



Regional Report

March 2020



Presentation Highlights

1. CAO Hiring Policies & Procedures - New
2. EarlyOn Centres – Update
3. Waste Collection | Blue Box Program Transfer – Update
4. Niagara Official Plan - Update
5. Economic Development – Updates
6. Public Realm Investment Program – Launch
7. Regional Chair Election



CAO Policies & Procedures - New

- Ombudsman report issued on Nov. 29th, 2019 highlighting a number of issues with CAO hiring process
- 15 recommendations within the report
- New policies and procedures developed pertaining to CAO Recruitment, Selection, Offer of Employment and Performance Management
- Acting CAO Ron Tripp was appointed December 2018



EarlyOn Centres - Update

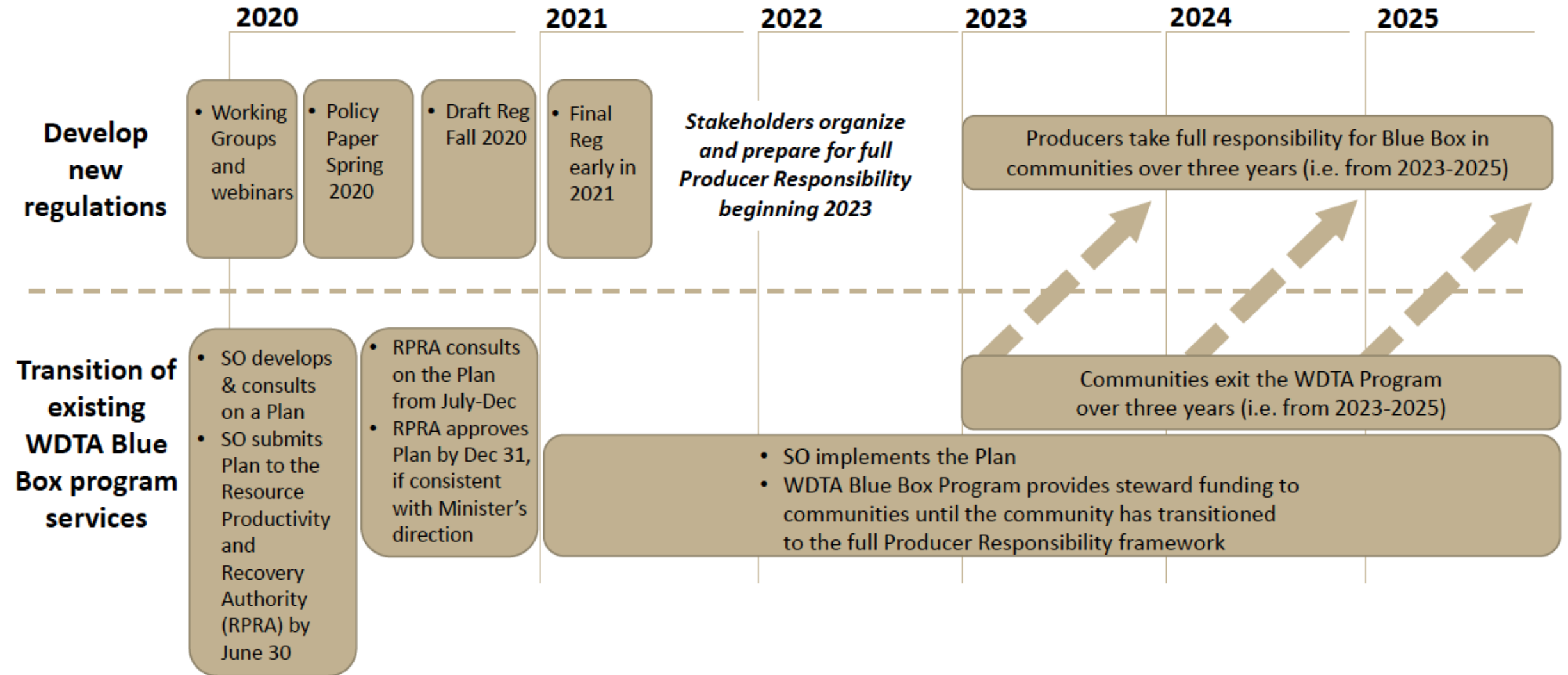
- Children's Services assumed local planning and administration of EarlyOn Child and Family Centres in January 2018
- New procurement framework and process was developed to contract service delivery
- Port Cares successfully contracted to deliver services in Pelham



Waste Collection | Transfer to Producer Responsibility for Blue Box - Update

- The Province issued a Special Advisor's report in August on Recycling and Plastic Waste announcing transition costs from municipal taxpayers to full producer responsibility
- Transition will commence in January 2023 and will be fully implemented by December 2025
- Timelines have been identified which will need decisions as to when this shift should occur for Niagara residents

Roadmap to Producer Responsibility for Blue Box





Niagara Official Plan - Update

- Recently presented with a report that concludes the findings of the public consultations and background studies.
- Workplan includes:
 - 2020 - Draft policies and complete mapping
 - 2021 – Complete an official draft Regional Official Plan
 - 2021 (Year-end) – Council Adoption and Submission to Province for Approval

Project Timeline





Economic Development - Update

- The Department presented a Q4 updated and annual strategic action plan report card
- Motion was passed for the Director to engage lower tier Economic Development offices respecting a 10-year economic development strategy



Public Realm Investment Program Launch

- Municipalities can submit applications for funding to the 2020 PRIP program
- Funding is for public realm enhancements projects along regional roads
- Minimum funding request is \$25,000 and matching is required
- New projects introduced include:
 - Locally endorsed temporary projects -also known as “Tactical Urbanism”(defined as low cost temporary changes to the built environment intended improve the built form/streetscape).
 - Niagara 2021 Canada Summer Games related enhancement projects.
 - Shade structures.



Regional Chair Election

- Motion put forward for February 20 Council meeting to consider direct election of Regional Chair position



Questions?