



DATE: January 3, 2020

TO: Depot Network

RE: **2020 Regional Meetings**

The BCMB wishes you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Please be advised that the BCMB will **not** be holding Regional Meetings in 2020.

In 2019 multiple projects were initiated to better understand and make improvements to the industry. Two of these initiatives involve specific groups of depots and will be the focus as we move into 2020. During the months of April and May, meetings that involve metro depots and small depots will be hosted by the BCMB specific to each project:

1) Metro Depot Siting Criteria

The BCMB has enlisted the help and expertise of existing metro depots to make recommendations for changes to the current metro depot siting criteria in advance of the next RFA in Calgary and Edmonton and also to propose pilot projects that will help increase the beverage container collection rate. The BCMB hosted meetings in September 2019 where participants were invited to make submissions for either of these objectives. Submissions are due in March 2020 and follow up meetings will be held in Edmonton and Calgary to discuss the results.

2) Small Depot Viability

The Industry Leadership Committee (ILC), which is composed of the BCMB, ABDA and ABCRC, has been reviewing the issue of Small Depot Viability in our system. The BCMB and ABDA jointly retained MNP to prepare a Report in March of 2019 (available on the BCMB website at the link below) and ABDA released a survey to all depots in December 2019. Data from the survey is currently being compiled and will be presented to ILC in February 2020. The BCMB will host meetings with small depots around the Province in April and May to discuss the findings and proposed next steps.

MNP Report: <https://www.bcmb.ab.ca/small-depot-viability/>

If your depot is a metro depot or small depot, please stay tuned for details of the upcoming meetings.





Some highlights from 2019 include:

❖ ABDA/ABCRC Service Agreement

A revised Service Agreement was drafted by the ABDA and ABCRC, approved by the BCMB and effective as of September 1, 2019. The Service Agreement was discussed at the 2019 ABDA Industry Conference and a notice regarding the Agreement was distributed to the depot network on September 10, 2019, which can be found on the BCMB website at the following link:

<https://www.bcmb.ab.ca/depot-owners-operators/depot-notices/>

❖ Handling Commission Review (HCR)

The Handling Commission Review was commenced by the BCMB Board on February 20, 2019. Interested Parties are actively involved in the HCR, which is currently underway with the BCMB Board scheduled to make a decision regarding the setting of handling commissions at the April 22, 2020 Board meeting.

❖ Quality Monitoring System (QMS) Mobile App

The BCMB began the development of a QMS Mobile App in early 2019. The App is expected to be completed in Q2 of 2020 and will be rolled out to the depot network once available.

❖ Registration Review

The BCMB is continuing a review of beverage container registrations to clarify the definition of a beverage and what should be included in Alberta's system. In 2019 manufacturers and depots were invited to participate in a survey and 2020 will include surveys of the public and follow up with participants.

