

Stewardship ONTARIO

February 27, 2006

Dear Mayor, Members of Council and Municipal Clerk:

Re: Letter from Daniel K. Steen, Owens Illinois (OI) Canada dated January 31, 2006

It has come to our attention that a letter signed by Daniel K. Steen, Vice-President of Government Affairs, OI Canada and addressed to the Stewardship Ontario “Blue Box [Steward] Funding Review Committee” has been distributed through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s paid mail distribution system to Ontario municipalities.

Stewardship Ontario is writing to advise municipalities that several points made in the letter are not accurate and do not represent the current situation regarding glass recycling in the province.

Stewardship Ontario would like you to have the facts, and has prepared the attached “Key Facts on Glass Recycling in Ontario” highlighting the current state and future developments in glass recycling in the province. Also attached is a copy of a letter from Unical, a glass recycling company in Quebec.

Through the Municipal-Industry Programs Committee (MIPC), the Efficiency and Effectiveness (E&E) Fund and the Glass Market Development Fund, Stewardship Ontario has been working with municipalities steadily over the past three years to improve what is already a highly effective recycling system. The Glass Market Development Fund was created through contributions from companies that use glass packaging in the Ontario marketplace, particularly the LCBO.

We look forward to continuing this productive partnership and welcome dialogue between industry and municipalities on recycling matters.

Yours truly,



Damian Bassett
CEO, Stewardship Ontario

Attached:

- 1) Key Facts on Glass Recycling in Ontario
- 2) Unical Letter