



November 20, 2025

Circular Materials Ontario  
700-1 St. Clair Ave W  
Toronto ON M4V 1K6

Dear Circular Materials Team:

**RE: Advocacy for Accessible and Size-Appropriate Recycling Cart Options**

Dufferin County Council would like to share their concerns from residents regarding the rollout of the new blue recycling carts under the Province's producer-led recycling program.

While we recognize and appreciate the intent of this program - to streamline recycling services, reduce litter, and improve worker safety - a 'one-bin-fits-all' approach simply doesn't work for every household or community. Many residents, particularly those with limited mobility, seniors, or those living in smaller homes, townhouses, or multi-residential units with constrained storage space, have expressed concerns about the size and accessibility of the new bins - particularly as it relates to the maneuverability and storage of the new carts.

We respectfully request that Circular Materials consider offering alternative bin sizes and more accessible options for residents who require accommodations. A more flexible, resident-focused approach would better reflect the diversity of communities across Dufferin County and Ontario as a whole. A one-bin-fits-all-approach is not the solution.

We also encourage Circular Materials to include municipalities in future planning and consultation processes. Municipal governments are the level of government most directly connected to residents and can provide valuable insights into local needs and logistical considerations. A collaborative approach would help ensure smoother transitions, greater public understanding, and improved accessibility outcomes.

Our municipalities remain committed partners in supporting effective waste diversion and communication with residents. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your team to discuss how we can work together to ensure this program rollout is both equitable and accessible for all.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing work to advance recycling and environmental sustainability in Ontario.



Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Janet M Horner'.

Janet Horner  
Warden

Cc Dufferin Municipalities

