal owned depots?	MMSM plans to discuss this and other matters related to operational and financial details over the next couple of months. MMSM welcomes input from all parties on how to achieve a smooth and orderly transition that will provide for the continuous improvement of environmental outcomes in a manner that does not disrupt the recycling services being provided to Manitoba residents.
5.	What happens with recycling from local schools, pharmacies and grocery stores?	MMSM is a residential recycling program meaning that IC&I (Industrial, Commercial and Institutional) facilities are outside the scope of the full residential EPR program.
6.	With the move to full EPR, will MMSM still be in existence like Recycle BC, or will it be dissolved like Stewardship Ontario?	MMSM will continue to be the stewardship organization during and after transition to full EPR so that both stewards and communities can benefit from MMSM's experience and knowledge about how to deliver successful recycling services to Manitoba residents.
7.	Will municipalities still be responsible for collection and delivery to MRFs?	MMSM will discuss this and other questions about the specifics of the transition of operational and financial responsibility to full EPR at upcoming webinars and

		workshops. MMSM would like input from all parties on how to design the transition in a way that is best suited for Manitoba communities and does not disrupt the residential recycling services being delivered to residents.
8.	Is the CBCRA going to be affected by this transition?	The transition of the MMSM program to full responsibility will not impact the CBCRA program for beverage containers. However, CBCRA members, who are also MMSM stewards, will be impacted by the transition when they assume full operational and financial responsibilities for the packaging and paper recycling program.
9.	What will the expanded material list look like after the transition?	MMSM will discuss this and other questions about the specifics of the transition of operational and financial responsibilities to full EPR in upcoming webinars and workshops. MMSM would like input from all parties on how to design the transition to full EPR in a way that is best suited for Manitoba communities and residents.
10	Can you please clarify whether there will be any new or additional costs or administrative responsibilities for municipalities under the full EPR program?	Under full EPR, the financial responsibilities for the recycling program shift to stewards relieving municipalities of these costs. However, as MMSM will discuss with municipalities and First Nations communities at future webinars and workshops, whether or not they will have ongoing administrative responsibilities will be dependent upon the role they may choose to play under the new full EPR system. These options will be presented at upcoming webinars and workshops.
11	Will newspapers be included in full EPR?	It is MMSM's hope that newspapers will participate in the full EPR program. Discussions with newspaper publishers are ongoing and MMSM will provide stakeholders with an update when there is information to share.
12	I now better understand EPR but what changes can we expect with our program?	Under a full EPR system, stewards assume both operational and financial responsibility for the residential recycling programs relieving municipalities of these responsibilities and costs. Future webinars and workshops are planned where MMSM will be seeking Municipal and First Nations input on how the transition to full EPR can take place in a way that provides for continuous improvement of environmental outcomes and does not undermine existing PPP recovery efforts, while ensuring no disruption in the recycling services for Manitoba residents.
13	Can you explain the current 80% cost recovery mechanism?	Stewards (manufacturers, brand owners, retailers) currently pay up to 80% of the net costs of a participating community's residential recycling program; participating communities fund the remaining 20%. This is referred to as a shared responsibility program and participation is voluntary for communities. MMSM also supports

		participating communities with technical assistance helping them in the delivery of recycling services to Manitoba residents. In the current model, a participating community manages the operation of their program, is responsible for promotion and education and ensures the proper recycling of all the material they collect under the terms of a service agreement with MMSM. The details of the current shared responsibility program are outlined in the MMSM Program Plan .
14	What is the impact on private contractors?	The waste management sector will continue to be an important partner in the delivery of recycling services to Manitoba residents under full EPR. MMSM will promote a fair and open marketplace for procurement for both collection and post-collection services and will discuss the specifics of that process with all stakeholders at upcoming webinars and workshops.
15	How is this process complemented/ impacted by the ongoing provincial recycling review?	MMSM is responding to the Minister's letter to develop a plan to transition to full EPR for the current residential blue box recycling program. The development of this plan is being done independent of the review announced by the Minister of Conservation and Climate. We look forward to reviewing that report when it is released.
16	Will MMSM's relationship with the other recycling organizations change?	MMSM works in partnership with several Manitoba recycling agencies and looks forward to continuing that work.