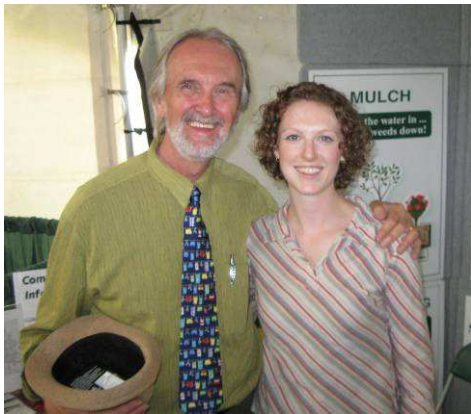


Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council



Annual Report
2008



The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council

is a non-profit, charitable organization, established in 1991, whose mission is:

to help Saskatchewan and its people attain the environmental, economic and social benefits that come from reducing waste. This will be achieved through communication, education, partnerships and related support services.



Message from the Chair

As chair of the Board, I am once again privileged and delighted to extend a genuine *Thank You* on behalf of all SWRC directors. Each year, in this Annual Report, we convey our gratitude for the contributions of our staff, our volunteers, our service clients, our sponsors, as well as our regular and Sustaining Members. A less wasteful future *really is* in everyone's interest, your contribution to achieving that goal *really is* important, and our appreciation for your support and cooperation *really is* sincere. So I repeat ... *Thank You*, everyone!! — Bert Weichel

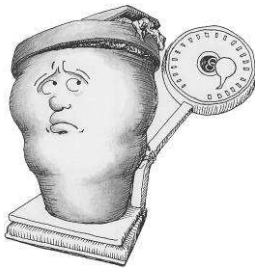


Executive Director's Report

It's all about the people. It's about the great folks who take part in our Forum events, about those exemplary leaders whose efforts are recognized with the Waste Minimization Awards, about those dedicated volunteers who become Master Composters, about provincial recycling leaders who partner together to spread the waste reduction message, about summer students with energy and enthusiasm, about board members contributing their time and expertise, about staff willing to go the extra mile (sometimes literally).

We welcome Naomi Mihilewicz as our Information/Outreach Coordinator. Naomi manages our recycling database, coordinates Waste Reduction Week, organizes the Master Composters, staffs trade shows and gives presentation to schools and other groups. (We're not sure what we did without her.) — Joanne Fedyk

Activities



Waste Minimization Forums

The Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Forum events continue to provide a popular venue for networking and sharing information. The Spring '08 Forum was held in Regina at the Travelodge, April 3 & 4, and was titled "Not Exactly Wasting Away". Delegates were able to choose between a tour of Crown Shred and Recycling (a "before their upgrades" visit), along with Regina's Tinsel Mulch site and the Regina Landfill; or a workshop on effective media communication. Presentation topics included hazardous materials, recycling of agricultural plastics, and a screening of "Garbage: The Revolution Starts at Home". The evening banquet was topped off by a greatly entertaining recounting of Mike Vaughan (Newalta Corp) and Jason Minvielle's Mongol Rally adventures.



The Fall '08 Forum was entitled "Where There's a Will, There's No Waste", and was held at the Yorkton Parkland Hotel. The event began with a choice of golf, or a tour of The Sask. Abilities Council facilities. Session topics included a Stats Canada presentation on Saskatchewan's (and Canada's) waste reduction efforts; the state of recycling markets; and bin contamination issues, among others. Thursday evening featured two short environmental movies selected from the Yorkton Film Festival. Our thanks go to SaskTel, our major Forum sponsor, as well as our other sponsors, speakers, and attendees for making these events such a success.



Kathleen Hilsden & Andrew Exelby of Lumsden School, with Environment Minister Heppner and SWRC's Bert Weichel.

12th Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Awards

The twelfth annual Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Awards ceremony was held in conjunction with our Forum in April. Awards were presented by Environment Minister Nancy Heppner. Congratulations to the recipients:

- ◇ Else-Marie DePauw of Swift Current, Individual Award
- ◇ Edie Shepherd & the Unity Public School Green Team, Youth/School Award
- ◇ Curtis Wagner & St. Angela School, Saskatoon, Youth/School Award
- ◇ Kathleen Hilsden & Andrew Exelby from Lumsden School, Youth/School Award
- ◇ Saskatoon Curbside Recycling and the Weyburn Coop, Corporate Leadership Awards.
- ◇ Solid Waste Management Committee of Yorkton, Partnership Award

Partnerships with Stewardship Organizations

SWRC is fortunate to have strong relationships with the provincial organizations that operate stewardship programs: the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corporation (SARRC) (used oil materials recycling program), the Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation (SSTC) (scrap tire recycling program), SARCAN Recycling (beverage container recycling program), Product Care—Saskatchewan Paint Recycling Program (SPRP) and the Saskatchewan Waste Electronic Equipment Program (SWEEP). SWRC and the stewardship organizations coordinate public outreach in several projects.

◇ SUMA Convention Trade Show

SARRC, SSTC, SARCAN, SWEEP, SPRP and SWRC operated 'Recycling Way', putting on a joint display at the SUMA Convention in Regina in February. In addition to our own displays, Recycling Way featured many examples of products made from recycled materials and was well received by delegates.

◇ Recycle Saskatchewan

This year, the stewardship groups and SWRC created a new website, Recycle Saskatchewan. Launched during Waste Reduction Week, the site has information on all the stewardship programs, as well as links to the SWRC recycling database. Check it out at RecycleSaskatchewan.ca. Comments are always welcome.



◇ Summer Student Recycling Ambassadors

In partnership with SARRC, SARCAN, SWEEP, SSTC and SPRP, SWRC coordinated four summer students this year. Jordan Hildebrandt, Kevin Petty, Amy Unger, and Hilary Berg promoted SARRC's used oil materials recycling program by taking the Mr. Oil Drop mascot to parades, car shows and other community events. Mr. Oil Drop is an attention-getter and continues to be popular with children.

The students visited oil retailers with information on the used oil recycling program. They also conducted quality control surveys on SARCAN depots, visited paint retailers for the paint recycling program, visited electronics retailers for SWEEP, and surveyed municipal tire piles for SSTC.

◇ Representation

SWRC partners with the stewardship organizations by providing representation. Bert Weichel is a member of SARRC's board of directors on our behalf. Joanne Fedyk represents SWRC on the SSTC board, on the SPRP's Advisory Committee, and on SWEEP's board of directors.



Representatives of provincial stewardship organizations and SWRC at the SUMA Convention Trade Show.



Summer students (l-r): Amy Unger, Kevin Petty, Hilary Berg and Jordan Hildebrandt.



Master Composter Laurie Brasnett demonstrates the SoilSaver bin at the City's Bin Sale.

Composting

Composting, and organic waste management in general, remains a priority for SWRC. We continue to be excited about the possibilities for locally creating a useful product from a significant portion of the waste stream.

Composting for the City of Saskatoon

SWRC coordinates Master Composter activities for the City of Saskatoon. In 2008, we staffed Saskatoon's composting display at Gardenscapes March 27-30. This popular gardening show continues to be a great venue to spread the composting message.

The Council organized four compost bin sales for the City in 2008. Over 500 compost bins were sold, and Master Composters were on hand to answer questions.

SWRC also coordinated Saskatoon's two grass and leaf depots. The depots were open daily from late April to early November. Over the season, 9,686 vehicles dropped off 143,952 bags of grass, leaves, soil, and garden materials (and a few Hallowe'en pumpkins). This equates to more than 4200 tonnes that were kept out of the landfill!



Checking the temperature of the compost windrow in Yorkton.

Sustainable Compost Project

With support from Environment Canada's Eco-Action Community Funding Program and the province's Green Initiatives Fund, we completed the first full year of a two-year project to assist communities and institutions with their composting efforts. In 2008, we had six partners: Yorkton, Meadow Lake, Shaunavon, Wynyard, Wheatland Regional Centre (Rosetown) and Sherbrooke Community Centre (Saskatoon). The partners' composting programs are in various stages of development, from brand new to well-established. SWRC has provided backyard composting training, technical assistance on larger-scale, composting and other support as needed. We plan to add new partners and to host public events on composting in 2009.

Waste Reduction Week

Waste Reduction Week in Canada (WRW) was held October 19-25 and celebrated in every province and territory. Several Saskatchewan communities, as well as the province, proclaimed WRW in 2008. SWRC distributed WRW posters and activities to all Saskatchewan schools and invited municipal and recycling organizations to participate. Posters featured the new 'spokes-muppet' Oscar the Grouch.



The WRW launch introduced RecycleSaskatchewan.ca, a joint initiative between the SWRC and the provincial product stewardship organizations (see page 3). Other WRW activities this year included: children's and adult programming at Saskatoon and Regina libraries, reusable shopping bags handed out at select Co-op grocery stores and by the Regina Girl Guides, and waste-free lunches at participating Saskatchewan schools.

Thanks to SaskPower for their continued support of WRW. Additional thanks to SARRC, SSTC, SARCAN Recycling / Unified Dairy Recycling System, SaskTel, Product Care (Paint Program), SWEEP and Saskatchewan Environment.

**SASKATCHEWAN WASTE REDUCTION
COUNCIL INC.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Inc.

I have audited the statement of financial position of Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Inc. as at December 31, 2008 and the statements of revenue and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
March 20, 2009

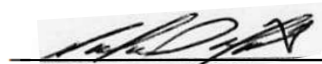
SASKATCHEWAN WASTE REDUCTION COUNCIL INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

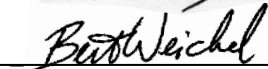
AS AT DECEMBER 31

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	49,517	36,825
Accounts receivable	35,355	35,991
Prepaid expenses	436	-
	85,308	72,816
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS (note 2)	5,532	5,863
	90,840	78,679
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	133	2,215
Deferred revenue	12,625	2,550
	12,758	4,765
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS INVESTED IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	5,532	5,863
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	72,550	68,051
	78,082	73,914
	90,840	78,679

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



Director



Director

SASKATCHEWAN WASTE REDUCTION COUNCIL INC.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31**

	Invested in tangible capital assets \$	Unrestricted \$	2008 \$	2007 \$
BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,863	68,051	73,914	52,337
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	(2,161)	6,329	4,168	21,577
Purchase of tangible capital assets	1,830	(1,830)	-	-
BALANCE - END OF YEAR	5,532	72,550	78,082	73,914

SASKATCHEWAN WASTE REDUCTION COUNCIL INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31**

	2008 \$	2007 \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	4,168	21,577
Item not affecting cash -		
Depreciation	2,161	2,484
	6,329	24,061
Changes in non-cash working capital items -		
Accounts receivable	636	(24,027)
Prepaid expenses	(436)	-
Accounts payable	(2,082)	2,215
Deferred revenue	10,075	1,550
Cash Provided By Operating Activities	14,522	3,799
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(1,830)	(2,456)
Cash Used In Investing Activities	(1,830)	(2,456)
INCREASE IN CASH POSITION	12,692	1,343
CASH POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	36,825	35,482
CASH POSITION - END OF YEAR	49,517	36,825

SASKATCHEWAN WASTE REDUCTION COUNCIL INC.**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31**

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Project management and expense recoveries	203,285	219,964
Sustaining memberships	63,500	62,000
Forums and conferences	36,115	35,460
Memberships	10,225	10,775
Newsletter advertising	4,213	4,283
Donations	2,725	2,748
Interest and other	1,586	842
	321,649	336,072
EXPENDITURES		
Wages and benefits	184,255	138,879
Travel	43,828	43,585
Contract work	26,732	20,703
Conferences, forums and meetings	14,671	20,248
Materials and supplies	13,229	11,356
Rent	9,051	7,489
Advertising and promotion	5,944	6,486
Printing and copying	5,568	49,185
Telephone	4,781	4,113
Depreciation	2,161	2,484
Newsletter	2,140	3,819
Staff development	1,706	424
Postage and courier	1,450	1,575
Insurance	1,357	1,164
Subscriptions and dues	505	445
Miscellaneous	78	40
Bad debts	25	2,500
	317,481	314,495
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES		
FOR THE YEAR	4,168	21,577

SASKATCHEWAN WASTE REDUCTION COUNCIL INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Tangible Capital Assets and Depreciation

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost and amortized over their estimated useful lives. This requires estimation of the useful life of the asset and its salvage and residual value. At the end of each accounting period management considers whether there has been a permanent impairment in the value of tangible capital assets by estimating the net recoverable amount of the unamortized portion. As is true of all accounting estimates, it is possible that changes in future conditions could require changes in the recognized amounts for accounting estimates. Should an adjustment become necessary, it would be reported in earnings in the period in which it became known.

Depreciation of equipment is calculated using the declining balance method at the annual rate of 30%. Depreciation on assets acquired during the year is recorded at one-half the normal annual rate.

Revenue Recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenditures are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Donated Materials and Services

No accounting recognition is given to the value of goods or services donated to the organization for operating purposes. Donations of tangible capital assets are recorded as donations and capitalized at estimated fair market value.

The organization received contributions of advertising and prizes for use in its activities. These contributions for advertising and prizes have not been recognized in the financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the year. Actual results could differ from estimates.

2. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost \$	Accumulated Depreciation \$	Net Book Value	
			2008 \$	2007 \$
Equipment	11,849	6,317	5,532	5,863

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Due to the short-term nature of all financial instruments, the carrying values as presented in the financial statements are reasonable estimates of fair value. As is true for all estimates, actual fair value could differ from this estimate and, if so, any difference would be accounted for in the period in which it becomes known.

SWRC 2008 Members and Directors – Thanks for your support!

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Recycling Council of Ontario, Toronto, ON
Redcoat Waste Resource Authority, Carlyle
Regina Area Girl Guides
City of Regina Public Works
Resource Conservation Manitoba, Winnipeg
Resource Recycling Magazine, Portland, OR
Town of Rosthern
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