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TO/DEST.	Coordinator Planning and Environment Committee
FROM/EXP.	Environment and Transportation Commissioner
SUBJECT/OBJET	<b>CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND BUSINESS RECYCLING PROGRAM - RESPONSE TO INQUIRY No. P&amp;E - 11 (98)</b>

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### DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

**That the Planning and Environment Committee receive this report for information.**

### INTRODUCTION

At the Planning and Environment Committee meeting of 13 October 1998, the following inquiry was put forward by Councillor Munter:

*That staff report on the program in the City of Clarence-Rockland which requires businesses to participate in the recycling program. Report to address under what legislated authority they are doing this and whether or not this has been considered for the Region.*

### BACKGROUND

Municipalities are authorized by the *Municipal Act* to establish a system for the collection of waste. Municipalities may pass by-laws regulating the use of any part of their waste management systems. This can include requiring source separation of waste at the point of collection. Therefore, any resident or business using the waste collection service provided by a municipality may be required to participate in the municipality's recycling program.

In relation to regulating business participation in recycling programs, it should be noted that the Province has required the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sector to implement recycling under Regulation 103/94 (which is included in the proposed draft General Waste Management Regulation). Regulation 103/94 requires all designated IC&I facilities to develop a waste reduction workplan and implement a source-separation program.

## DISCUSSION

### City of Clarence-Rockland

The City of Clarence-Rockland provides waste and recycling collection services for residential households, apartment buildings, commercial businesses and institutions. Commercial business and institutions receive once-per-week containerized waste collection and pay for extra collection services. By-law number 1998-20 of the City of Clarence-Rockland requires all commercial and institutional properties receiving waste collection service to sort and set out their recyclable material and waste separately.

### Region of Ottawa-Carleton

Currently, the Region provides waste and recycling collection service to residents, apartment buildings and small commercial establishments. The Region's waste management by-law currently requires that all properties receiving Regional waste collection services must sort and set out recyclable material for separate collection, in the same fashion as the Clarence-Rockland by-law.

### Comparison of Services

The primary distinction is in the level of waste management service provided. Where Clarence-Rockland provides waste services to large commercial, industrial and institutional establishments, in the Region of Ottawa-Carleton these establishments receive containerized waste collection from private sector service providers. The majority of these larger facilities fall under existing provincial regulations which require waste reduction workplans and source separation programs. Further, the Solid Waste Division provides a Waste Reduction Guide and other educational material for the workplace, which assists businesses in conducting waste audits and starting recycling programs.

## CONCLUSION

The Region currently requires small commercial properties receiving Regional waste collection services to recycle. The Region does not have the legislative authority to unilaterally impose recycling programs on commercial properties where it does not provide service. The Province, however, currently requires designated IC&I properties to have recycling programs in place. The Solid Waste Division will continue to provide waste diversion and recycling educational material to the commercial sector.

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