

Subject: **EPR – Hazardous and Special Products (HSP)**
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025
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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- EPR Regulation and Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Bylaws

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Currently, the Government of Alberta and Alberta municipalities jointly fund the management of household hazardous wastes. Alberta’s EPR system for hazardous and special products (HSP) will replace Alberta’s existing household hazardous waste (HHW) program and expand upon the materials accepted.

HSP products include:

- consumer-sized solid, liquid, and gaseous products that are flammable, corrosive, and toxic
- batteries
- pesticides

The system does not include HSP products sold in industrial sizes. HSP materials regulated under existing regulated stewardship programs (beverage containers, electronics, paint, tires, and used oil materials) are not included in EPR HSP to avoid duplicating requirements.

ARMA, as the oversight body, will be the central information hub for EPR.

As part of the EPR program, a registered Community must enter into an agreement with the Producer Responsibility Organizations (PRO’s). For the HSP program the recognized PRO is Product Care. The deadline to remit this signed agreement is March 15, 2025 for the program to be launched on April 1, 2025.



DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Currently, Kneehill County hosts one event per year collecting Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) usually in the Kneehill County shop yard. Clean Harbours is contracted to facilitate this event by setting up the collection containers, collecting the material, packing the material, loading the material and transporting the material to the approved facility.

Kneehill County does not provide a site where these materials can be taken to year-round. However, as a member of the Drumheller and District Solid Waste Association, our residents can access this service, which is provided at the Drumheller landfill.

This Round-up event that Kneehill County puts on collects material that includes both HSP and HHW and is co-mingled. The EPR program only provides cost recovery for the designated materials. The collected material isn't separated. A percentage of the material will be set as a typical amount per barrel, and the rate paid to the Municipality will be based on this. The total cost of the annual round-up event will not be fully recovered as the County accepts material that is not designated under the program.

The current proposed price per barrel to be paid to Kneehill County is \$24.00.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

There will be some financial recovery for the cost of hosting the annual round-up event. As the cost of the event varies depending on the volume of material this number is not known

As in the past, Kneehill County provides 1 employee to manage the event by ensuring the site is open, signs are placed, equipment operation, and to help where needed during the collection.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:	Choose an item.	Other:	
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ATTACHMENTS:

- Product Care Collection Services Agreement
- Alberta Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Decision Tree

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. That Council authorizes the CAO to enter into a services agreement with Product Care for the collection of Hazardous Special Products (HSP) as part of the overall ERP program.
2. That Council does not authorize CAO to enter into a services agreement with Product Care for the collection of Hazardous Special Products (HSP) as part of the overall ERP program.
3. Receive as information.



RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council authorizes the CAO to enter into a services agreement with Product Care for the collection of Hazardous Special Products (HSP), in conjunction with the overall ERP program.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

1. Agreement will be signed and returned to Product Care.
2. The annual HHW round-up will occur as per usual

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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