

What Communities Need to Know about the MMSM Transition Plan to Full EPR

What does the transition to full EPR mean for my community’s recycling program?

As we transition to full EPR, residents of Manitoba will continue to enjoy uninterrupted residential recycling services. Producers will assume full operational and financial responsibility for the recycling system relieving communities of these costs. MMSM’s Transition Plan will be designed in a way that will ensure a smooth and orderly transition. In addition, it will result in a wider range of materials being collected for recycling, increased diversion of packaging and printed paper from landfill, and improved environmental outcomes.

Will communities have a role in providing residents with recycling under full EPR?

MMSM would like to work closely with communities as the program transitions to full EPR. The Transition Plan will provide communities with the ‘first right of refusal’ to continue to provide recycling collection services to their residents. Communities that choose to deliver collection services will enter into a contract with MMSM to deliver services on its behalf to a common provincial standard and to collect a standardized list of materials. As collectors, communities will be paid for their services based on an established price-for-service, such as a price per household, and the current shared funding model will be phased out. Communities with existing collection contracts that choose to continue delivering services will want to consider how to meet the MMSM service standards if they differ from the standards followed by the community today. MMSM will provide municipal and First Nations staff and officials with all the information they need, including the service standard and the price-for-service, to allow them to make an informed decision on their role going forward once the Plan is approved and the Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation is amended.

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MMSM is responding to the Minister’s direction to develop a Transition Plan to full EPR for packaging and printed paper (PPP). Full EPR will shift the costs and responsibility for the Manitoba recycling system from municipalities and First Nations to the producers of PPP. MMSM aims for a smooth transition to full EPR with uninterrupted recycling service for Manitoba residents.

What if our community chooses not to deliver collection services for MMSM? Will our residents still be provided with recycling services?

Even if a community chooses to ‘opt-out’ of acting as a collection service provider its residents will continue to receive uninterrupted recycling services. MMSM will tender the work and contract with the successful bidder to provide recycling services to residents.

When will this transition take place?

MMSM has been asked to submit a Transition Plan to the Minister by November 2021. Timing of the transition is dependent upon a series of events which must be completed before the transition can take place including: the Minister’s approval of the Plan following government consultations, amendment of the Packaging and Paper Stewardship Regulation, and adequate time to work with communities to prepare for the transition. An ambitious but feasible timeframe for transition would be the following:



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Why does it take three years for communities to transition?

To achieve a smooth transition with uninterrupted recycling services for residents, MMSM is proposing to transition groups of communities (or catchment areas) over a three-year period. MMSM will work with communities to understand their preferred timing for transition while also taking into consideration the readiness of surrounding communities. Sequencing the transition of communities or catchment areas will be done in a way that allows MMSM to design a province-wide recycling system that maximizes the efficient flow of recyclables in Manitoba.

Will the full costs of our recycling program be paid for by producers and what will we be paid?

MMSM is proposing that communities that choose to participate in delivering collection services on behalf of MMSM will enter into a service contract with MMSM and be paid a fair price for delivering services against a service standard. Communities will be paid by MMSM as services are delivered, likely on a quarterly basis. Since MMSM has a mandate to provide residential recycling only, MMSM will not pay for the collection of recyclables from some sources that are deemed institutional, commercial, and industrial (ICI) such as large multi-family buildings (specifics to be determined), hospitals or libraries. In addition, MMSM would not pay for any new or expanded services introduced after December 31, 2021, without prior notice or consultation with MMSM.

To establish a price for services, MMSM will refer to the 10+ years of Cost Monitoring Survey (CMS) data that communities have provided as part of the current MMSM program. MMSM will also undertake additional cost studies to further refine that data and isolate collection costs to arrive at a per household price for curbside collection and a per tonne price for depot materials. MMSM intends to provide a draft Statement of Work and Collection Qualifications Standards when it releases its draft Transition Plan at the end of August.

More information on the Transition Plan and what it means for your community can be found on MMSM's [website](#). We welcome your feedback and questions through the **Feedback Button** or by emailing transitionfeedback@stewardshipmanitoba.org

We look forward to hearing from you!