

In less than a month, British Columbians will have a new and expensive recycling system rammed down their throats - even though there's no evidence the current system isn't working.

In fact, it's working just fine, and it has been for years.

Multi-Material B.C. is the solution to a problem that doesn't exist.

Recycling is widely embraced and high percentages of return are the norm for most products, especially paper, which is the most commonly recycled material.

The paper you are holding is made from recycled material and will be recycled again - multiple times.

MMBC does add a list of new materials that will become recyclable, such as tinfoil, plant pots and milk cartons. But we have to wonder why the current program could not be expanded to include those without scrapping the whole thing and outsourcing it to a "not-for-profit society."

Of course, the Ontario corporate executives behind MMBC won't be expected to work for free, so it just sounds like a way of making recycling more complicated and expensive for all involved. As well as adding a business expense for recycling "stewards" that most B.C. industries can ill afford.

MMBC says similar programs are already successful for tires, oil and electronics. Except they're not similar at all. Government eco fees (user pay) are added to those products rather than businesses having to absorb the complete cost of recycling themselves.

Businesses will have no option but to pass those costs on to consumers.

It's not too late to scrap this unnecessary change. Let your local politicians know - if it ain't broke, it don't need fixin'.