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September 29, 2025

**The Honourable to Minister Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
777 Bay Street 5th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister McCarthy,

**Re: Advocacy for Co-Mingled Recycling Services in Commercial Areas under the Blue Box Regulation (O. Reg. 391/21)**

On behalf of the Historic Downtown Bowmanville BIA, which represents over 180 small businesses including your Constituency Office, we write to express concern about the impacts of Ontario Regulation 391/21 on commercial areas and small businesses, particularly as it pertains to recycling collection.

Small businesses are the backbone of Ontario's economy and serve as vital anchors of our Main Streets and downtown communities. They play a critical role in fostering local employment, tourism, and cultural vibrancy. However, the current Blue Box Regulation, as it stands, poses serious logistical, environmental, and financial challenges for these businesses and their surrounding communities.

Specifically, we urge the Province to require producers and producer responsibility organizations, including Circular Materials, to permit the co-mingling of eligible (residential) and non-eligible (commercial and institutional) recyclable materials in collection systems where it is feasible and currently functioning successfully.

This single adjustment would:

- Maintain operational efficiency in waste collection systems already optimized for shared service delivery.
- Reduce financial pressures on small businesses, who may otherwise be required to contract private haulers or face significant cost increases.
- Prevent recyclable materials from being sent to landfill, preserving the environmental intent of the Blue Box program.
- Support municipalities, that have successfully managed integrated collection systems for years.

As we move toward the full transition of the Blue Box Program in 2026, this recommendation offers a practical and proven solution that balances the needs of small businesses, municipalities, and producers alike.

We respectfully request your support in ensuring the success and fairness of Ontario's recycling system for all stakeholders.

Enclosed is a signed petition by members of our Historic Downtown Bowmanville BIA community expressing support for the advocacy currently underway by the Regional Municipality of Durham on this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Executive Board of the Historic Downtown Bowmanville BIA

cc. Council Municipality of Clarington, Council Regional Municipality of Durham

## **PETITION OF SUPPORT**

### **Request to Amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box Program – ‘Ineligible’ Sources**

We, the undersigned express our support for a municipal resolution urging the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to ensure recyclables from ineligible sources continue to receive collection, either by amending Ontario Regulation 391/21 (Blue Box Regulation) to include currently ‘ineligible’ sources, or by directing producers and producer responsibility organizations (PROs) to allow for the commingled co-collection of materials from both eligible and ineligible sources within the same service streams.

#### **Background:**

Under Ontario Regulation 391/21:

- Blue Box producers are only responsible for recycling from eligible sources (e.g., residences, schools, long-term care and retirement facilities).
- ‘Ineligible sources’ such as businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing municipal spaces, and non-profit organizations are excluded from producer responsibility.

This regulatory and program structure forces municipalities to either:

- Absorb 100% of the cost of recycling for these ‘ineligible’ sources through a separate and inefficient collection program, or
- Discontinue recycling services to these vital community spaces and businesses.

#### **Our Position:**

We believe this regulation is unfair and places an undue burden on our local government and taxpayers. Many local businesses rely on accessible, affordable recycling services and should not be excluded from producer accountability programs.

We call on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to:

1. Amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 so that producers pick up all recycling materials (from both eligible and non-eligible sources).
2. Alternatively, direct or encourage producers and producer responsibility organizations (PROs) to allow for the commingled co-collection of recyclables from eligible and non-eligible sources within the same service streams. This is an efficient and cost-effective option for all.

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Name (Printed)	Address Printed	Date	Signature
Catherine Woolner	28 King St W Bowmanville ON L1C 1R3	Sept 15/25	[Redacted]
Amber ROSS	66 King St. W Bowmanville, L1C1R4	Sept. 16/25	
Jennifer Karacworsti	2 King St W Bowmanville ON L1C1R3 Edward Jones	18 SEPT 2025	
Sarah Griffin Mngr.	1 King St. W Bowmanville, ON	18 Sep '25	
George Tadros	McGregor's Pharmacy 5 King St. W Bowmanville	Sep. 18, 25	
Rebecca Buntzma	19 King St W Bowmanville	Sept 18/25	
Cathy Holmes	scrub'n 20 KING ST. W. BOWMANVILLE, ON	Sept. 18/25	
Pat McCount	36 King St E Counselling Connection	Sept 18/25	
HINDUMATHI SHATHIYASEELAN	9 King St <del>W</del>	Sept 18/25	

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Name (Printed)	Address Printed	Date	Signature
Hooper Jewellers	39 King St Bowmanville L1C 1R2	Sept. 15	
Maurice	303 Longworth Bowmanville AV-0	Sept. 15	
Sugar Dust Bakery y	47 King St W.	Sept. 15	
Carmela Mangas per Sugar Dust	47 King St W.	Sept 15	
Andrey Bruno	49 KING ST. W.	Sep. 15	
LILLA GILBART	61 THIRD ST. L1C 2G5 BOWMANVILLE	Sept. 15	
St. Paul's UC. St. Andrew's P.C. Ecumenical Shared Ministry	178 Church St. Bowmanville L1C 1T9	Sept. 17.	
ABRAHAM STORZ	14 Silver St.	Sept 17	
MAY BELLINGHAM (HAIKLOFT)	44. KING ST.	Sept 17	

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Name (Printed)	Address Printed	Date	Signature
Bourmonville Barber Shop	19A KING ST W	Sept 17	
St John's Anglican Church Lucia Lloyd, priest	11 Temperance St	Sept 18	
St. John's Anglican Church Cathie McCabe, warden	"	"	
Julie Gervais	43 King st w	Sept 18	
LEL St Goulard	29 King St E	Sept 19	
Cathy Goulard	29 King St. East	Sept 19.	
Karen Vella Gather	51 King St. E.	Sept 19	

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Name (Printed)	Address Printed	Date	Signature
Becky Thompson	33 Division St. Bowmanville	Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> 2025	
Riley Spigandli	25-27 King St. W Bowmanville	Sept 17 2025.	
JUSTIN BARM OPTICIAN	13 KING WEST UNIT 2 BOWMANVILLE	SEPT 16/ 2025	
Danuelle Taylor	36 King St. East. Bowmanville	Sept 18 2025.	
Bonnie Wristman Clarington Board of Trade	54 King St. E Unit 102 Bowmanville	Sept 19 2025	

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K WALL	14 KEATING DR	09/15/25	
Erin Kemp	17 King St E.	09/15/25	
ALEX HARGREAVES	21 King St E	09/18/25	
Janet Mulder	23 King St E	09/18/25	
LORI ALLIN	23 King St E	09/18/25	
TRACY RUMIN	17 KING ST E	09.20.25	



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Lynn Martin	26 Peachtree Cres.	Sept 25	
Jennifer Syer	51 King St E	Sept 25	
Cindy Lipscomb	51 King St. E	Sept 25	
Julie Snowden	51 King St. E.	Sept 25	
Cathy Gowland	29 King St. E.	Sept 25	
LEIGH GOWLAND	29 KING ST East	SEPT 25	
Eleanor Donnelly	<sup>ORONO</sup> 63 Andrews Rd.	Sept 25	
Nicole Shah	7 King st East	Sept 25	
Eric Shah	7 King street East	Sept 25	

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Name (Printed)	Address Printed	Date	Signature
Roberta TILLEN	PENFOUR D.D.	Sept 25	
Andrea Kirby	Buttonshaw St.	Sept 25	
Carol Zuvier	On King St East	Sept 25	
Chyna Walla	5 King St W	Sep 25	
Fanny McQuinn	19 King St W	Sept 25	
Ellen Duesda	180 Eldred Dr	Sept 25	
Tracey R. Higrew	72 King St W.	Sept 25	



# *St. Paul's United Church & St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church*

September 17, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Chair of the Board of Ecumenical Shared Ministry of St. Paul's United Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, located at 178 Church Street Bowmanville.

We are in the downtown core, and it has come to our attention that we are considered "non-eligible sources" under the Province of Ontario's new recycling legislation.

We are located in a so-called "blended area" where currently collection of recyclables is provided to both residential and commercial occupants. We understand that under the new legislation we would not qualify for curbside collection effective January 1, 2026.

This disappoints us, for several reasons. We have conscientiously attempted as a congregation to recycle responsibly. We have a nursery school in our building which also presently recycles. We are also known for our outreach programs which service the community. We, like many churches, are an aging volunteer organization, and as such, will not have the ability, nor the volunteers to take recycling to other locations, if it is not collected at the curb. Consequently, we fear that our church community will not be able to continue to recycle, and goods that could otherwise be recycled will end up in land fill.

As a church we have worked on ecological issues for more than 40 years. Our faith calls us to live with respect in creation, and we pride ourselves on being good environmental stewards. This may not be possible for us, if we are not able to have our recycling collected at the curb. We encourage you to reconsider this new legislation and to include a provision to collect in blended areas where mixed-use properties are present.

I thank you for your time and look forward to changes in the legislation.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

Nancy Dalrymple  
ESM Board Chair



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