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Printed Paper/Packaging Industries wrap up 2006 with total of \$148 million distributed to Ontario municipalities for Blue Box

TORONTO (May 15, 2007)—Through their program to share responsibility with municipalities for funding the popular Blue Box recycling program, the printed paper and packaging industries in Ontario so far have sent municipalities a total of \$148 million, reported Damian Bassett, CEO of Stewardship Ontario.

For the 2006 program year alone, municipalities received more than \$55 million from industry - \$48.6 million in cash payments, \$5.4 million distributed as grants to improve residential recycling, plus \$1.5 million in advertising space contributed by Ontario's daily and community newspapers.

About 1,400 companies that use consumer packaging and printed paper which end in municipal waste—blue boxes or waste collection—are required under the *Waste Diversion Act* to pay fees based on the amount and type of materials managed in Ontario's Blue Box program. The fees are submitted to Stewardship Ontario which in turn distributes them to municipalities. The Act requires the obligated companies to contribute a sum equal to 50% of the net blue box system costs.

“But industry's role doesn't end there,” notes Bassett. “The obligated companies fulfill their stewardship responsibilities more broadly by working directly with municipalities to implement improvements to blue box program operations. It's a win-win because it drives down the cost of recycling. Everyone benefits including municipalities, industry and through them, taxpayers and consumers.”

In 2005, Ontario residents recycled 861,000 tonnes of packaging and printed paper—an increase of 62% over the 532,000 tonnes recycled in 1996. The population growth for the same period was 17%.

In the past 10 years, Ontarians have recycled the equivalent of 750,000 collection truck loads of recyclables or six million tonnes of materials through blue boxes and apartment recycling bins.

“We currently divert about 58% of the recyclables that are in our residential waste stream from disposal through our blue boxes and apartment recycling bins,” said Glenda Gies, executive director of Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO). “That's pretty good but we shouldn't stop there. We should aggressively go after higher diversion. We are asking people who live in houses to recycle more but we are especially interested in helping people who live in apartment buildings improve their recycling routines. Apartment building recycling rates hover in the 14% range and must get better.”

The types of packaging included in this program are glass and plastic bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans, and paper corrugated and boxboard boxes. Paper products include newspapers, magazines, catalogues, flyers, direct mail, bank and investment statements, reports, household mail, envelopes, paper towel and tissue rolls.

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The WDO is the non-crown agency set up by the Ontario Government to oversee programs to increase the diversion of packaging, paper products and other designated materials, such as municipal hazardous or special waste.

WDO undertakes the calculation of Blue Box funding allocated to each municipality, based on information municipalities provide through an annual survey. For 2006, the calculation is based on the:

- quantity of each type of packaging and printed material recovered and sold to commodity markets by each municipality,
- population density of each municipality, and
- size of operation of each program.

Funding for 2006 is also based on the cost-effectiveness of each municipal program relative to similar blue box programs.

Stewardship Ontario sets aside 10% of the stewards' annual fees and makes that amount available as grants for municipal system improvements under a program called the Effectiveness and Efficiency (E&E) Fund. So far, 74 municipal projects valued at a total of \$13.4 million are completed, underway or have been approved. Information about the E&E Fund is available at www.stewardshipontario.ca.

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For the 2006 fourth quarter and total amounts paid to each municipality, see list attached.

For background on Waste Diversion Ontario, visit www.wdo.ca and for Stewardship Ontario, visit www.stewardshipontario.ca

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2006 Fourth Quarter and Total Amounts Paid to Each Municipality

2004 Datacall Programs	March 31, 2007 Fourth Quarter Payment	2006 Funding Adjustment*
ADDINGTON HIGHLANDS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$4,712.17	\$0.02
ADMASTON/BROMLEY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$4,028.96	\$60.35
ALFRED & PLANTAGENET, TOWNSHIP OF	\$10,668.74	\$0.04
ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$8,351.80	\$0.03
ALMAGUIN RECYCLING INITIATIVE	\$12,216.35	\$154.81
AMARANTH, TOWNSHIP OF	\$3,476.65	(\$2,772.44)
ARMOUR, TOWNSHIP OF	\$6,800.70	\$345.58
ARNPRIOR, TOWN OF	\$7,387.93	\$96.37
ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH, TOWNSHIP OF	\$2,430.11	\$0.01
ATHENS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$6,503.78	\$53.80
ATIKOKAN, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,878.94	\$0.01
AUGUSTA, TOWNSHIP OF	\$9,167.96	(\$1,280.68)
AYLMER, TOWN OF	\$5,594.75	\$0.02
BALDWIN, TOWNSHIP OF	\$365.92	\$0.00
BARRIE, CITY OF	\$141,641.25	\$2,146.50
BAYHAM, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$5,014.28	\$0.02
BECKWITH, TOWNSHIP OF	\$4,692.32	(\$3,741.88)
BLACK RIVER-MASON, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,788.92	\$0.00
BLIND RIVER, TOWN OF	\$2,897.31	(\$2,310.45)
BLUEWATER RECYCLING ASSOCIATION	\$257,729.85	\$2,576.46
BONFIELD, TOWNSHIP OF	\$975.84	\$0.00
BONNECHERE VALLEY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$5,981.99	\$0.02
BRANT, COUNTY OF	\$18,428.77	(\$14,695.96)
BRANTFORD, CITY OF	\$43,360.17	(\$35,437.11)
BROCKVILLE, CITY OF	\$22,511.11	\$151.79
BRUCE AREA SOLID WASTE RECYCLING ASSOCIATION	\$36,545.38	(\$40,660.47)
BRUDENELL, LYNDOKH AND RAGLAN, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,536.40	\$0.01
CALLANDER, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$1,867.23	(\$1,489.02)
CALVIN, TOWNSHIP OF	\$463.29	\$0.00
CARLETON PLACE, TOWN OF	\$6,146.59	(\$4,901.58)
CARLING, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,781.04	\$0.01
CARLOW MAYO, TOWNSHIP OF	\$753.70	(\$3.26)
CASEY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$548.34	\$4.72
CASSELMAN, VILLAGE OF	\$2,837.86	\$0.01
CENTRAL ELGIN, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$12,478.75	\$0.05
CENTRAL FRONTENAC, TOWNSHIP OF	\$3,615.35	(\$1,026.68)
CENTRAL MANITOULIN, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$6,472.00	\$72.19
CHAPPLE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$635.67	\$0.00
CHATHAM-KENT, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$64,014.47	\$114.36
CHATSWORTH, TOWNSHIP OF	\$6,695.99	(\$2.88)
CLARENCE-ROCKLAND, CITY OF	\$25,460.80	\$177.59
COCHRANE TEMISKAMING WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD	\$33,520.52	\$309.18
CONMEE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$212.91	\$9.38
CORNWALL, CITY OF	\$29,830.99	(\$2,079.29)
DEEP RIVER, TOWN OF	\$6,049.09	\$62.74

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DRUMMOND-NORTH ELMSLEY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$5,860.11	(\$4,673.13)
DRYDEN, CITY OF	\$14,200.61	\$135.12
DURHAM, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF	\$346,536.42	(\$290,570.00)
DUTTON-DUNWICH, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$3,059.89	\$0.01
DYSART ET AL, TOWNSHIP OF	\$14,612.56	\$133.90
EAST FERRIS	\$1,477.26	\$0.01
EAST GARAFRAXA, TOWNSHIP OF	\$2,989.37	\$35.80
EAST LUTHER GRAND VALLEY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$4,261.29	\$22.10
EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL, TOWNSHIP OF	\$3,761.05	(\$2,999.23)
ELIZABETHTOWN-KITLEY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$3,754.74	(\$2,994.21)
ELLIOT LAKE, CITY OF	\$4,514.47	(\$3,600.05)
EMO, TOWNSHIP OF	\$850.30	\$0.00
ENNISKILLEN, TOWNSHIP OF	\$797.15	\$74.15
ESPANOLA, TOWN OF	\$4,790.36	(\$3,820.06)
ESSEX-WINDSOR SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY	\$124,675.94	(\$130,980.44)
FORT FRANCES, TOWN OF	\$7,014.82	(\$115.28)
FRONT OF YONGE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$2,718.20	\$55.11
FRONTENAC ISLANDS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$2,997.40	\$30.93
GANANOQUE, SEPARATED TOWN OF	\$6,184.60	\$109.03
GEORGIAN BLUFFS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$8,106.15	(\$6,114.21)
GILLIES, TOWNSHIP OF	\$152.91	\$0.00
GREATER MADAWASKA, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,130.97	(\$901.89)
GREATER NAPANEE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$21,176.58	\$221.83
GREATER SUDBURY, CITY OF	\$229,740.65	\$2,253.65
GREY HIGHLANDS, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$10,399.69	\$51.64
GUELPH, CITY OF	\$518,583.70	\$413,372.08
HALDIMAND, COUNTY OF	\$63,257.24	(\$16,101.85)
HALTON, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF	\$556,149.87	\$7,689.86
HAMILTON, CITY OF	\$393,256.49	\$43,249.91
HANOVER, TOWN OF	\$4,216.62	(\$3,362.53)
HASTINGS HIGHLANDS, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$4,879.96	\$0.02
HAWKESBURY JOINT RECYCLING	\$16,963.76	(\$459.61)
HIGHLANDS EAST, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$6,571.47	(\$49.48)
HILLIARD, TOWNSHIP OF	\$401.51	\$3.19
HORTON, TOWNSHIP OF	\$3,149.31	\$40.27
HOWICK, TOWNSHIP OF	\$2,892.48	(\$62.00)
HUDSON, TOWNSHIP OF	\$261.57	\$2.44
HURON EAST, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$799.34	(\$846.41)
HURON SHORES, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$1,114.24	(\$888.55)
JOHNSON, TOWNSHIP OF	\$629.03	(\$501.61)
KAWARTHA LAKES, CITY OF	\$112,041.42	\$1,148.93
KENORA, CITY OF	\$22,879.60	\$209.11
KERNS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$100.50	(\$80.14)
KILLALOE, HAGARTY, AND RICHARDS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,581.69	(\$1,409.24)
KINGSTON, CITY OF	\$185,409.38	\$38,779.72
KIRKLAND LAKE, TOWN OF	\$8,391.59	\$0.03
LA VALLEE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$0.00	\$0.00
LANARK HIGHLANDS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$4,857.29	\$0.02

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LAURENTIAN HILLS, TOWN OF	\$2,918.45	\$0.01
LEEDS AND THE THOUSAND ISLANDS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$16,610.70	\$0.07
LONDON, CITY OF	\$210,896.79	(\$168,599.21)
LOYALIST, TOWNSHIP OF	\$21,563.33	\$209.61
MADAWASKA VALLEY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$7,675.87	\$101.96
MALAHIDE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$5,415.77	\$0.02
MARATHON, TOWN OF	\$2,788.35	\$0.01
MATTAWA, TOWN OF	\$2,469.56	\$32.77
MCDUGALL, TOWNSHIP OF	(\$4,956.94)	(\$11,514.05)
MCKELLAR, TOWNSHIP OF	\$2,984.07	(\$103.99)
MCNAB-BRAESIDE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$13,897.51	\$187.02
MEAFORD, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$13,998.53	\$167.46
MELANCTHON, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,861.79	(\$1,484.68)
MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD, VILLAGE OF	\$1,721.89	\$0.01
MINDEN HILLS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$12,092.91	\$150.88
MISSISSIPPI MILLS, TOWN OF	\$9,644.00	(\$7,690.58)
MONO, TOWNSHIP OF	\$10,835.49	\$58.65
MONTAGUE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$5,192.49	(\$1,683.77)
MORRIS-TURNBURY, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$2,534.99	\$64.53
MULMUR, TOWNSHIP OF	\$14,711.19	(\$4,128.54)
MUSKOKA, DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF	\$95,559.38	(\$41.96)
NAIRN & HYMAN, TOWNSHIP OF	\$757.17	(\$603.81)
NEEBING, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$973.87	(\$776.61)
NEWBURY, VILLAGE OF	\$762.46	\$9.59
NEWMARKET, TOWN OF	\$114,468.21	\$0.00
NIAGARA, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF	\$555,506.52	\$111,601.34
NORFOLK, COUNTY OF	\$96,084.06	\$804.01
NORTH BAY, CITY OF	\$60,444.71	\$6,414.56
NORTH DUNDAS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$17,321.79	(\$188.87)
NORTH FRONTENAC, TOWNSHIP OF	\$2,999.15	\$1,126.60
NORTH GLENGARRY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$19,857.92	(\$7,463.51)
NORTH GRENVILLE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$13,958.11	\$117.13
NORTH HURON, TOWNSHIP OF	\$5,602.78	\$0.02
NORTH STORMONT, TOWNSHIP OF	\$6,229.62	\$689.87
NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN & ISLANDS, TOWN OF	\$5,065.95	(\$389.29)
NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$2,347.90	(\$1,872.32)
NORTHUMBERLAND, COUNTY OF	\$178,122.93	\$1,555.07
O'CONNOR, TOWNSHIP OF	\$346.53	\$4.40
OLIVER PAIPOONGE, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$1,177.45	(\$938.96)
ORANGEVILLE, TOWN OF	\$40,213.51	\$522.71
ORILLIA, CITY OF	\$27,960.04	(\$14,618.04)
OTTAWA VALLEY WASTE RECOVERY	\$104,263.85	(\$6,551.72)
OTTAWA, CITY OF	\$1,177,284.34	\$325,905.37
OWEN SOUND, CITY OF	\$21,573.80	\$4,567.76
OXFORD, COUNTY OF	\$152,812.10	\$1,430.49
PAPINEAU-CAMERON, TOWNSHIP OF	\$478.10	(\$21.04)
PARRY SOUND, TOWN OF	\$9,905.20	\$0.04
PEEL, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF	\$930,319.67	(\$273,952.15)

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PERRY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$7,365.42	\$60.48
PERTH, TOWN OF	\$2,843.23	(\$2,267.33)
PETERBOROUGH, CITY OF	\$84,311.90	(\$51,798.03)
PETERBOROUGH, COUNTY OF	\$96,624.21	\$964.47
PLYMPTON-WYOMING, TOWN OF	\$10,643.91	\$0.04
PRINCE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,205.19	\$12.41
QUINTE WASTE SOLUTIONS	\$91,872.53	(\$83,197.59)
RENFREW, TOWN OF	\$7,410.37	\$0.03
RIDEAU LAKES, TOWNSHIP OF	(\$21,977.68)	(\$40,116.71)
RUSSELL, TOWNSHIP OF	\$22,276.39	\$260.47
SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,032.27	\$50.37
SARNIA, CITY OF	\$67,337.80	\$808.35
SAULT STE. MARIE, CITY OF	\$85,446.53	\$3,112.87
SEGUIN, TOWNSHIP OF	\$11,386.08	\$0.04
SHELBURNE, TOWN OF	\$6,075.32	\$35.37
SIMCOE, COUNTY OF	\$291,908.74	\$3,428.74
SIOUX LOOKOUT, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$9,172.64	\$117.01
SIOUX NARROWS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$958.74	\$0.00
SMITHS FALLS, SEPARATED TOWN OF	\$5,586.65	(\$4,467.90)
SOUTH DUNDAS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$4,866.54	(\$1,823.58)
SOUTH FRONTENAC, TOWNSHIP OF	\$10,484.43	\$0.04
SOUTH GLENGARRY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$11,519.40	\$97.07
SOUTH STORMONT, TOWNSHIP OF	\$7,513.46	\$0.03
SOUTHGATE, TOWNSHIP OF	\$13,780.04	(\$1,619.00)
SOUTHWOLD, TOWNSHIP OF	\$5,880.56	(\$79.18)
SPANISH, TOWN OF	\$2,749.90	\$2,749.90
ST. CLAIR, TOWNSHIP OF	\$10,761.73	\$136.08
ST. THOMAS, CITY OF	\$36,673.26	\$409.44
STIRLING-RAWDON	\$995.02	\$0.00
STONE MILLS, TOWNSHIP OF	\$12,979.53	\$3,543.45
STRATFORD, CITY OF	\$46,207.22	\$468.49
TARBUTT & TARBUTT ADDITIONAL, TOWNSHIP OF	\$1,362.45	(\$1,086.48)
TAY VALLEY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$8,196.87	(\$155.94)
THAMES CENTRE, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$22,172.91	\$200.55
THE ARCHIPELAGO, TOWNSHIP OF	\$4,034.91	\$0.01
THE BLUE MOUNTAINS, TOWN OF	\$7,436.20	(\$6,044.15)
THE NATION, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$17,492.19	\$137.47
THUNDER BAY, CITY OF	\$68,991.17	\$16,983.04
TIMMINS, CITY OF	\$27,863.74	(\$16,803.24)
TORONTO, CITY OF	\$2,039,717.56	\$30,703.28
TRI-NEIGHBOURS	\$2,000.24	(\$1,595.09)
WATERLOO, REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF	\$191,635.28	(\$195,397.86)
WELLINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING	\$59,274.07	(\$1,713.05)
WEST ELGIN, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$2,651.72	\$0.01
WEST GREY, TOWNSHIP OF	\$7,511.79	(\$5,990.25)
WEST NIPISSING, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$16,566.25	\$126.07
WEST PERTH, TOWNSHIP OF	\$3,808.40	\$32.14
WHITESTONE, MUNICIPALITY OF	\$2,976.76	(\$21.38)

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WHITEWATER REGION, TOWNSHIP OF	\$8,027.36	\$89.19
YORK, REGION OF	\$1,142,867.85	\$464,180.82
	\$12,141,957.44	\$653.14
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* The 2006 Blue Box funding was adjusted following corrections to the municipal waste management Datacall for 2004 which is the year of municipal blue box program operation on which payments to municipalities in 2006 were based. The adjustments resulted in a reduction in the amount paid to some municipalities and an increase in the amount paid to other municipalities.

The adjustments were made to the final 2006 Blue Box funding cheque which was sent to municipalities on March 31, 2007. For specific information, please click on the following link:

<http://webservices.siriusweblabs.com/dotconnector/files/domain4116/Adjustments%20to%20200%20Blue%20Box%20Funding%20Jan%2024%202007.pdf>