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WHEREAS the market for recycled materials is collapsing around the world and the situation is expected to last for a year;  

AND WHEREAS most municipalities are not structured to stockpile or to otherwise store recycled materials for any length of time;  

AND WHEREAS municipalities will likely incur much greater costs than is normal to dispose of the recyclable material as their suppliers wrestle with the related problems;  

AND WHEREAS landfilling the recycled materials is contrary to good waste management practices and would potentially destroy the good and environmentally friendly habits that people have developed over the years;  

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be asked to seek confirmation from the Province of Ontario, Waste Diversion Ontario and Stewardship Ontario that the tenets and covenants of Ontario’s Waste Diversion Act 2002, particularly the 50% cost-sharing of recycling costs, will not be jeopardized by the current state of affairs in the recycling industry;  

AND FURTHERMORE THAT the Minister of Environment be commended for initiating a review of Ontario’s Waste Diversion Act and that municipalities be encouraged to participate fully in the review, particularly regarding the concepts of zero waste and extended producer responsibility whereby producers of products and packaging bear responsibility for ensuring those products and packages are properly managed until and at the end of their life-cycle;  

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Environment, the Leader of the Official Opposition of Ontario, Randy Hillier MPP, all municipalities in Lanark County, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for circulation to all municipalities in the Province for support.

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