



DATE: June 3, 2020

TO: Depot Network

RE: **Metro Depot Pilot Projects Cancelled**

Attention Depot Operators and Staff,

The Metro Depot Pilot Project process that was commenced in September of 2019 has been cancelled by the BCMB. The BCMB will not be accepting any further submissions in relation to that process.

There are several reasons for the cancellation. The primary reason is the Covid-19 pandemic, which not only compounded the worsening condition of Alberta's economy, but has also completely shifted the priorities of the BCMB and other stakeholders in Alberta's Beverage Container Recycling System.

The BCMB would like to thank all parties who provided submissions with respect to the current criteria for issuing RFAs and the siting of depots in Metro areas. Those submissions that were expressly stated to be public submissions will be posted on the BCMB website. Private submissions will be anonymized, and the contents of those submissions along with the public submissions will be available to help inform any work of the Board and its committees going forward that relates to depot siting issues.

The BCMB would also like to thank the few Depots that put forward proposals for pilot projects. The BCMB is not prepared to proceed with any pilot projects relating to Metro Depots at this time. If and when that situation changes, the BCMB will notify all Depots and may take into consideration the proposals which have already been submitted as part of any future process.

Any further inquiries regarding the cancellation may be submitted in writing to **Brent Campbell** at **bcampbell@bcmb.ab.ca**.

