## **RESOLUTION**

## RECYCLE BC STEWARDSHIP PLAN UPDATE

Columbia Shuswap Regional District

WHEREAS Recycle BC is currently conducting a review of its stewardship program, and appears that the following section from the Recycle BC's March 2018 Packaging and Paper Product Extended Producer Responsibility Plan (Plan) will have serious impacts on many local governments in establishing new curbside collection recycling programs:

*"4.3.2 New Curbside Programs:* 

Local governments in communities that did not have PPP curbside collection programs by May 2014, when the program was launched, are eligible to join the Recycle BC program as contractors collectors if the employment a PPP curbside collection program, provided each of the following criteria is met:

Packaging and Paper Product Extended Producer Responsibility Plan:

- 1) A curbside garbage collection program was in place by May 2014;
- 2) The community represents an incorporated municipality; and
- 3) The community has a minimum population of 5000 residents.";

AND WHEREAS the impact of the proposed changes to the above section will leave numerous communities and electoral areas within British Columbia ineligible to receive any Recycle BC incentives to administer new curbside collection programs in the future, leaving new curbside collection programs initiated to increase diversion of packaging and printed paper to be funded solely by the taxpayer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC immediately act to improve legislation in order to hold the stewardship agencies accountable for the total cost associated with the delivery of the depot program and, specifically, the Minister of Environment address the proposed changes in the Plan and acknowledge the tax funded subsidies in the Plan to ensure that all British Columbians have access to Recycle BC services through a fully funded producer responsibility stewardship model.