

Post-Consumer Pharmaceutical
Stewardship Association

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PROVINCIAL UPDATE

BC Recycling Regulation Guide PCPSA put forward comments on the draft *Recycling Regulation Guide* to the Ministry. To receive your copies please contact the office at ginette.vanasse@medicationsreturn.ca. A meeting was organized with MOE representatives to discuss the new recycling regulation and the requirements for a new stewardship plan by October 2006. The MOE representatives agreed that this was a good time to discuss any issues and would be pleased to assist with its completion by reviewing and giving comments on the draft plan. The meeting provided us with valuable input.

Green Manitoba Eco-Solutions Last month, consultation meetings were held to provide background information to industry stakeholders on the enhanced and expanded program of product stewardship to be implemented in Manitoba. Please follow this link to view the presentations and discussion papers <http://www.greenmanitoba.ca/cim/1000.dhtm>. PCPSA participated in the consultation meeting via the web cast and prepared comments in regards to the handling of post-consumer pharmaceuticals as defined in the *Household Hazardous Waste* discussion paper. To get your copy, please contact the office. Their timetable is very ambitious with draft regulation to be ready for late November.

Ontario In October, the Executive Director attended the Canadian Stewardship Conference. You can download the presentations at <http://www.canadianstewardship.com>. First speaker was with Ipsos-Reid, presenting recent findings on current public attitudes toward environment. We hear that the public believes it is the responsibility of all 3 levels of government to ensure proper management of our resources and past efforts are not enough to guarantee a safe environment. Next presentation was a panel of Assistant Deputy Ministers from BC, Alberta and Manitoba describing their approach to Stewardship programs.

This was followed with an overview of the Ontario model by the Ontario Deputy Minister, followed by a manufacturer's perspective, Proctor & Gamble (Canadian/International), on Stewardship models (piece meal approach vs harmonized); then the Quebec model with Collecte Sélective Québec. Luncheon speaker was the Minister of Nova Scotia Environment and Labour.

In the afternoon, Managing and Governing Stewardship, cover the importance of Board Governance, selection of Board members, clear goals and objectives and dual roles of Board members sitting on stewardship board while representing their organization.

We wrap up with measuring results and issues facing stewards. Coordination of stewardship programs was the biggest issues; the panelists estimate hundreds of stewardship association by the end of 2006 for a wide range of products. This has the potential to be a real problem for the industry.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The pharmaceutical and self care health industries are changing rapidly. When an invoice is unpaid, we patiently discover that the only contact we have on file is no longer with that company. This means that a company has not fulfilled its obligations toward the BC regulations and we could take the steps of non-compliance and fines. Please ensure that we have a valid alternative contact on file and if you happen to leave your present position, do pass this file to the appropriate individual or have someone contact the office with up to date information. It will ensure continuity and we will not have to track down another contact through complicated board structures and portfolio.

B.C. MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT

The following is an update on the program in British Columbia for the July to October 2005 period.

- Volumes for the quarter are up 7.7% over 2004 and 15.4% for the YTD. This quarter weight is the highest 3rd quarter results this program has achieved.
- In mid September a shipment of full containers were shipped to Beiseker Envirotech Inc. for incineration.
- The new brochure arrived and is being distributed to all pharmacies with a container.
- On a YTD basis, the program is operating slightly above budget due to the additional disposal of survey containers received in 2004 and the purchase of additional empty containers in September.
- Residuals Management Group was awarded the contract to administer this program in BC.

Collection Summary (actual):	Q3 - 2005	YTD 2005	Q3-2004	YTD-2004
Containers Shipped to Pharmacies	349	1149	381	1098
Containers Received from Pharmacies	324	1072	287	871
Weight of Pharmaceuticals (kg)	4128	13655	3850	11831

FORTHCOMING FROM THE OFFICE

- ❑ Year end and preparing invoices for 2006
- ❑ Submission of Program Plan to the BC Ministry
- ❑ Develop and survey membership on mission and goals
- ❑ Follow-up with Green Manitoba *Eco Solutions*

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