



Saskatchewan Waste
Reduction Council

2018 Annual Report

Come Together



Mission

As an advocate for community and environment, SWRC leads in addressing the underlying causes of waste by identifying opportunities, creating connections, and promoting solutions.



Vision

A waste-free Saskatchewan



The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council is dedicated to helping everyone in Saskatchewan to reduce waste. We provide information to the public and resources for municipalities and the waste/recycling industry.

Year in Review

The Ministry of Environment shifted discussions on its Solid Waste Management Strategy to a new committee, the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee. That committee held consultations on the draft strategy and a review of current regulations in the fall of 2018 and will bring recommendations back to the Ministry by March of next year.

Other provincial developments include regulations for a grain bag stewardship program coming into force at the beginning of the year. Building on the pilot program for collecting grain bags, the regulated program, operated by Cleanfarms, has expanded its collection network and started collecting fees on November 1st.

SARCAN depots, and other end-of-life electronics collectors, started accepting additional products May 1st. These include microwaves, photocopiers, gaming systems and ebooks. While SWRC is happy to have more products in the system, we were disappointed that small appliances, and other items that the government consulted about, weren't included in the expansion.

2018 was a quiet year on the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) front. The Ministry's workplan for the 2018-2019 fiscal year included establishing a program for HHW, so we're hopeful something will be announced early in 2019.

On the municipal front, now that recycling programs are fairly well established, more attention is being paid to the organic part of the waste stream. Both Saskatoon and Regina are now working on plans for curbside collection programs. SWRC has established an Organic Working Group with participants from municipalities, organics processors, the Ministry of Environment and commercial organics producers. We want to increase access to organics diversion programs across the province.



Staff

Joanne Fedyk
Executive Director



Naomi Mihilewicz
Communications
Coordinator



Meg Dorwart
Administration Coordinator



Deirdre Fritsch
Projects Coordinator



Lisa Howse
Compost Coordinator

Board of Directors



Listed from left to right:

Back Row: Lisa Legault, Sheri Praski, Matt Wolsfeld, Chistine Wilson, Dwight Grayston, Henry Mutafya, Jamie Bakos.

Front Row: Daniel Mirault, Bert Weichel, Jenna Curson, Rod Johnson.

Absent: Lee Finishen, Tim Teeple.

Message from the Chair

The past year has been another eventful one for the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council. We had a great ReForum conference in Regina where Beatlemania and waste reduction met up for a memorable time. As always, we focused on stewardship and recycling programs and worked with our partners on our annual waste reduction programs. One of the highlights of 2018, was the launch of a working group for Organics that brought together key stakeholders to start a critical conversation on getting organic waste out of the landfill.



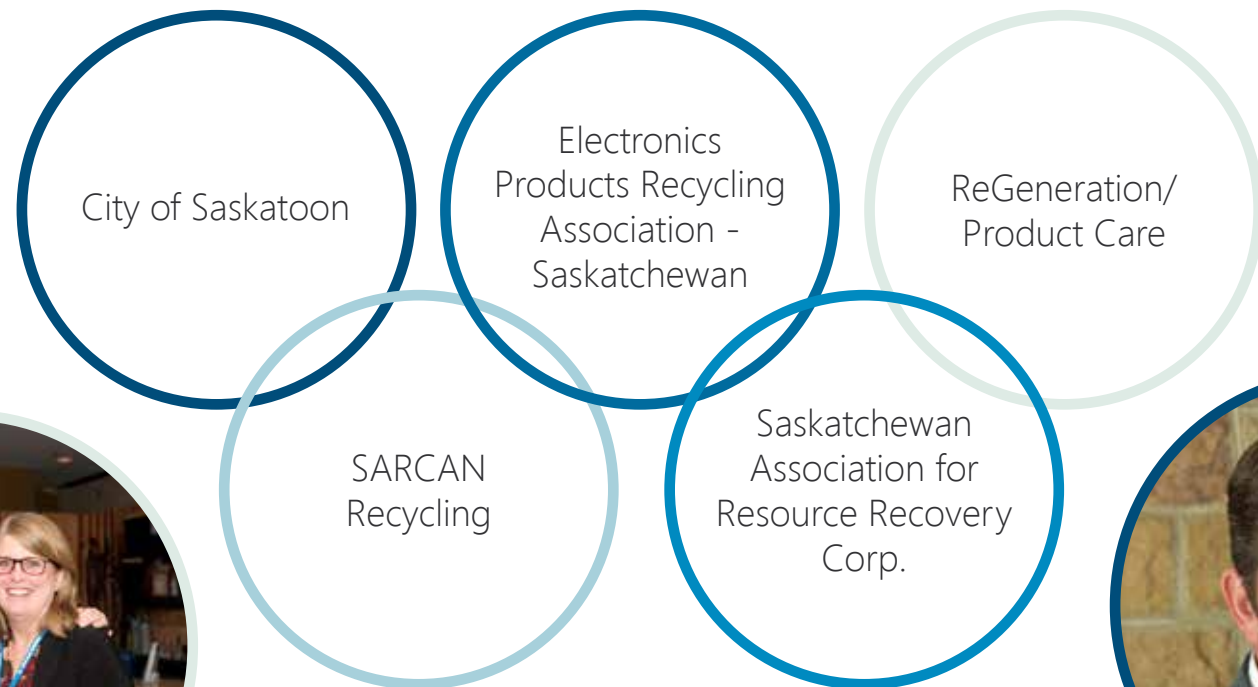
2018 has been a year of learning how to adapt to a changing recycling landscape. The new global realities have been hard for local programs but have forced us to take a critical look at our throwaway culture. Recycling as we know it may be a thing of the past but a world of zero waste gives us hope for the future.

In 2019, I will be stepping down as Chair and Board member. I am proud of what the SWRC has accomplished and where it is heading. Thanks to the SWRC for their work and all the wonderful memories I will have from my time on the Board.

On behalf of the Council's staff and Board of Directors, I want to sincerely thank everyone who was involved with the SWRC in 2018. A special thanks to our sustaining members, members, and sponsors. It is through support and participation like theirs, that SWRC is able to advocate for Saskatchewan and our environment.

Daniel Mireault,
Chair of Board of Directors

2018 Sustaining Members



2018 Contributing Members



Members

Thank you to our valued members for their continued support!

- 16-43 Waste Management Corp
- 2cg Environmental Consulting
- Al Birchard
- Allied Paper Savers
- Andrea Tang
- Angie Bugg
- ARWMAS
- Audrey Harsh
- Barb Hanbidge & Rod Johnson
- Biomed Recovery and Disposal
- Boreal Area Regional Waste Authority
- Call2Recycle
- Canadian Electrical Stewardship Association
- Chris Pantel
- City of Lloydminster
- City of Meadow Lake
- City of Melfort
- City of Melville
- City of Moose Jaw
- City of North Battleford
- City of Prince Albert
- City of Regina
- City of Saskatoon
- City of Swift Current
- City of Warman
- City of Weyburn
- City of Yorkton
- Claire Amundsen
- Cosmopolitan Industries
- Crown Shred and Recycling
- Diabetes Canada
- Ecotainer
- Ed Wilson
- Emterra
- GFL Environmental
- Gail Vandersteen
- GEEP Inc.
- GR Poier and Sons
- Highway 55 Waste Management
- Jack Astill
- Johnson and Weichel
- Judie Dyck
- Karen Weingeist
- Kelvin Ng
- K-Light Recycling
- Shkopich Enviro Limited
- Leanne Brunelle
- Lindsay Brumwell
- London Drugs Ltd.
- Loraas
- Merv Hey
- Mila Vaquerano
- MMSW
- Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards
- Morris Karakochuk
- Molok North America
- Nathan Bruce
- North Central Sask Waste Management
- North Valley Waste Management Region
- Northern Village of Ile a la crosse
- Northwest Regional Waste Management Authority Inc
- Pinter and Associates
- Product Care
- Red Coat WMA
- REACT
- Richard Matchett
- RM of Lacadena
- RM of Torch River
- RM of Wilton
- Salvation Army NRO
- SARCAN
- SK Abilities Council Yorkton
- SARRC
- SARM
- SEIMA
- Saskatchewan Environmental Society
- Saskatoon Farmers' Market
- SUMA
- EPRA-SK
- Saskatoon Public Schools
- SaskPower
- SaskTel
- Sheri Praski
- Titan Clean Energy Projects
- Touchwood Hills Regional Landfill WMA
- Town of Carlyle
- Town of Eston
- Town of Gull Lake
- Town of Kerrobert
- Town of Kindersley
- Town of Lumsden
- Town of Maple Creek
- Town of Moosomin
- Town of Radville
- Town of Rosthern
- Town of Tisdale
- University of Saskatchewan
- WYWRA
- Weyburn Wor-Kin Shop Corp.

2017 Waste Minimization Awards

Individual

Nick Daigneault

Nick is the Mayor of the Northern Village of Beauval. During his time in office, Nick's leadership to bring recycling to both households and businesses in the village has helped extend the life of the landfill. He has been instrumental in fostering new attitudes toward waste in the community, and personally promotes the program via social media and in person. In just one month, over 20,000 pounds of recyclable material was collected and diverted thanks to the new program.



Small Business

The Backyard Enterprises Ltd.

The Backyard runs a Mexican food truck called Malinche. Unlike many food truck or restaurants, their team has adopted a waste minimization philosophy and speaks regularly about how to improve waste reduction practices. They limited themselves to one litre of garbage a day which they accomplished by using reusable dishes, paperless receipts, reusable steel straws and diverting compost through a bokashi composting system.



Corporation

London Drugs, Saskatchewan

London Drugs helps the people of Saskatchewan reduce waste with their *What's the Green Deal?* sustainability program. This program offers free drop-off for hard-to-recycle items. Each store works hard to manage its own waste too, sorting through any garbage to maximize recycling. As a result, they have achieved a 91% diversion rate.



Partnerships

City of Saskatoon and Bridge City Bicycle Coop

In 2016 the City of Saskatoon and Bridge City Bicycle Co-op (BCBC) partnered to make better use of the hundreds of bicycles disposed of at its landfill each year. In 2017, the City of Saskatoon Landfill received 565 bicycles for disposal. Of these, 285 (50.4%) were successfully recovered, in whole or in part, for refurbishment and reuse by the BCBC. The partnership has been extended to 2018, with goal of 60% diversion.



SaskTel 

Thanks to SaskTel for their support of the Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Awards.

Strategic Directions

As SWRC's Strategic Plan evolves, we're developing a clearer idea of what's most important to us and where we want to go. We've identified six strategic objectives. Our top priority is:

Building a Strong Community

Our goal is for the SWRC to bring together a strong, waste-focused community. We want to keep our members up to date, advocate for waste reduction in the province and provide information to the public about recycling.



Recycling Education

Recycling Ambassadors

The Recycling Ambassadors traveled throughout Saskatchewan on behalf of provincial stewardship organizations. This year they visited 190 municipal offices, 354 oil retailers, and 72 SARCAN and EPRA depots. Additionally, they attended 16 car shows, agricultural shows, and community events promoting SARRC's program, with Mr. Oil Drop and Auntie Freeze in tow. As well, they conducted surveys at 8 grain bag depots for Clean Farms.

Pictured (from left to right): Jasmin Parker, Alanna Bugera, Juliane Schultz



Let's Roll 2017

From May to August the Let's Roll Recycling Team (LRRT) takes over the operations of the Rolling Education Unit in Saskatoon. They are trained and equipped with interactive learning games, which enables them to teach Saskatoon residents about best practices in recycling and waste diversion. The LRRT attended 38 community events, provided education at the four COS public recycling depots, and handed out safe disposal of needles & sharps brochures at all Saskatoon pharmacies.

Pictured (from left to right): Brett Maerz, Jacobi Herringer, Melissa Vollmer



Diversion Coaches

Compost Coaches

The SWRC coordinates composting education activities for the City of Saskatoon. In 2018, we trained 12 new Compost Coaches to add to our volunteer roster. The Compost Coaches set up at ten community events and gave 22 composting presentations at schools, libraries, and community gardens. They also went on 57 home visits to give one-on-one composting advice to residents. Finally, the Compost Coaches worked with four community gardens and the communal garden at the Regional Psychiatric Centre to construct high-capacity compost bin systems and provide a compost workshop to the gardeners.

Pictured: Volunteer Kavitha Ramanchandran at Seedy Saturday



Recycling Coaches

Working with the City of Saskatoon, SWRC trains volunteers to promote recycling and waste diversion programs. The Recycling Coaches can be seen alongside the Rolling Education Unit in the spring and fall. In 2018, they participated in 15 tradeshows and community events. Through games and engaged conversation, they encouraged residents of Saskatoon to improve their waste diversion practices.

Pictured: Volunteer Sean Homenick at Gardenscape



ReForum 2018

Come Together

The conference theme, Come Together, delved into the need for all of us to plan together, work together, and celebrate together. The conference showed the value and the necessity of cooperative efforts and looked at ways we can move our programs and ourselves up the hierarchy to reduction and reuse. 98 people attended.

The conference program included a workshop on effective public communications strategies, as well as sessions on organics, tackling consumption and a panel on plastics. Our Wednesday night reception celebrated our Come Together theme in true Beatles fashion with an homage to the 60's.



Workshops

Fall Workshops

October 30 - Weyburn
November 6 - Prince Albert
November 14 - Kindersley
November 21 - Humboldt

More than 140 participants attended our Fall workshops. Weyburn, Prince Albert, REACT (Humboldt) and the Western Regional Landfill (Kindersley) all provided updates on their programs. Topics included transfer stations, recycling markets and Compost facility guidelines. The Multi Material Recycling Program provided updates on the program in Saskatchewan.



Pictured: Participants listen to Sarah Keith from the Ministry of Environment present on Landfill Basics at the Humboldt workshop.

Compost Field Day

SWRC's annual Compost Field Day was held on May 29th at the Gallagher Center in Yorkton with 19 people participating. Presentation topics included basic composting, how compost affects soil health, regulations for operating compost facilities, and the city of Yorkton's compost program. Participants also toured the Yorkton compost site.



Pictured: Participants tour the Yorkton compost site.

2018 Projects

Rubbish Dinner in Regina

On Feb 5th, SWRC held a Rubbish dinner in Regina. Malinche created a delicious meal featuring donated past-its-prime produce. Maly National created a citrus ale with leftover fruit peels. Dinner was followed by a panel discussion on food waste diversion in the food chain.



Green Events Coordination



Working with Affinity Credit Union, SWRC assisted with a zero waste initiative at the Food Truck Wars event in Saskatoon. SWRC attempted to educate vendors and trained volunteers to work at the zero waste stations where the public was encouraged to make use of organic and recycling bins rather than the garbage.

Newcomers Workshop

SWRC took on a new project of offering recycling and compost workshops to English as an additional language classes throughout Saskatoon. The goal was to educate newcomers about compost options and recycling programs in the city. There were 23 recycling workshops and 16 composting workshops provided.



Waste Reduction Week



To celebrate Waste Reduction Week in Canada, we organized events based on the WRW theme days. The week launched in Regina with a screening of the documentary WASTED: The Story of Food Waste and in Saskatoon with an assembly at Westmount Elementary to promote SARCAN's new recycling program for schools.

Other WRW events included a car seat recycling pilot, with support from SGI and the cities of Saskatoon and Regina. To cap off the week, we hosted the first ever Repair Cafe in Saskatoon with the Saskatoon Makers space and the Library of Things.



Financials

Statement of Financial Position | December 31, 2018

ASSETS	2018	2017
CURRENT:		
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 99,515	\$ 99,180
Accounts receivable	28,032	20,419
Goods and services tax recoverable	1,687	1,398
Prepaid expenses	2,717	2,407
	131,951	123,404
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS	111,196	89,025
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	2,083	3,030
	\$ 245,230	\$ 215,459
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 6,533	\$ 8,602
Employee deductions payable	2,433	3,871
Wages payable	3,084	2,871
Deferred income	35,500	12,400
Refundable compost coaches fees	200	255
	47,750	27,999
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	84,202	95,405
Internally restricted net assets	111,196	89,025
Invested in tangible capital assets	2,082	3,030
	197,480	187,460
	\$ 245,230	\$ 215,459

Statement of Changes in Net Assets | December 31, 2018

	Unrestricted Net Assets	Internally Restricted Net Assets	Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Total 2018	Total 2017
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 95,405	\$ 89,025	\$ 3,030	\$ 187,460	\$ 143,117
Interfund transfers	(22,171)	22,171	-	-	-
Excess of revenues over expenses	10,968	-	(948)	10,020	44,343
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 84,202	\$ 111,196	\$ 2,082	\$ 197,480	\$ 187,460

Statement of Operations | December 31, 2018

	2018	2017
REVENUE		
Project management and expense recoveries	\$ 232,341	\$ 288,040
Event registrations and sponsorships	120,085	229,125
Sustaining memberships	55,000	65,000
Memberships	22,550	19,050
Donations	3,306	3,075
Newsletter advertising	-	1,500
	433,282	605,790
EXPENSES		
Project expenses	186,081	191,088
Labour and benefits	141,013	146,900
Meetings and events	44,490	83,626
Rent	16,850	17,110
Travel	6,706	8,077
Professional Fees	6,566	8,450
Contract work	5,606	18,037
Materials and supplies	4,289	4,182
Telephone	3,247	2,989
Website expenses	3,246	591
Insurance	2,055	1,786
Professional development	1,367	1,292
Amortization	948	3,267
Bank charges and interest	857	1,797
Print, copy and design	615	6,839
Bad debts	550	150
Workers' compensation	448	545
Postage and courier	376	219
Advertising and promotion	231	805
Technology support	-	962
Shared conference revenue	-	64,943
	425,541	563,655
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	7,741	42,135
OTHER INCOME		
Sundry revenues	1,239	1,569
Interest income	1,040	639
	2,279	2,208
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 10,020	\$ 44,343



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