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Karen Melnychuk
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Dear Karen Melnychuk:

Thank you for submitting Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba's (MMSM) draft Transition Plan for residential packaging and printed paper recycling in Manitoba for approval. The transition to a full industry-funded recycling model for residential blue bin materials is a priority for modernizing waste diversion and recycling in the province.

As you are aware, my department led a public consultation to gather feedback to further inform our review of the draft Transition Plan. We appreciated hearing from many different stakeholder groups. A What We Heard report is available online at https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/20222023/transition-plan-blue-bin-recycling-en.pdf.

Municipalities and communities play an important role in recycling and contributing to a circular economy. You will note that during the consultation period we received a number of suggestions on how we can work together to further strengthen the transition plan.

It is important that we take the time needed to further discuss these suggestions. Therefore, I hereby extend the approval of MMSM's Packaging and Printed Paper Program Plan (2017-2021), including the conditions of approval, in the ministerial approval letter dated July 26, 2018, so that MMSM can continue operating its existing program.

I look forward to seeing a revised transition plan in the near future. My department will reach out to you shortly to discuss next steps. If you have any questions prior to that discussion, please contact Kelly Kuryk, A/Senior Manager, Environmental Policy and Delivery Unit, at Kelly.Kuryk@gov.mb.ca or 431-374-9424.

Kind regards,

Original signed by

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