

Endorsements



“Environmental Defence is supportive of end of life vehicle environmental management standard. We should not continue to allow hundreds of thousands of vehicles to be crushed without removing toxic mercury switches, ozone depleting chemicals, waste fuels, oil and other polluting substances. Given that the vast majority of vehicles currently find their way to a recycler thanks to the value of the steel, in this instance, we think it makes sense to leverage and improve these existing recycling markets and infrastructure.”



Nick Parks, President and CEO for CAA, South Central Ontario, notes, “An environmental standards based approach to end-of-life vehicle management is consistent with the CAA’s overall approach to reducing the environmental impacts of automobile transportation. It complements our Autogreen program which provides our members with resources and choices to help them become more eco-friendly drivers. That the environmental standards approach means no new costs to automotive consumers is an added bonus.”



“The Ontario Waste Management Association supports the end-of-life vehicle management system as it harnesses the entrepreneurial forces of the existing market; helps to drive waste diversion and innovation; and protects consumers and the environment through a common, enforceable environmental standard,” stated Rob Cook, Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Waste Management Association. “We need to look at new approaches like this in other areas of waste management to increase diversion of the over 12.5 million tonnes of waste generated annually in Ontario. Business-friendly initiatives like this hold much promise for increased investment and job creation in the recycling sector.”



“Summerhill Impact is extremely supportive of an environmental standard for vehicle recycling”, states Fatima Crerar, Managing Director of Summerhill Impact, adding, “Our extensive experience with early vehicle retirement programs provides every indication that this collaborative model is the right approach to ensure vehicles are responsibly decommissioned and that recycling and reuse of parts is maximized. We are keen to see this approach rolled-out across the country.”



“The Recycling Council of Ontario supports the need for an environmental standard for vehicle recycling” states Jo-Anne St. Godard Executive Director of the Recycling Council of Ontario, adding, “Operational standards are a critical element of any waste diversion program and to be effective proper oversight and accountability measures are necessary to ensure that any business receiving ELV for decommissioning is adhering to those standards.”



University of Windsor researcher, Dr. Susan Sawyer-Beaulieu, who has been studying end-of-life vehicle recycling in Canada comments that “implementing a standards based system for ELV management will improve the sectors competitiveness and performance. Extended producer responsibility exist around the world for automobiles, but it needs to be implemented in an intelligent and organized fashion. Proper vehicle retirement can have a net environmental benefit.”