
INFORMATION BULLETIN

Council Defers Participation in MMBC

Abbotsford, March 12, 2014 – Abbotsford City Council voted last Monday night to postpone the City's participation in the new Provincial Multi-Material BC (MMBC) recycling program until it has had an opportunity to become more established.

The City of Abbotsford's current single family recycling program achieves significant diversion rates and includes glass and film plastics (plastic shopping bags), which are not included in the MMBC program. In addition, participation in the existing MMBC program would require significant bylaw amendments, contract revisions and public education for the City of Abbotsford.

Council supported the recommendation to continue with the existing City program for the first year as the MMBC program continues to evolve. Abbotsford will request to be included in the program for 2015.

In May 2011, the Provincial Government amended BC's Recycling Regulations so that, as of May 2014, every producer of packaging and printed paper (PPP) product that wishes to sell or distribute their products in BC must operate, or be a member of, an approved plan concerning the end-of-life management of their products. In response to the Recycling Regulation requirements, the recycling industry formed Multi-Material BC (MMBC).

For more information on MMBC visit: <http://multimaterialbc.ca>

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