



BCMB Grateful for Industry Efforts in 2020

2020 has been a year unlike any other in the beverage container recycling industry. The world, and our industry, has changed drastically since March when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. The pandemic brought many new and unforeseen challenges, and while we were forced to quickly rethink how we do things, our entire industry has navigated these past nine months with excellence.

The BCMB is grateful for the hard work and efforts of the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC), the Alberta Bottle Depot Association (ABDA), the province's 224 depots, the Alberta Beer Container Corporation (ABCC), and the many beverage manufacturers and distributors. As front-line workers handling used beverage containers, you and your staff guided us through our industry's pandemic response in a coordinated and seamless manner. We also want to acknowledge the support and guidance provided by Alberta Environment and Parks that helped ensure the industry's pandemic response met provincial guidelines.

While many Albertans faced lay-offs and job losses, your efforts to maintain as much business continuity as possible relieved some of the economic burden on your staff and your business operations. You also provided Albertans with the opportunity to continue to safely return their beverage containers for a refund during these challenging economic times.

It is our sincere hope that you have an opportunity to enjoy the upcoming holiday season and take some time to rest and reflect. Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, the season will no doubt look different for all of us this year. However, one thing that has not changed is the BCMB's appreciation for the excellent work and commitment of everyone in our industry.

Please note that our office will be closed for the holidays from December 21st to December 25th. We will reopen on Monday, December 28th. Thank you again and we look forward to working with you in 2021.

- The Board of Directors and Staff of the BCMB

