



Municipalities do a lot of **heavy-lifting** when it comes to recycling.

Thanks to our know-how and your commitment, Ontario's municipal governments run some of the world's most effective curbside and depot recycling programs.

It is convenient and effective – but it's also getting more expensive. New materials used in today's packaging are harder and more costly to recycle. Smarter packaging would reduce costs.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario looks forward to working more with industry stewards to cut waste, reduce costs and create a cleaner Ontario.

We need extra **muscle** to do more.

Ever since the first Blue Box was introduced in the 1980s, Ontario's municipal governments have worked with residents to build today's modern, convenient and effective recycling programs.

Every year, residents divert more than 900,000 tonnes of waste through our programs – about 60 per cent of all residential waste, at an annual cost of about \$200 million. Municipal governments pick up more than half the tab, with industry contributing around 47 per cent of reported costs.

In the past five years alone, municipal governments have invested \$85 million to improve efficiency and added more than 10,000 tonnes of new plastics to recycling programs, contributing to an annual increased cost of about \$13 million.

Today's Blue Boxes are brimming with lightweight bottles, milk cartons, juice boxes and mixed plastic packaging. All are more difficult and costly to recycle.

Net Cost per Tonne to Recycle



We **all** want to divert more from landfill.

Municipal governments are doing their part by continuing to invest in ways to contain costs, while accepting more materials. We need more help from industry stewards to make packaging less expensive to recycle for everyone. Visit www.amo.on.ca to learn more.