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December 16, 2025

*Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario*

Re: Urging Province to Re-instate the Eligibility for Curbside Blue Box Collection

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their December 15, 2025 Council meeting:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario designated producers to be responsible to collect recycling in the Province; and

WHEREAS nonprofit organizations, including our local food banks, have been deemed ineligible for producer blue box collection effective January 1 2026; and

WHEREAS food insecurity is a local, provincial and federal issue; and

WHEREAS food banks need to receive grocery items that are delivered in cardboard boxes and cartons which generate copious amounts of recyclable material; and

WHEREAS food banks are volunteer and donation based with no revenue collected to pay for services such as removal of recyclable materials;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Town of Smiths Falls strongly urges the Province to re-instate the eligibility for curbside blue box collection January 1 2026, for nonprofit organizations, such as food banks; and



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THAT this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, to the local MP and MPP, Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,



Kerry Costello
Town Clerk