

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: Municipal Compliance Status with RRCEA Amendments 2024

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Attachment: None

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-030, as presented;

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Executive Summary

Effective January 1, 2025, amendments to four producer responsibility regulations under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA) were finalized by the Government of Ontario:

- Tires Regulation (O. Reg. 225/18)
- Batteries Regulation (O. Reg. 30/20)
- Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) Regulation (O. Reg. 522/20)
- Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Regulation (O. Reg. 449/21)

These amendments aim to increase flexibility, reduce administrative burdens, and streamline compliance for producers. This report evaluates the municipality's compliance and identifies necessary actions to ensure full alignment with the updated regulations.

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Background

On December 20, 2024, the municipality received an email regarding finalized amendments to Ontario's producer responsibility regulations for tires, batteries, EEE, and HSP under the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA)*. In response, a questionnaire was drafted to assess the municipality's compliance with these amendments. The Public Works Clerk completed the questionnaire, ensuring alignment with all regulatory changes and requirements.

Compliance Status by Regulation

- Tires Regulation (O. Reg. 225/18)
 - **Status:**
 - ✓ The municipality is registered with the tire collection program e-Tracks.
 - **Required Actions:**
 - ✓ Ongoing monitoring and reporting to maintain compliance.
- Batteries Regulation (O. Reg. 30/20)
 - **Status:**
 - ✓ The municipality participates in an electronic waste collection program that includes small battery collection.
 - ✓ Large batteries (e.g., automotive batteries) must be taken to the Hazardous Waste Depot in North Bay, Ontario.
 - **Required Actions:**
 - ✓ Implement public communication strategies to educate residents on proper disposal of large batteries.
- Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) Regulation (O. Reg. 522/20)
 - **Status:**
 - ✓ The municipality operates a designated electronic drop-off area registered with an electronic waste collection service.
 - **Required Actions:**
 - ✓ Required Actions: Regular compliance reviews to ensure ongoing adherence.

- Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Regulation (O. Reg. 449/21)
 - **Status:**
 - ✓ Municipal hazardous waste is collected at the North Bay Hazardous Waste Depot.
 - **Required Actions:**
 - ✓ Continued participation in the North Bay program and monitoring for regulatory updates.

Infrastructure, Resources, and Partnerships

- Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) and Service Providers
 - Existing contracts with service providers shall be reviewed to confirm compliance with the new regulations.
- Infrastructure Gaps and Needs
 - The municipality meets current infrastructure requirements for tires, batteries, electronics, and hazardous waste.
 - Future investment may be needed if battery collection services expand to include larger batteries.
- Regional Collaboration
 - Collaboration with the North Bay Hazardous Waste Depot ensures proper hazardous waste disposal.
 - Further partnerships may be considered if beneficial.

Risk Mitigation and Administrative Compliance

- Compliance Risks
 - No major risks identified apart from the need for increased public \education on battery disposal.

- Administrative Penalties (O. Reg. 558/22)
 - The municipality must ensure that reporting and compliance measures align with the revised penalty structure.
 - Annual compliance reviews are recommended to mitigate risks.

Financial and Communication Planning

- Budget Considerations
 - No significant budget increases anticipated.
 - Potential costs may arise if the municipality expands battery collection services.
- Public Communication and Education
 - Communication strategies shall be implemented to inform residents of any changes to collection programs.
 - Proposed communication methods:
 - ✓ Updates on the municipal website.
 - ✓ Social media outreach (e.g., Facebook).
 - ✓ Collaboration with Circular Materials for public education.

Conclusion

The municipality remains in full compliance with the 2024 RRCEA amendments, maintaining effective programs for tire, electronics, and hazardous waste collection. Existing partnerships and infrastructure support these programs efficiently. The only identified area for improvement is public awareness of battery disposal, which shall be addressed through targeted education campaigns.

No significant compliance risks or financial burdens are anticipated, ensuring continued adherence to provincial waste management standards.