

February 20, 2020

Ms. Robyn Collver  
Chair, Stewardship Ontario  
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Toronto, ON M4V 1K6

Dear Ms. Collver,

**RE: Approval of Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Wind Up Plan: Residual Funds Addendum**

I am writing to advise you and the Board of Stewardship Ontario (SO) that the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (“the Authority”) has approved, without conditions, SO’s proposed Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Wind Up Plan: Residual Funds Addendum.

On December 20, 2019, SO and the Authority received a letter from the Minister clarifying the previous direction on how residual funds must be managed once the program, or part of the program, has ceased operation and all financial obligations have been accounted for. The Minister directed that the residual funds be returned to stewards in proportion, where reasonably possible, to the stewards’ contribution to the funds for each MHSW category. It is the Minister’s expectation that the Authority approve the revisions to the Plan resulting from this clarification no later than February 29, 2020.

SO conducted a series of one-on-one consultations with key stakeholders during early January 2020 and a proposed MHSW Wind Up Plan: Residual Funds Addendum was submitted to the Authority on January 16, 2020.

On January 21, 2020, the Authority posted SO’s proposed MHSW Wind Up Plan: Residual Funds Addendum to the Authority’s website followed by a consultation webinar conducted by the Authority on January 22, 2020. As required by the *Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016* (WDTA), the Authority’s consultation session was open to all MHSW Program participants, including producers, service providers and municipalities, environmental organizations, consumer associations, Ontario residents and other interested stakeholders. The Authority accepted stakeholder feedback until the close of the consultation period on January 31, 2020. The feedback received during the consultation period supported and informed the Authority’s evaluation of the proposed MHSW Wind Up Plan: Residual Funds Addendum.



On February 19, 2020, the Authority's Board of Directors approved the SO MHSW Wind Up Plan: Residual Funds Addendum without conditions.

In accordance with the WDTA, this approval will be published on the Authority's Registry. A report describing the Authority's consultation process and summarizing stakeholder comments received by the Authority will also be posted on the Authority's Registry.

SO may communicate the Authority's decision to approve the MHSW Wind Up Plan: Residual Funds Addendum only after the Authority publishes its decision. The Authority will work with SO to develop a co-ordinated communications strategy including the date on which SO may communicate the Authority's decision to stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Glenda Gies'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Glenda Gies  
Chair, Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority