

# WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE BCMB



BEVERAGE CONTAINER MANAGEMENT BOARD

# Beverage Container Recycling Regulation (BCRR)

- The BCRR is the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation, as established under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act for the province of Alberta
- The BCMB was established under the BCRR in 1997
- As per the BCRR: “The Beverage Container Management Board, being an incorporated body under the laws of Alberta, is hereby established as a management board within the meaning of section 175(jj) of the Act for the purpose of exercising the powers and carrying out the duties conferred or imposed on it pursuant to the Act, this Regulation and the by-laws in respect of regulated containers”



# What is the BCMB?

- The BCMB is responsible for the registration, collection and recycling of beverage containers in Alberta
- The BCMB is a Delegated Administrative Organization (DAO) for the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
- The BCMB is a stakeholder board with equal representation from the depot, manufacturer and public sectors
- The BCMB cooperates with organizations like:
  - Alberta Bottle Depot Association (ABDA)
  - Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC)
  - Brewers Distributors Ltd. (BDL)
  - Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC)



# What is a Delegated Administrative Organization (DAO)?

- The BCMB is a **Delegated Administrative Organization (DAO)**, an arm's length organization that has delegated government authority under the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to impose requirements on recycling program stakeholders
- DAOs are unique as a range of stakeholders are encouraged to participate, such as industry, government and the public. These parties are primarily involved in program stewardship through appointments to the Board of Directors

# BCMB Vision and Mission

- **Our VISION:**

To be the leader in stewarding beverage containers to minimize their impact on the environment

- **Our MISSION:**

To govern a leading beverage container management system that is innovative, accessible and cost-effective



# BCMB's 5 Goals:

1. Improve container recycling return rates
2. To reduce the environmental impact of footprint of beverage container use
3. To ensure that the beverage container recycling system operates in a cost effective manner
4. To effectively govern and manage Alberta's beverage container recycling system
5. To ensure full accountability and transparency to all Albertans

# Minister's Expectations

- Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, and the BCMB, dated July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003:
- The Minister expects that the BCMB shall:
  - Clearly set out in the **BCMB business plan** the BCMB's processes and how the BCMB intends to meet its mandate and objectives as well as the expectations of the Minister
  - Establish in short and long-range business plans to enable it to **carry out its objectives, in accordance with the BCMB's obligations under the Regulation**
  - **Operate within the mandate and policies** respecting its delegated functions as set out in the Regulation and as otherwise approved by the Minister and Government, including following **good governance practices**
  - **Keep the Minister informed** of issues or events that concern or can reasonably be expected to be important in the exercise of the Minister's responsibilities
  - **Review its own performance** and solicit as appropriate the views of its employees, management, stakeholders, the Department and the Minister
  - Prepare and **submit annually an evaluation** of the preceding year's performance measures (**Annual Report**)

# BCMB Funding

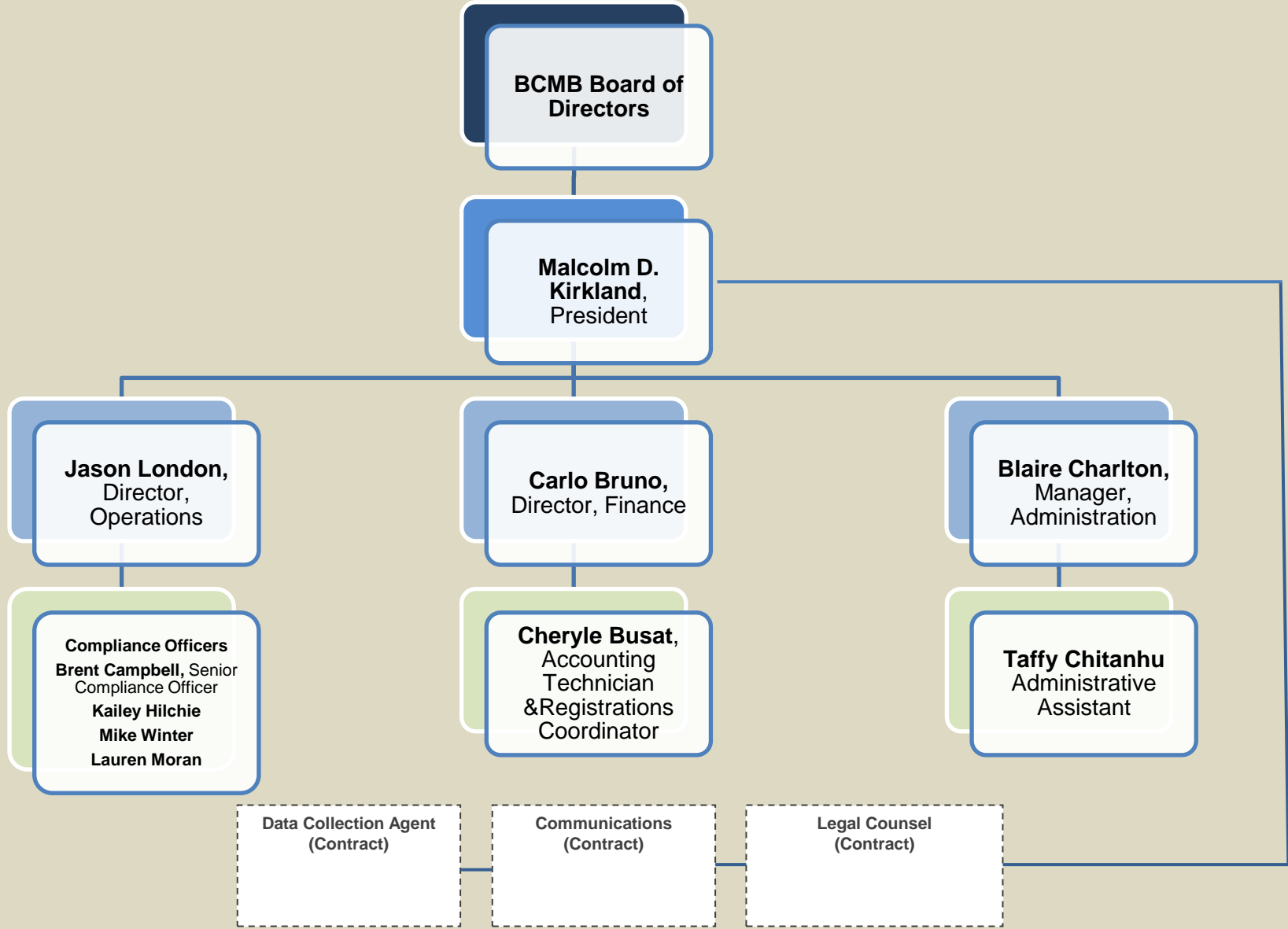
- Depot operators and beverage manufacturers fund the administrative costs of the BCMB through an operational fee based on beverage container returns
- The BCMB Board of Directors discusses/determines the Operating Fee at the annual Business Planning Session in September and approves the Operating Fee at the October Board meeting
- BCMB does not receive any funding from the Government of Alberta
- Depots, through the Collection System Agent (CSA), also referred to as ABCRC, receive a handling commission from the ABCRC, for each container processed
- The process of setting the handling commission rate is lead and approved by the BCMB





# BCMB Staff Responsibilities

- BCMB management and staff are responsible for the organization's day-to-day operations
- They ensure the safe and efficient operation of the BCMB, complying with environmental, health and safety policies



# BCMB Staff Organization Chart

# Did You Know?


- There are over 50,000 different beverage container products that are eligible for refund in Alberta
- On average, Albertans recycle almost 1.9 billion beverage containers each year
- This helps conserve 390,000 cubic meters of landfill space each year, or 156 Olympic swimming pools!

10¢ = 1 litre & under



25¢ = over 1 litre





# Conclusion