

December 10, 2020

Linda MacDonald  
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Dear Ms MacDonald:

**Re: Approval of Bylaw Changes to ARMA's Paint Recycling Program**

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The Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) has been managing recycling initiatives for the Government of Alberta for nearly 30 years. We sincerely appreciate your support as we look for ways to explore and embrace new ideas and programs around the recycling industry. We are committed to working with our stakeholders to navigate the future to help grow our programs in the areas that will have the greatest impact on our economy and the environment.

In July 2020 you attended one of our stakeholder engagement sessions as we sought your valuable feedback on proposed changes to the paint recycling program. These changes, the core of which involved adjusting environmental fees, were proposed for the sustainability and effective administration of ARMA's paint recycling program. Your participation and ultimate support of the changes formed an integral part of the recommendations we submitted to the Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks for review.

We are pleased to report that Minister Nixon is in support of our changes. We thank the Minister and the Government of Alberta as we move forward on this important step and we thank you as well for your supporting this initiative. Albertans have continuously utilized the paint program since it was first established in 2008. Since that time close to 27 million litres of end-of-life (EOL) latex and oil-based paint has been captured for recycling and fuel-blending respectively along with millions of plastic and metal containers that are made into new products. Made-in-Alberta solutions for EOL material make this program a model for the circular economy concept.

We greatly appreciate the diligence of over 500 producers and suppliers of paint material registered with ARMA who have remitted the environmental fees on the sale of new products that has helped fund the cost to collect and recycle this material. Also, on the frontline of paint recycling are the 325 registered paint

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collection sites located in 121 municipalities and Indigenous communities, ensuring that 93% of the population live no further than a 20-minute drive to a drop off point. Support for fee increases from this sector to meet current market conditions has been strong and consistent over the last number of years.

Following are the fee changes and the date of implementation. As discussed at the July/20 engagement session (and per our standard practice) we are providing three months' notice to the registered producers and suppliers in order to give them enough time to adjust their systems.

Container	Current Fees (to March 31, 2021)	New fees effective April 1, 2021
Aerosols	\$0.10	\$0.25
100 ml to 250 ml	\$0.10	\$0.25
251 ml to 1 L	\$0.25	\$0.50
1.01 L to 5 L	\$0.75	\$1.00
5.01 L to 23 L	\$2.00	\$2.25

Transparency and accountability are cornerstones of ARMA's approach as an organization and within each of our programs. We will endeavour to keep the lines of communication open with all stakeholders regarding the impact that the fee changes will engender via our business plan and budget as well as our annual report and audited financials. However, if you have any specific questions in the future regarding the fees please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please call me at 1.888.999.8762 or via email at [egugenheimer@albertarecycling.ca](mailto:egugenheimer@albertarecycling.ca)

Thank you once again for your support and partnership in ARMA's Paint Recycling Program as we deliver our vision of *Inspiring a future without waste*.

Sincerely,



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CEO