



Office of the City Clerk

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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

**Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, December 6, 2022 – New Motion 5 –
Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016**

At the regular meeting on December 6, 2022, Council approved New Motion 5 with respect to request to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016. At the same meeting, the following resolution was approved:

Whereas Municipal governments support the Province's implementation of outcomes-based policies to move responsibility for end-of-life management of designated products and packaging to producers who are the most able to affect system change; and

Whereas these policies can improve environmental outcomes, provide new jobs and grow Ontario's economy; and

Whereas outcomes-based policies require clear consequences for non-compliance that can be administered in an effective and efficient manner; and

Whereas Administrative penalties are a cost-effective tool for the regulator to hold polluters accountable, so there is less burden on the courts and taxpayers; and

Whereas the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority does not have Administrative Penalties which is impacting the ability of the regulator to ensure compliance with the regulations under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016; and

Whereas data provided by Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority shows there is a currently a backlog of over 2,000 cases of potential non-compliance and almost 200 known instances of non-compliance; and

Whereas the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority has found battery producers non-compliant for collection accessibility and processing; and

Whereas the largest waste diversion program, the Blue Box, sees the first communities transition in a few months, ensuring the Regulator has appropriate enforcement tools to ensure servicing and outcomes are met is critical for a smooth transition for Ontarians;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Kingston calls on the Provincial government to promptly pass an Administrative Penalties regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016; and

That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Ted Hsu, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and support.

Yours sincerely,



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City Clerk
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C.C. Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks
Ted Hsu, MPP for Kingston & the Islands
John Jordan, MPP for Kingston, Frontenac Lanark
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All Ontario Municipalities