



NOTICE

MEETING: St Mary's Municipal Council
Committee of the Whole

DATE: Wednesday, May 16th, 2018

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: St. Mary's Municipality
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

Please advise if unable to attend

Dated: May 9, 2018

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, May 16th, 2018**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additions
4. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held May 2nd, 2018
5. Business Arising from Minutes
6. Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN) – Misty MacDonald, Economic Development Officer & Maria Ludlow, Economic Development Officer
7. Eastern Region Solid Waste Management – Nicole Haverkort, Regional Coordinator/Educator
8. Other Matters of Business
 - a. Waterline Replacement Project Update
9. Adjournment

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Meeting, Date & Time

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

Attending

Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Baker
Councillor Smith
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Malloy

Also Attending

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Denise Sawlor, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Absent with Regrets

Warden Mosher

Approval of Agenda

On motion of Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council approve the agenda with the following Additions:

8. Other Matters of Business
 - b) Dry hydrant request
 - c) June 6th COTW
 - d) Atlantic Gold
9. Correspondence
 - a) McKeen Lake Lodge – Thank you
 - b) Elyssa Wilson – Thank you
 - c) St. Mary's River Association – Thank you

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Findlay that Council approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held May 2nd, 2018

Motion carried.

Business Arising From Minutes

- Port Hillford/Indian Harbour Lake
 - No new responses to the letters that were sent.

Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network (ESREN) – Maria Ludlow, Economic Development Officer

- See attached update
- Would like to return to speak to Council on a more regular basis, perhaps quarterly.
- Advertising in the municipal newsletter would be an option for getting input for the supply chain database.

Marvin Left 1:06pm

- Maria will send out the list of “Business Now” interview questions.
- Business owners generally don’t know where to seek funding.
- Municipality would like to add the supply chain database to the municipal website.
- Upcoming tax course will be advertised on the municipal Facebook page.
- Suggested future workshop ideas include social media for business and business start-up.

Marvin Returned 1:15pm

- Plans to talk to the SMECA grade 12 (and possibly grade 11) in the fall regarding the connector program.
- Streetscapes
 - A concept document has been submitted to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).
 - Funding would be used to update Main Street Sherbrooke and possibly more.
 - ACOA has requested more information for the concept document.
 - Improvements could include benches and lights.
 - Next step would be to hire someone to develop a design.

Eastern Region Solid Waste Management (ERSWM) – Nicole Haverkort, Regional Coordinator/Educator

- See attached presentation. This presentation was given at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Spring Conference.

Councillor Malloy Left 1:35pm

- Solid waste management is a big percentage of the municipal budget.

Councillor Malloy Returned 1:37pm

- Newsprint is not included in Printed Paper and Packaging (PPP) since there is already a program for newsprint.
- If the Extended Producers Responsibility Program (EPRP) is approved it will take approximately three years for the money to start reaching municipalities.
- There is a formula used to determine how much money municipalities would receive.
- Email Nicole if there are any further questions.

Break 2:11pm – 2:21pm

Other Matters of Business

- Waterline Replacement Project Update
 - Financial update provided to the meeting with a projected cost overrun anticipated.
 - Crew is working on the last two lateral connections today.
 - Marvin is pursuing grant options to address projected overage.
 - Council will need to consider which financial option to proceed with.
 - Estimated completion date for the project is end of June but will likely be done sooner.
- Dry Hydrant Request
 - See attached letter.
 - There is currently no dry hydrant in the St. Mary's and District Fireman's Association (Aspen) area.
 - Depending on if there is money left from this year's Sonora dry hydrant; preliminary work could begin on the next dry hydrant.

On recommendation of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Findlay that a dry hydrant in the St. Mary's and District Fireman's Association area be placed next on the priority list.

Recommendation adopted.

- June 6th COTW
 - Marvin will be away on June 6th, 2018 which is the date of the next COTW meeting.
 - The June 6th, 2018 COTW meeting has been rescheduled to May 30th, 2018.
 - An audit committee meeting has tentatively been scheduled for May 30th, 2018 at 4pm.
- Atlantic Gold
 - Residents have been asking questions about Cochrane Hill and the Atlantic Gold mine work.
 - Marvin will touch base with Atlantic Gold and arrange for them to come speak to council.

Correspondence

- McKeen Lake Lodge – Thank You
- Elyssa Wilson – Thank You
- St. Mary's River Association – Thank You

Adjournment

On Motion of Councillor Smith there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 2:54pm.

Recorded By
Municipal Clerk

Approved By
Deputy Warden Dort



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KERRY ARCHIBALD, FIRE CHIEF - PHONE: 902-833-2035

May 7, 2018

Dear Municipal Council

The St. Mary's and District Fireman's Association is requesting a Dry Hydrant through The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Dry Hydrant Program.

The Dry Hydrant Program has helped communities in the District Of St. Mary's protect property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources.

This program has installed Dry Hydrants to Ecum Secum, Goshen, Sherbrooke, East River St. Mary's, Liscomb and Seashore. These communities have benefitted from the Dry Hydrant Program.

Being the only Fire Department that has not benefited from this program, we now are requesting a Dry Hydrant to be installed at MacKeen Crescent in Aspen.

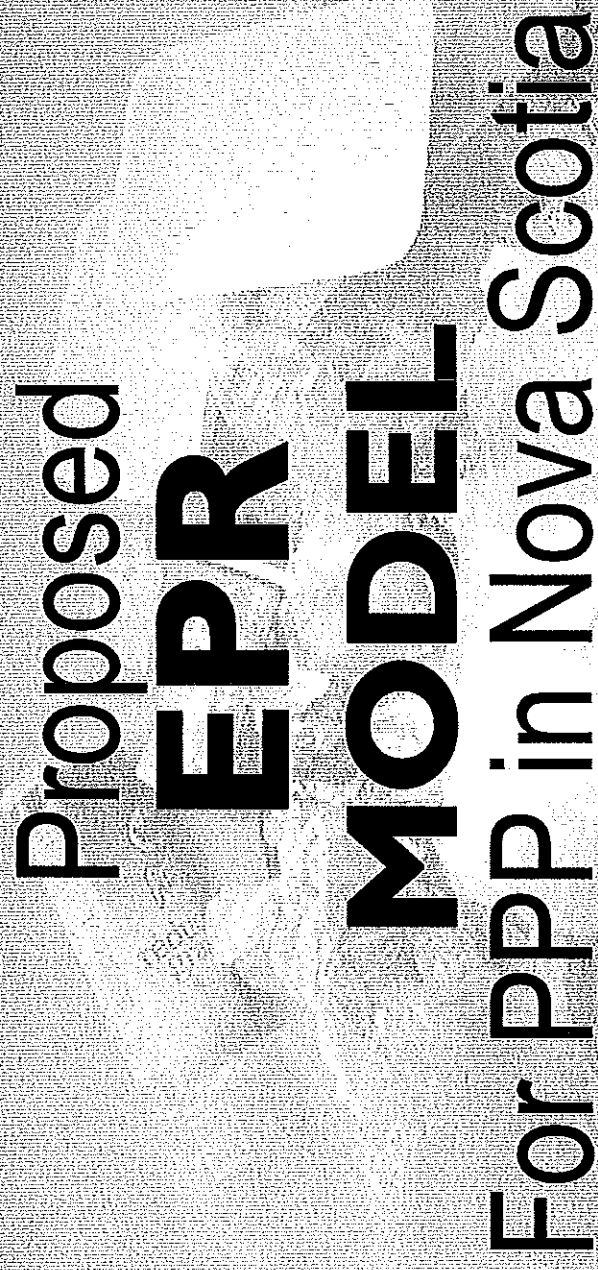
We would like council to consider this request to install a dry hydrant in this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kerry Archibald
Fire Chief

St. Mary's and District Fireman's Association



Proposed **EPR** **MODEL** For PPP in Nova Scotia

NOVA SCOTIA SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE

REGIONAL CHAIRS



MUNICIPAL COST TO MANAGE WASTE IN NS

- In 2005 Solid Waste Management costs were \$70,115,488
- In 2015 Solid Waste Management costs were \$109,403,443
- 9.66% of total municipal expenditures
- With a 56% increase over 10 years – the current method of paying for the system is unsustainable.

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

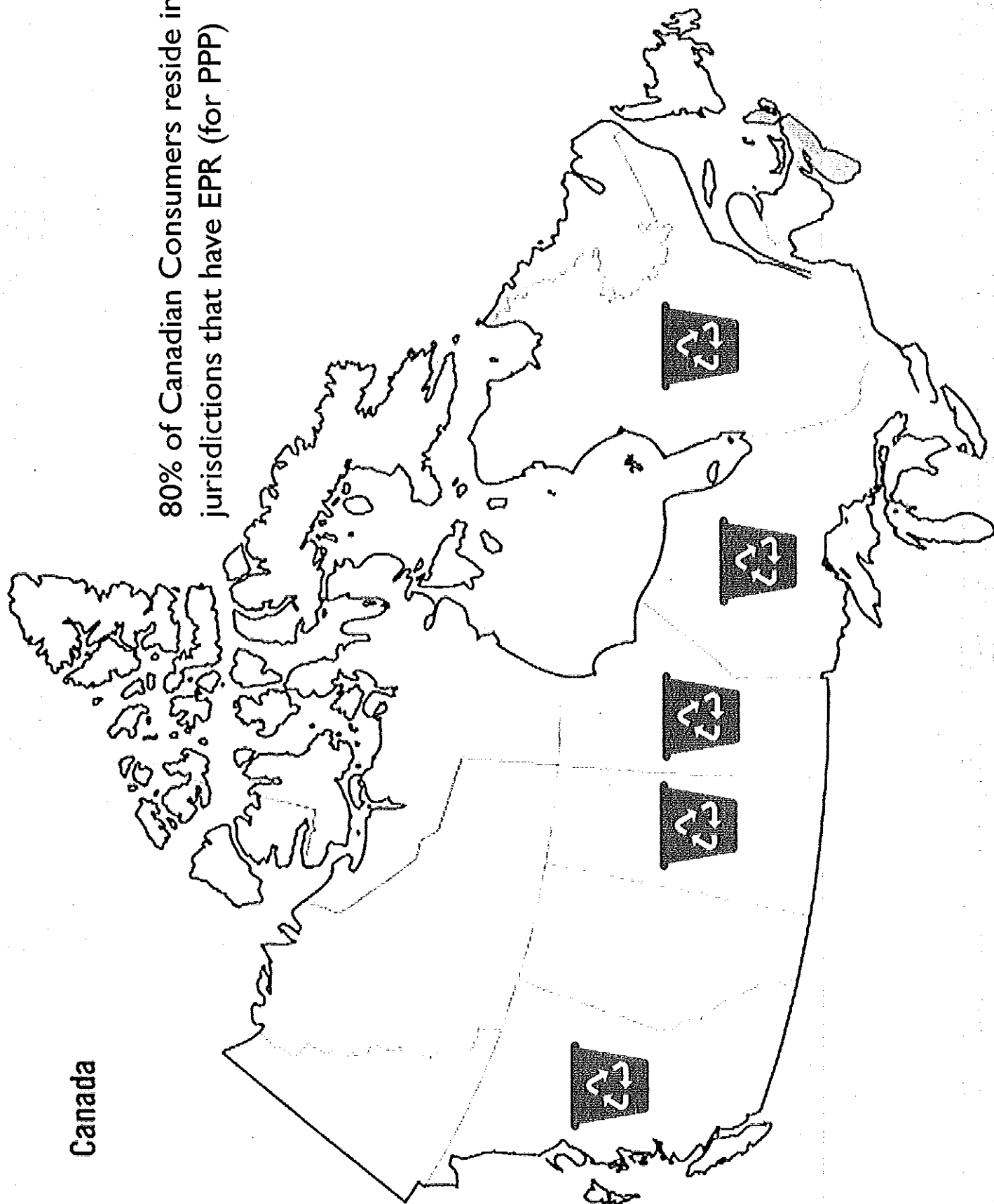
an environmental policy approach
in which a producer's
responsibility for a product is
extended to the postconsumer
stage of a product's life cycle

PRINTED PAPER AND PACKAGING

Each province defines this by material types but is basically the bulk of the materials currently collected in our residential blue bag system

Canada

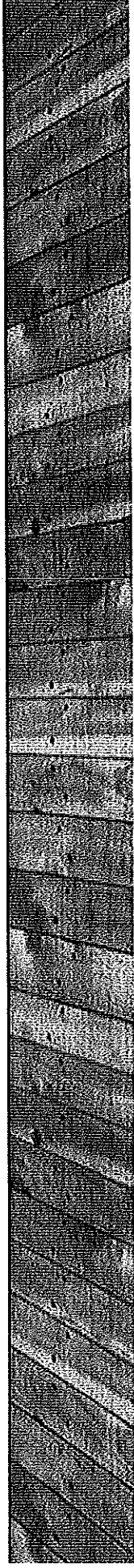
80% of Canadian Consumers reside in jurisdictions that have EPR (for PPP)



WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

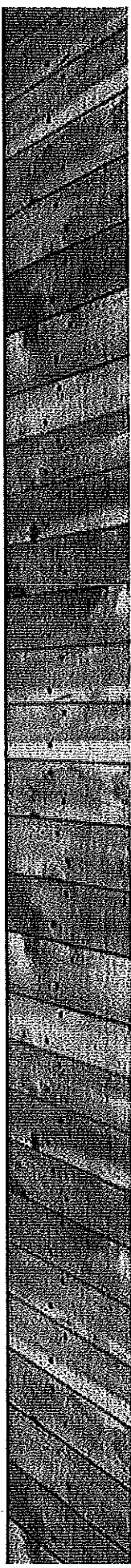
• Opportunities identified:

- Improves efficiency
- Standardized recycling across the province
- Reduced municipal tax burden
- Reduced market risk
- Potential for jobs gained
- Increased diversion as more materials get added to the program



WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

- Concerns raised:
 - Potential for job loss
 - Stranded infrastructure
 - Impact on small businesses
 - Consumers are already paying



Proposed EPR MODEL FOR PPP IN NOVA SCOTIA

SENSITIVE TO MUNICIPALITIES

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- Municipalities have the right of first refusal for collection and education
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- Apply to residential PPP
- Allow time for planning and transition

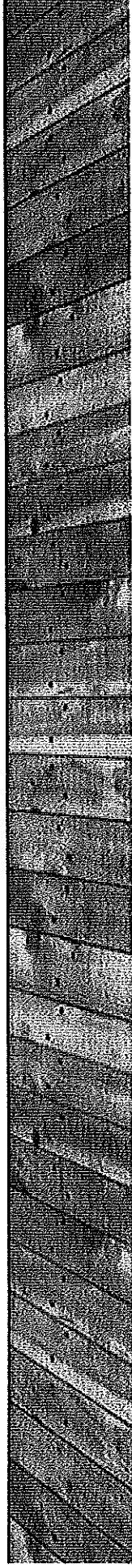


Proposed

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 - With revenue under \$2M
 - Supplying less than 1 tonne of PPP to Nova Scotia residents annually
 - Single storefront in NS and are not supplied by or operated as part of a franchise
 - Newspapers and registered charities
- Harmonized with other Canadian EPR programs
- Monitoring and compliance to ensure a level playing field

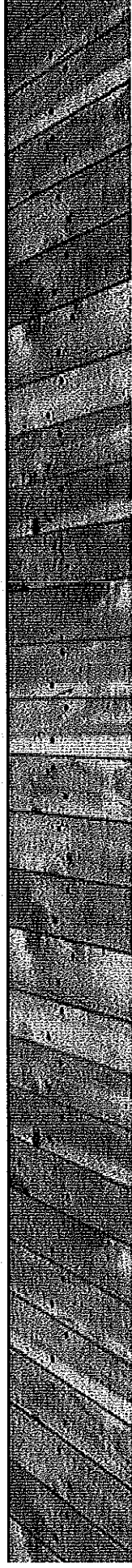


EPR BENEFITS

ECONOMIC – Drives efficiencies, increases economy of scale and reduces municipal tax burden

ENVIRONMENTAL – Drives 'design for environment' (closing the loop) and increases diversion

SOCIAL – Corporate social responsibility involves industry at the table.

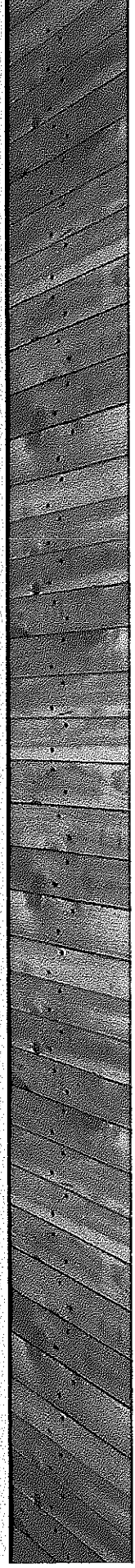


NEXT STEPS

Chairs accept toolkit and
commit to regional
sharing

Each Chair presents EPR
toolkit to respective
Regional Waste Authority

Regional Chairs present
EPR toolkit to UNSM



EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Nova Scotia Solid Waste-
Resource Management
Regional Chairs Committee
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REGION 1:

Amanda McDougall

REGION 2a:

Vernon Pitts

REGION 2b:

Jim Ryan

REGION 3:

Tom Taggart

REGION 4:

Tony Mancini

REGION 5:

John Kinsella

REGION 6:

Michael Ernst

REGION 7:

Leland Anthony

*If you want a presentation or
more information, please
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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach that shifts the responsibility and costs of managing specific wastes/recyclable materials from municipalities to producers (i.e. brand owners and manufacturers). This means that producers establish a system to optimize efficiency.

Municipal curbside recycling programs are a type of producer funded EPR. In Canada, every province from Quebec west to British Columbia, except Alberta, has implemented EPR. Materials included in the curbside recycling program in Nova Scotia are referred to as 'printed paper and packaging' (PPP).

Provincial legislation is required in Nova Scotia to shift both the responsibility and the cost of recycling programs away from the taxpayer to the producer. This is referred to as EPR for PPP.

In Nova Scotia, the Solid Waste-Resource Regional Chairs, represented by elected municipal officials, have established a working group to focus on moving EPR forward. This group is called the Municipal-Provincial Priorities Group.

The Priorities Group is engaging with stakeholders to build an EPR program proposal that works for Nova Scotians. This proposal will build on insights and lessons learned in other provinces that have implemented EPR for PPP. Some of the findings include:

1. EPR would **significantly decrease both costs and risks** associated with municipal curbside recycling programs.
2. EPR would give Nova Scotia consumers **direct access to PPP programming they are already paying for indirectly** but are receiving none of the benefits.

EPR – What's in it for municipalities?

1. Funding to support recycling programs

- Under this framework, producers are responsible for funding collection, processing and marketing of materials, as well as supporting education.
- Across Canada, in 2016, producers provided more than \$367 million to fund provincially-regulated PPP programs. Nova Scotia received \$0.00.
- It is estimated that a Nova Scotia EPR model could generate a financial benefit of up to \$16M per year.
- Municipalities would no longer manage the risk of rising costs and fluctuating commodity markets.

2. Access to PPP programming for which Nova Scotia consumers are already paying.

- Producers fund PPP programs in Canada by incorporating program costs into their national product pricing. [i.e. no eco-fees are charged as an added cost at point-of-sale.] This means the selling price on a box of cereal in Nova Scotia is helping to fund recycling programs for that same packaging elsewhere.
- Nova Scotia consumers are already paying for the incremental costs of PPP programs in other provinces, but without an EPR program here, are receiving none of the benefits.

Regional Chairs are working to develop an EPR for PPP proposal that works for Nova Scotians

Sensitive to municipalities:

- Use existing infrastructure/human resources
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Sensitive to Businesses:

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Supply Chain Study	<p>ESREN is currently acquiring funding to do some supply chain analysis for the Eastern-Strait Region. More specifically, we are building a database of available companies and skills they offer to the industrial sector. Like our investment database the identified physical assets, the supply chain work will be a reference for us so that we can identify skills locally that serve local industries. This project will benefit industries in St. Mary's with the recent interest in gold deposits as well as other industries in Guysborough County such as Melford or Maritime Launch Services.</p>
Business Now!	<p>An internationally-renowned business retention and expansion program that has proven successful across Canada and around the globe. Many investment and business development opportunities come from existing businesses already operating within our region. Through visits and surveys, ESREN works strategically with our local business operators to identify & address concerns, risks, opportunities, and analyze barriers to business growth and apply solutions. Working together with our Business owners and partners the program will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities to help businesses expand Identify Problems & apply solutions Help Businesses in risk of closing <p>St. Mary's Region updates Business Now visits Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 BRE visits done 3 CBDC referrals for financing 1 NSBI referral for exporting 3 Applied research 2 referrals to employment agencies 1 Wheel chair (accessibility funding-application in process)

<p>WORKSHOPS</p>	<p>GCIFA Federal Tax Changes presentation Regional-Guysborough/St. Mary's area fishermen November 23rd 2017 GCIFA Canso NS Organized GCIFA Federal Tax Changes event presented by Grant Thornton Attendance: 30 Fishermen from the Guysborough and St. Mary's area</p> <p>Tax Trap to Avoid with your business workshop Regional-Guysborough/St. Mary's/Antigonish March 28th 2018 St. Mary's Education Centre Organized Top Ten tax traps to avoid with presenter Debi Peverill Attendance: 25</p> <p>Tax course for Market Vendors (Location Antigonish) Date: May 22nd 2018 (2 St. Mary's residents registered to date)</p> <p>Succession Readiness-Ensuring your Future (Location St. Mary's) Date TBD Grant Thornton Succession Planning 101 Valuing a Business The Selling processes Tax implications, selling, Shares</p> <p>Atlantic Immigration-Opportunities for your business Date June 2018 Location Guysborough</p>

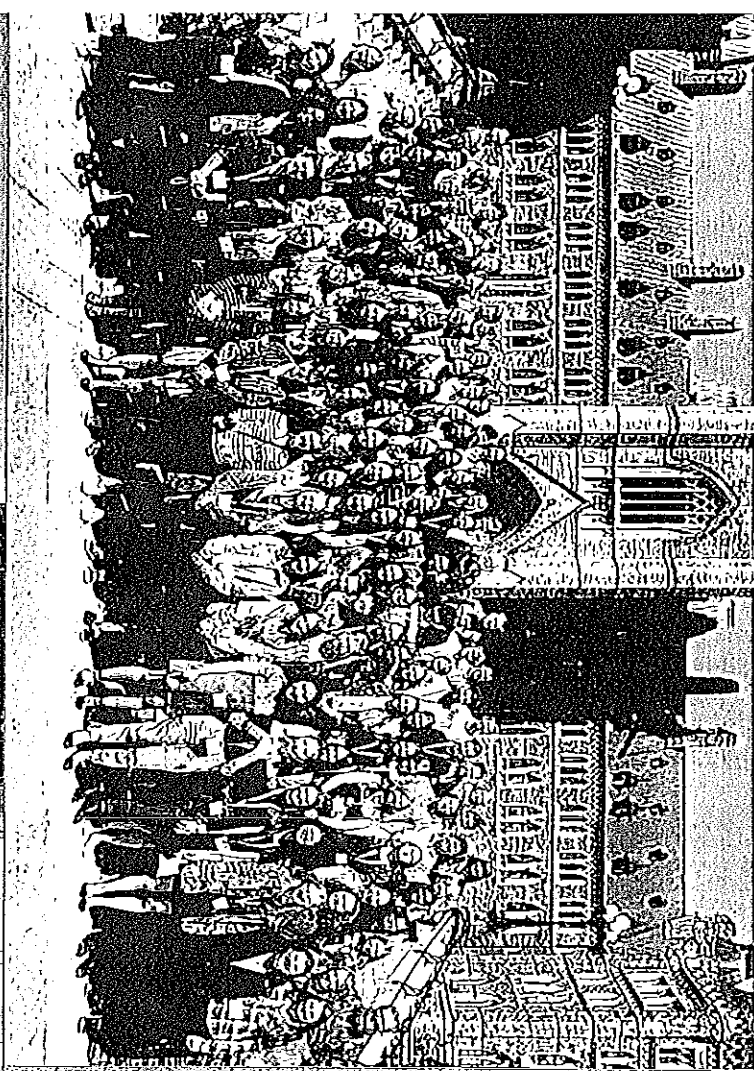
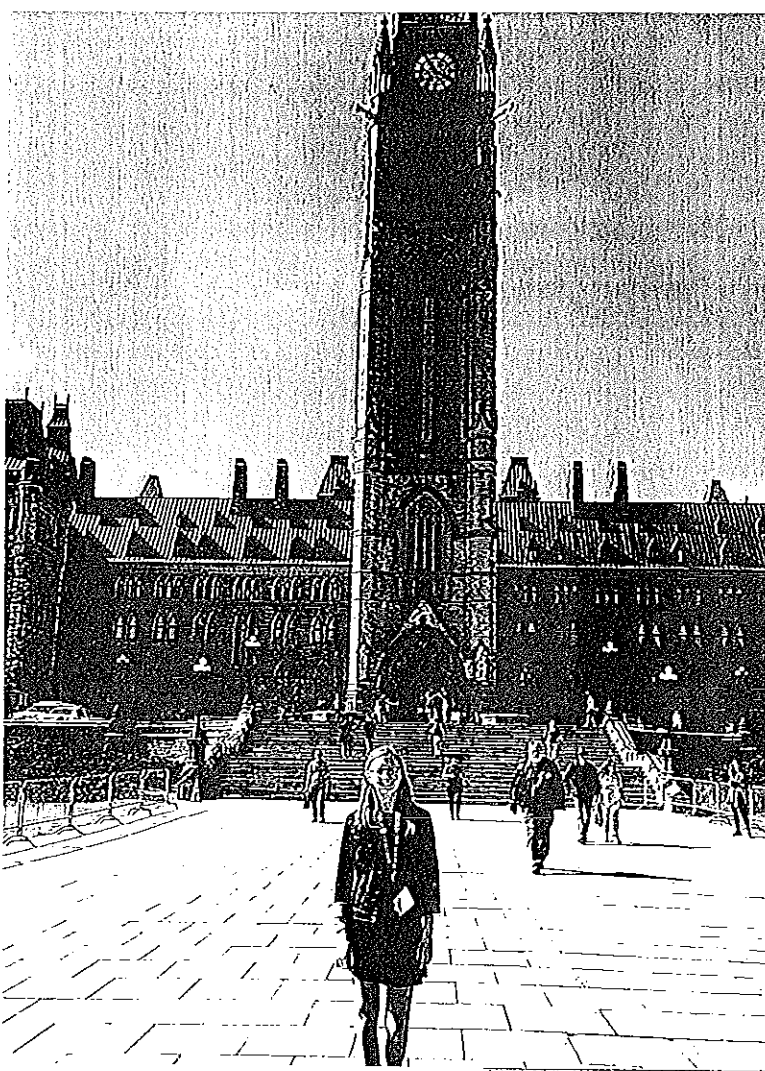
LABOUR DASHBOARD	<p>The Dashboard presents concise and detailed demographic and labour market statistics for the region. It is a valuable resource for investors, employers or anyone interested in the St. Mary's and surrounding area</p>
<p>ESREN Economic Development Investment Mapper (EDIM) Regional</p>	<p>EDIM is a tool used to represent different types of economic development data spatially. For example, if an investor was interested in relocating his or her business to St. Mary's they might want to know about transportation routes, municipal zoning access to grid and communication infrastructure etc. The EDIM allows us to respond quickly to inquiries that come in from potential investors and improve our chances of landing a new business venture in St. Mary's or the region.</p>
<p>Broadband/Communications project</p>	<p>ESREN is going form a broadband/communications committee with a couple representatives from each area.</p> <p>Purpose of the committee:</p> <p>To Understand the broadband technology in our area and Internet Service Providers (ISP)</p> <p>Survey people and businesses on what they are using the technology for now and where we need for the future</p> <p>Determine the speeds and technology would like in the future</p> <p>Determine the costs of each technology</p> <p>to help prepare for funding applications for broadband</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - government & ISP Partners. <p>Research is:</p> <p>step # 1 - Understand the current technology and ISP - Internet service providers in the area we are covering</p> <p>Step 2 - Develop a survey</p> <p>Step 3 - Analyze the results</p>
SALTSCAPES	<p>Planned and worked booth for St. Mary's Municipality for Saltscapes 2018</p> <p>Gathered props</p>

	<p>Contacted local business to have their promotional items included in our booth</p> <p>Collected local items for prize package</p> <p>Worked the booth for the weekend</p>
Connector Program	<p>National Connector Program</p> <p>Started in 2009, the Halifax Partnership's (the Partnership) <i>Connector Program, the first in Canada</i>, is a globally renowned, award winning networking program focused on helping newcomers, international and local students, and boomerangs build their professional network, connect with career opportunities, and stay in their community.</p> <p>Goals of Connector Program</p> <p>Increased labour market participation (jobs)</p> <p>Increase labour market and community integration through connector meetings, networking associations and community-based activities</p> <p>Increase newcomer and recent graduates' confidence and knowledge through skill development, building professional networks and interactive training portal</p> <p>Increase strategic opportunities for newcomers and recent graduates to secure employment</p> <p>Connector Concept</p> <p>The Connector concept is simple. It is essentially a pay-it-forward concept that taps engaged community and business leaders (Connectors) to help employment-ready local and international graduates and immigrants (Connectees) build professional networks and break into the local labour market. Through direct referrals, Connectees learn about the local job market and rapidly grow their business network which increases their likelihood of finding a job in their field and staying in Nova Scotia. Connectors benefit by gaining access to pre-qualified job seekers and by helping to grow their industry and the local workforce.</p>

St. Mary's Gateway Community	Working with Stephen Fleming from Sherbrooke village in planning a workshop for businesses and residents in the area on what is a Gateway community and how to make St. Mary's a gateway community for the Wild Islands and have people travel the Eastern Shore
Business/Community Directory	Worked with DEANS to update the Business/Community Directory for St. Mary's and Guysborough

Many thanks
on behalf of
MacKenzie Harte
Hodge for the
generous
donation

Shirley Jordan



Municipal Council,

Thank you for sponsoring me on my trip, it was an amazing week. We visited Parliament, the Canadian Agriculture Museum, Canadian Museum of Nature, Canadian Museum of History, and toured the National Capitol Region. I had a life changing week and learned so much about Canada. I met so many other people from all over the country and I know I will stay in touch with them for a long time. Thank you for helping make my trip possible.

-Elyssa Wilson



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May 2, 2018

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
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Dear Ms. Fraser:

On behalf of the St. Mary's River Association, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution. Your financial support helps us to continue in our mission and achieve our goals.

The generous support of individuals like you make it possible for our organization to continue to educate the public on conservation and our watershed.

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Megan Myers
Manager