

City Operations Waste Services

Edmonton

Extended Producer Responsibility Update

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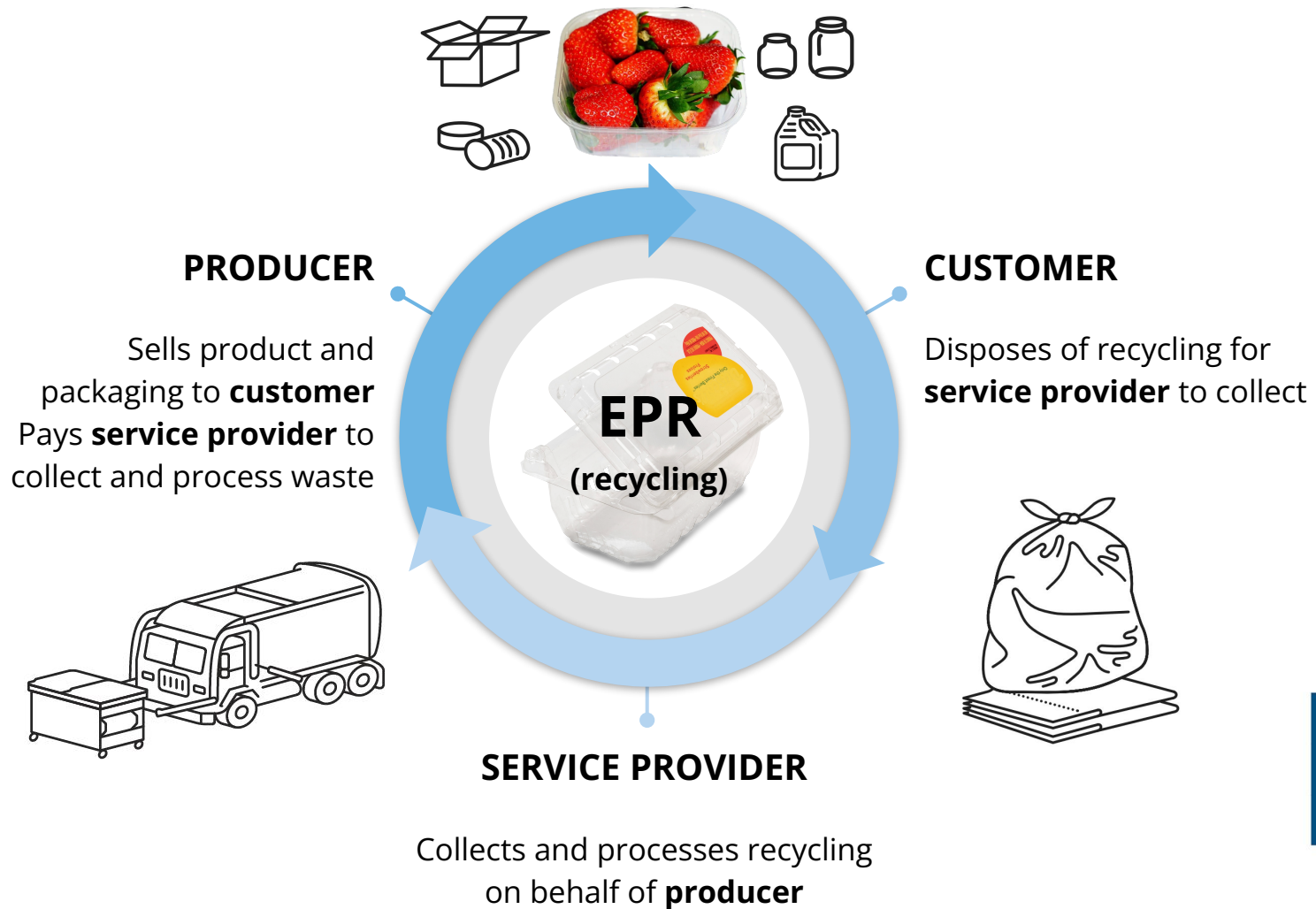
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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

- EPR is a policy framework that shifts responsibility for managing designated waste materials from municipalities to producers.
- EPR is used across Canada and the world for a variety of waste materials.
- Individual producers can delegate Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) to manage their regulatory requirements under EPR.

- The Government of Alberta enacted *Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation* in 2022.
- EPR will be effective as of April 1, 2025.



Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

- EPR shifts responsibility of two categories of designated residential waste materials from local governments to producers:

Single-Use Products, Packaging and Paper Products (PPP)

Items managed in the blue bag and bin programs:

- Paper
- Rigid Plastic
- Flexible Plastic
- Metal
- Glass

Producer Responsibility Organization:

- Circular Materials

Hazardous and Special Products (HSP)

Items managed through Eco Stations:

- Products (and containers) that are
 - Corrosive
 - Toxic
 - Flammable
- Pesticides, fungicides, herbicides and insecticides
- Batteries

Producer Responsibility Organizations:

- Call2Recycle (batteries)
- Product Care (other HSP)

Strategic Alignment

- Advocacy for provincial EPR regulation was included in the City's first Waste Reduction Roadmap, prepared in 2021.
- EPR is intended to increase both waste reduction and waste diversion, in alignment with the 25-year Waste Strategy and corporate Climate Resilience goals.
- Administration supports the *EPR Regulation* in Alberta.



Impacts to the Community

- Utility rate decrease recommended by Administration.
- Materials eligible for recycling determined by provincial regulations, not the City.
- No immediate operational changes to collection and drop-off.



Impacts to the City

- ➔ Responsible for tracking its production of EPR-regulated materials distributed to Edmontonians, like pamphlets, letters and posters.



Impacts to the Waste Services Utility

- Contract negotiations as a service provider for PROs are ongoing.
- Would receive funding from PROs to deliver recycling services.
- No impact to other waste streams – food scraps, garbage, etc.



Next Steps

- Producers are responsible for managing the transition from municipalities to producers in advance of April 1, 2025.
- Administration continues to negotiate with PROs and will continue assessing EPR's positive financial impact to Waste Services.
- The City is committed to working with PROs to provide service continuity and effective education to Edmontonians.

Thank you. Questions?

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