

February 11, 2021

Duncan McPhail, Mayor
Municipality of West Elgin

Dear Mayor McPhail and Municipality of West Elgin Council,

County Council and Local Municipal Partners were informed in June 2020 that the Elgin County Library's partnership with the STEAM Centre based in St. Thomas and Green eRecycling for the collection of e-waste at library branches was being temporarily suspended due to staffing and resource shortages. Green eRecycling recently confirmed that the program has now been eliminated altogether, thereby ending the service. Collection bins have been removed.

The program ran from 2017 to 2020 at five branch locations and in that time, it collected over 75,000 kilograms of e-waste. This benefitted the STEAM Centre through increased revenue and donations of re-usable items.

The STEAM Centre continues to collect and refurbish desktops, laptops, and tablets in good condition which are donated to students, Indigenous communities and people with limited income as part of its re//BUILD.IT program. E-waste can either be dropped off by appointment at the STEAM Centre (located at 745 Talbot Street in St. Thomas) or they will arrange for pick-up. Appointments for both drop off and pick-up can be made by calling the Centre at 226-212-0048 or by e-mailing rebuild.it@steameducation.ca.

Sincerely,



Brian Masschaele, Director of Community and Cultural Services