Win-Win Proposal

- Methane and CO2 Reduction
- Waste Diversion
- Provincial Leadership on Climate Change

Paper packaging industry wants Old Corrugated Boxes (OCC) banned from Landfill

- High percentage already being recovered (est. 85% nationally for IC & I and residential; Ontario residential Blue Box 93%)
- Est. 15% currently ends up in landfill (Ontario or US)
- Ban would reduce Ontario methane and CO2 by up to 175,000 tonnes/year (equivalent to taking up to 33,000 cars off the road or removing the energy emissions of up to 70,000 homes/year)
- Would mitigate looming provincial landfill crisis (80% will be full in just 15 years)
- Most corrugated boxes are already 100% recycled content (1 million tonnes, Ontario)
- Mills import used boxes to meet demand, would prefer not to
- Long-term mature market, most valuable packaging material in Blue Box ($15.5 million)
- Mills and recycling industry have infrastructure in place to manage the increased quantity
- Ban could easily be extended to other paper grades (packaging and printed) for larger impact
- Between 200 and 300 new jobs created (conservative estimate) for OCC ban alone
- OCC already banned in other jurisdictions (not new)
- Perfectly aligned with Ontario’s climate change direction, and demonstrates leadership

PPEC study looks at: Pros and Cons of Various Policy Options, Lessons Learned, and How to Do it.

- Policy Options: Landfill Bans, Disposal Levies, Bans on Collection/Disposal, Flow Control
- Impacts and Perspectives: Environmental Impacts, Jobs and Trade Impacts, Perspectives of Key Stakeholders
- Action Plan: Communications and Action Plans

PPEC would like to meet with the Minister and his senior staff to discuss this Win-Win Proposal.