

## **Recycling Priorities - DRAFT**

### **Council on Recycling**

At its June 6, 2023, meeting the Council on Recycling (COR) held a facilitated discussion to identify and prioritize issues warranting further discussion and possible action by the Council. The following issues were identified by COR members at the meeting but do not include the full range of possible topics that the COR may address in the future.

#### **Priority Issues (June 6, 2023)**

- 1) *Batteries, Battery-Containing Devices- EPR*
  - a) *Eliminate Batteries from Recycling/Solid Waste*
- 2) *Market Development*
  - a) *Transportation Costs*
  - b) *End Of Life for Green Technologies – Solar, Wind, EV*
  - c) *Clothing/Textile Recycling Options*
  - d) *Paper Recycling*
  - e) *Plastics Recycling*
    - i) *Consistency Across the State on Plastic Types Accepted for Recycling*
    - ii) *Addressing the Number of Different Types*
    - iii) *Microplastics*
  - f) *Glass Recycling*
  - g) *Other Problematic Materials*
- 3) *C&D Waste Diversion*
- 4) *Organics & Food Waste Management*
- 5) *Policy Development*
  - a) *Financial Assistance for RUs- Grant/Formula/Inflation*
  - b) *Regionalization- Reduce Number of RUs*
  - c) *Infractions Against WI Recycling Laws*
- 6) *Recycling Capacity- MRFs*

#### **Highest Priorities**

1. Batteries
2. Recycling Markets Development.

#### **Next Steps**

For each issue, the Council will need to identify the Stakeholders and desired Outcomes for the top issues. Stakeholders can include any organization or entity that has the ability to take action, influence or manage an issue. Outcomes are actions that the Council on Recycling would like to take or actions that others can take that the Council will support.

## **Batteries**

Stakeholders include manufacturers, retailers, non-governmental organizations, municipal officials, legislators, etc.

Role of Call2Recycle, others

Outcomes? Need to get word out to public on proper battery disposal to avoid fires; COR letter to Governor describing actions needed at a state level.

Reinvigorate the Battery Taskforce.

Other ideas from the Council: invite past Battery Taskforce members, consider bill from battery manufacturers, invite a state representative from a different state with battery collection EPR.

The DNR's Waste and Materials Study Group has also been considering battery management issues.

## **Market Development**

Stakeholders include manufacturers, retailers, etc.

Outcomes include end user identification, awareness for elected officials, plastic to oil information, advocacy, market development in Wisconsin, council member education, education for legislature/governor, target packaging engineers- especially for problematic/hard to recycle materials.