



STAKEHOLDER REPORT

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This report highlights the work of Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) Management and staff for the third quarter of 2026 (period of April 22 to June 17, 2026).

## ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

Since April 22, 2026, the following Committees met in preparation for the June 17, 2026, Board meeting:

- **Registrations & Recycling Committee:** May 19, 2026
- **Depot Siting Review Committee:** May 26, 2026
- **Governance & Compensation Committee:** May 21, 2026
- **Audit Committee:** April 2, 2026
- **Handling Commission Review Committee:** June 5, 2026





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## A MESSAGE FROM BCMB'S PRESIDENT AND CEO

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Handling Commission Review Committee had their first meeting.
- Outgoing board members, Brian Moore, Tom Marr-Laing and Owen Edmondson attended their final AGM as directors.
- New members of the Board were welcomed: Brian Miller, Sukhwinder Johal and Terri-Lee Oleniuk.
- BCMB approved external auditors Metrix Group for 2026 financials.
- Depot Siting Review Committee was dissolved and a new committee struck.
- Pilot Project has moved to phase 3.
- BCMB's 2026 Annual

Dear Stakeholders,

In this quarter, BCMB continued its focus on building deeper connections across Alberta's beverage container recycling system.

The Board and management also advanced governance work this quarter with the establishment of two new Board committees. A yet to be named committee has been formed to oversee management of the pilot project and review issues relevant to the siting of depots, impact of new technologies and changing demographics. The Handling Commission Review Committee held its inaugural meeting and started developing Terms of Reference. ABDA and ABCRC have been consulted on the Terms of Reference.

This governance work aligns with continued progress on pilot projects, where BCMB Management has communicated its decision to advance selected parties to Phase 3 (operationalizing).

In advance of our Annual General Meeting, BCMB released the **2025 Annual Report**, which reflects BCMB and the system's continued performance. Highlights include:

- A Collection Rate of 82.5% (2025)
- A decrease in the average recycling cost per beverage container from \$0.0304 in 2024 to 0.0234 in 2025
- More than 2.2 billion containers returned, with \$225 million in refunds flowing back to Albertans

Finally, I would like to thank the stakeholders and industry partners who joined us at our 29th Annual General Meeting. The event provided an important opportunity to connect with those who contribute to the system's performance. This quarter also included the Alberta Beverage Depot Association's 50th anniversary, marking five decades of contribution to Alberta's recycling system.

We also recognized the contributions of outgoing Board members Brian Moore, Tom Marr-Laing, and Owen Edmondson, and welcomed new Directors Brian Miller, Sukhwinder Johal, and Terri-Lee Oleniuk.

We value the perspectives our outgoing members brought to the Board and look forward to the contributions of our new Directors in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Mark Emsden  
President & CEO, BCMB



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM BCMB'S 2026 AGM

On June 17, 2026, BCMB hosted the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. In attendance, we had several representatives from key stakeholder groups, ABCRC, ABDA and ABCC. Also joining us were all the industry partners that BCMB connects with regularly throughout the year.

BCMB's 2026 AGM had a few notable editions to an already stacked morning of information. Impactful projects, such as the Alternative Collection Pilot and a renewal of BCMB's Values were some of the highlights that 2025 had to offer. In addition to wrapping up the 2025 fiscal year, the AGM held a Panel outside of the traditional agenda content celebrating three outgoing Board directors after nine years of dedicated service all added excitement to the day's agenda.



STAKEHOLDER UPDATE - ABDA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Fifty years ago, the Alberta Bottle Depot Association (ABDA) was created to be a trusted advocate for depot owners and operators across Alberta. Since then, ABDA has gone on to represent over 200 privately owned bottle depots in more than 160 communities, supporting Alberta’s beverage container recycling system, and the Albertans who rely on their local depots for deposit collection.

On June 16, 2026, BCMB was honored to join their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration alongside their Board, system stakeholders, and some long-time partners of the beverage container recycling system.

Congratulations ABDA!



## ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

From April to June, BCMB's management and staff were present at the following conferences and initiatives to amplify the presence of Alberta's beverage container recycling system across Canada:

- 2026 Canadian Solid Waste Conference - May 13-15, 2026
- 2026 Emerald Awards - June 4, 2026
- ABDA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - June 16, 2026
- Canadian Waste to Resource Conference - June 23-24, 2026
- Alberta Small Brewers Association (ASBA) Golf Tournament - June 24, 2026

BCMB is redesigning its public facing website. In the coming months we will be consulting with all stakeholder groups to understand the use from all parties.

## UPDATES TO BCMB'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On June 17, 2026, BCMB's Board of Directors bid farewell to four members: Brian Moore, Owen Edmondson, Tom Marr-Laing, and Brenda Krahn.

Brian, Tom and Owen each completed impactful nine-year terms, with Owen and Brian concluding their service at the 2026 Annual General Meeting. Brenda was appointed to the Board during the final stages of the 2025-2026 Handling Commission Review to allow Tom to conduct his work for the ABDA without conflict. During this period, Board composition was adjusted to reflect governance requirements associated with the Review.

To replace BCMB's Board vacancies, three new members were appointed to BCMB's Board:

- Terri-Lee Oleniuk, Public Member
- Brian Miller, Nominated by the Western Dairy Council
- Sukhwinder Johal, Nominated by the ABDA

BCMB is looking forward to the new perspectives each nominated member will bring to the boardroom, and would like to thank Brian Moore, Tomm Marr Laing, Owen Edmondson and Brenda Krahn again for their work on the Board. To read the full biographies of BCMB's newest board members, visit our [website](#).



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**RETAIL INSPECTION PROGRAM: OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**

BCMB uses a third-party auditor (One Stop Shoppers) to conduct retail inspections at retail locations across Alberta to verify:

1. The refundable deposit being charged on each beverage container sold is clearly displayed; and
2. All beverage containers being sold have been registered with BCMB in accordance with the BCRR.

Each month, 60 retail inspections are completed across Alberta. The results of a retail audit are sent to the retail location by BCMB to confirm whether it is considered compliant. If non-compliance is found, BCMB assists retailers and manufacturers in becoming compliant, so that the retailer or manufacturer does not escalate to the next level within the compliance framework. BCMB offers instruction, education, and assistance to the non-compliant retail location to ensure they understand their responsibilities as a retailer/manufacturer in Alberta.

Below is a snapshot of the retail inspection results for 2023 to 2026. Though there have been high levels of initial non-compliance identified, most retailers/manufacturers exit the compliance frameworks prior to escalating to Level 2 or higher. There is no compliance fees issued to retailers; however, a \$400 compliance fee is issued to a manufacturer that escalates to Level 2 and 3 of the compliance frameworks.

BCMB has referred 18 cases of non-compliance to the Environmental Investigations Branch of the GOA since Q3 of 2024. Currently 13 of these referral cases are pending. Of the 5 cases that have been closed; 3 cases achieved compliance with GOA intervention, 1 case could not proceed as the business closed, and 1 case was closed after the GOA issued a formal warning to cease activity.

Find more information about BCMB's Retailer and Manufacturer By-law [here](#).

Retail Compliance Program Results ( to May 31, 2026)					
Year	Total Audits Conducted	Compliant Audits (% of Total)	Non- Compliant Audits (% of Total)	Total Non- Compliant with Deposit Advertising (% of Total)	Total Non- Compliant with Container Registrations (% of Total)
2023	438	119 (27.1%)	319 (72.8%)	260 ( 59.3%)	128 ( 29.2%)
2024	679	187 ( 27.5%)	492 ( 72.5 %)	393 (57.8%)	139 (20.4%)
2025	654	273 (41.7%)	383 (58.6%)	301 (46.0%)	144 (22.0%)
2026 ( to May 31, 2026)	269	103 (38.2%)	166 (61.7%)	124 (46.0%)	69 (25.6%)

A Retail location can be found to have deficiencies related to non-compliance with both deposit advertising and container registration compliance frameworks simultaneously. This can result in more deficiencies found than inspections completed

## 2025 AUDIT: OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

BCMB received the audit report for our 2025 Financial Statements from Metrix Group LLP. Metrix Group LLP has been re-appointed as the external auditor for the 2026 BCMB Financial Statements. Stakeholders can access comprehensive financial details in the [2025 Annual Report](#).

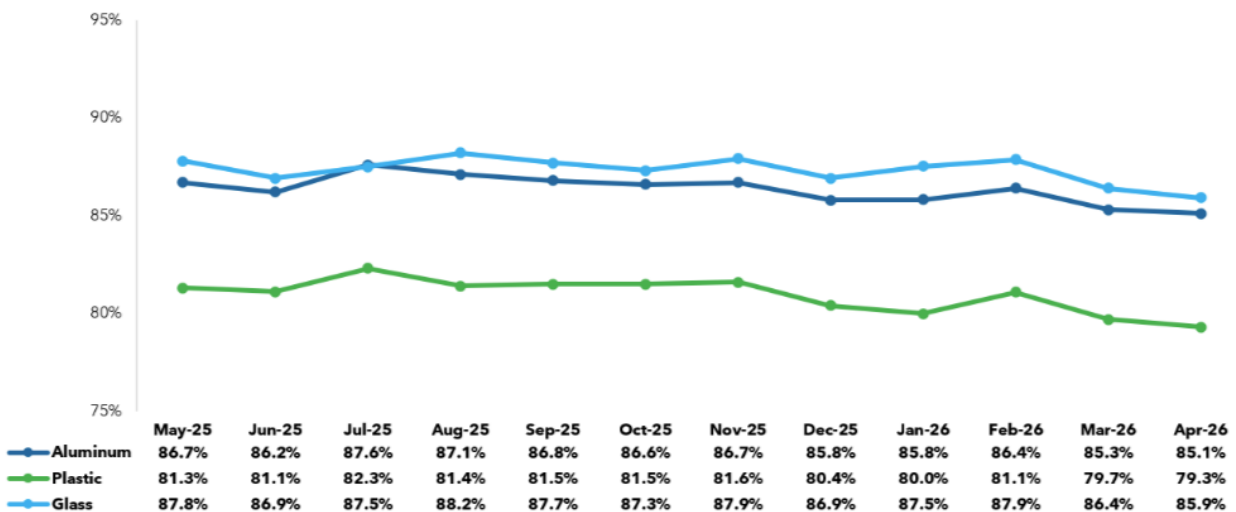
## COLLECTION RATE DATA

**From May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026, approximately 21 million more containers were redeemed than the previous 12-month period. The collection rate for April 2026 was 81.5%, a slight decrease from March 2026 (81.9%), reflecting month-to-month movement within the rolling period rather than a significant shift in system performance.**

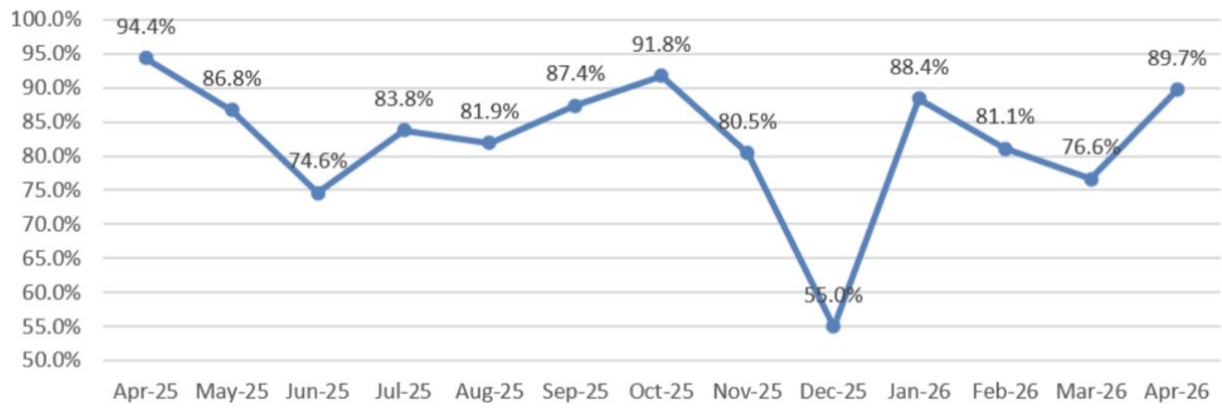
**From March 31 to April 30, 2026, the monthly collection rate increased by 13.1 percentage points (from 76.6% to 89.7%). This likely reflects delayed returns in March due to province-wide snowfall, with volumes rebounding in April as conditions improved and depot access normalized**

The graphs below highlight this data and are sent in a report on a regular basis to relevant stakeholders. The following data graphs highlight the rolling Collection Rate which is calculated by comparing the sold and redeemed containers. This data is collected from the ABDA, CSA and analyzed and reported by BCMB on a monthly basis.

**Aluminum, Plastics, Glass Rolling Collection Rates**  
April 2025-2026



### Monthly Collection Rate (%) (Last 13 Months)



# March 2026 ROLLING COLLECTION RATE SUMMARY



<b>Container Sales</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Aluminum Combined	1,278,529,818	1,336,079,696	57,549,878	4.50%
Plastic Combined	935,507,097	947,807,866	12,300,769	1.31%
Glass Combined	142,635,998	139,814,501	(2,821,497)	-1.98%
Gabletop	84,694,406	85,845,295	1,150,889	1.36%
Tetra-Brik	129,532,671	145,628,151	16,095,480	12.43%
Bag-in-a-Box	1,855,281	1,859,274	3,993	0.22%
Drink Pouch	10,876,877	9,297,627	(1,579,250)	-14.52%
Bi Metal	5,551,174	4,616,081	(935,093)	-16.84%
<b>Subtotal- Non-Refillable</b>	<b>2,589,183,322</b>	<b>2,670,948,491</b>	<b>81,765,169</b>	<b>3.16%</b>
<b>Refillable Beer</b>	<b>33,091,872</b>	<b>29,875,752</b>	<b>(3,216,120)</b>	<b>-9.72%</b>
<b>Total Containers Sold</b>	<b>2,622,275,194</b>	<b>2,700,824,243</b>	<b>78,549,049</b>	<b>3.00%</b>
<b>Redeemed Volumes</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Aluminum Combined	1,110,163,822	1,139,309,871	29,146,049	2.63%
Plastic Combined	759,672,379	755,512,395	(4,159,984)	-0.55%
Glass Combined	125,497,064	120,747,911	(4,749,153)	-3.78%
Gabletop	61,155,582	61,419,593	264,011	0.43%
Tetra-Brik	96,359,010	96,607,308	248,298	0.26%
Bag-in-a-Box	946,297	911,163	(35,134)	-3.71%
Drink Pouch	5,186,893	4,382,305	(804,588)	-15.51%
Bi Metal	3,386,859	3,038,653	(348,206)	-10.28%
<b>Subtotal- Non-Refillable</b>	<b>2,162,367,906</b>	<b>2,181,929,199</b>	<b>19,561,293</b>	<b>0.90%</b>
<b>Refillable Beer</b>	<b>31,955,052</b>	<b>29,827,176</b>	<b>(2,127,876)</b>	<b>-6.66%</b>
<b>Total Containers Redeemed</b>	<b>2,194,322,958</b>	<b>2,211,756,375</b>	<b>17,433,417</b>	<b>0.79%</b>

<b>Collection Rates</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Aluminum Combined	86.8%	85.3%	-1.56%
Plastic Combined	81.2%	79.7%	-1.49%
Glass Combined	88.0%	86.4%	-1.62%
Gabletop	72.2%	71.5%	-0.66%
Tetra-Brik	74.4%	66.3%	-8.05%
Bag-in-a-Box	51.0%	49.0%	-2.00%
Drink Pouch	47.7%	47.1%	-0.55%
Bi Metal	61.0%	65.8%	4.82%
<b>Subtotal- Non-Refillable</b>	<b>83.5%</b>	<b>81.7%</b>	<b>-1.82%</b>
<b>Refillable Beer</b>	<b>96.6%</b>	<b>99.8%</b>	<b>3.27%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>83.7%</b>	<b>81.9%</b>	<b>-1.79%</b>

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# March 2026: MONTHLY COLLECTION RATE SUMMARY



<b>Container Sales</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Aluminum Combined	97,408,646	101,782,743	4,374,097	4.49%
Plastic Combined	70,097,284	76,240,860	6,143,576	8.76%
Glass Combined	9,385,041	10,188,233	803,192	8.56%
GableTop	6,843,163	7,103,109	259,946	3.80%
Tetra-Brik	10,128,835	12,155,552	2,026,717	20.01%
Bag-in-a-Box	121,484	179,323	57,839	47.61%
Drink Pouch	597,514	681,734	84,220	14.10%
Bi Metal	347,800	265,629	(82,171)	-23.63%
<b>Subtotal- Non-Refillable</b>	<b>194,929,767</b>	<b>208,597,183</b>	<b>13,667,416</b>	<b>7.01%</b>
<b>Refillable Beer</b>	<b>2,473,668</b>	<b>2,179,956</b>	<b>(293,712)</b>	<b>-11.87%</b>
<b>Total Containers Sold</b>	<b>197,403,435</b>	<b>210,777,139</b>	<b>13,373,704</b>	<b>6.34%</b>

<b>Redeemed Volumes</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Aluminum Combined	93,443,332	82,186,019	(11,257,313)	-11.56%
Plastic Combined	62,908,282	54,807,498	(8,100,784)	-11.56%
Glass Combined	10,128,678	8,740,377	(1,388,301)	-14.79%
Gable Top	5,549,070	4,876,166	(672,904)	-9.83%
Tetra-Brik	8,744,491	7,983,141	(761,350)	-7.52%
Bag-in-a-Box	91,061	66,412	(24,649)	-20.29%
Drink Pouch	450,406	326,799	(123,607)	-20.69%
Bi Metal	304,338	229,854	(74,484)	-21.42%
<b>Subtotal- Non-Refillable</b>	<b>181,619,658</b>	<b>159,216,266</b>	<b>(22,403,392)</b>	<b>-12.34%</b>
<b>Refillable Beer</b>	<b>2,409,552</b>	<b>2,323,188</b>	<b>(86,364)</b>	<b>-3.58%</b>
<b>Total Containers Redeemed</b>	<b>184,029,210</b>	<b>161,539,454</b>	<b>(22,489,756)</b>	<b>-12.22%</b>

<b>Collection Rates</b>	<b>Mar-25</b>	<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Aluminum Combined	95.9%	80.7%	-15.18%
Plastic Combined	89.7%	71.9%	-17.86%
Glass Combined	107.9%	85.8%	-22.13%
Gable Top	81.1%	68.6%	-12.44%
Tetra-Brik	86.3%	65.7%	-20.66%
Bag-in-a-Bag	75.0%	37.0%	-37.92%
Drink Pouch	75.4%	47.9%	-27.44%
Bi Metal	87.5%	86.5%	-0.97%
<b>Subtotal- Non-Refillable</b>	<b>93.2%</b>	<b>76.3%</b>	<b>-16.84%</b>
<b>Refillable Beer</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>106.6%</b>	<b>9.16%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>93.2%</b>	<b>76.6%</b>	<b>-16.58%</b>