

# Waste ReForum

Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

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## Overview

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# Vision

Working together to create a practical, sustainable, integrated solid waste management system that protects the environment and promotes economic development and innovation opportunities.



Saskatchewan's  
Solid Waste Management Strategy

# Saskatchewan Solid Waste Management Strategy

## 2 Encourage regional collaboration to enhance the cost effectiveness of waste management infrastructure.

- Communities voluntarily form regional waste management authorities to share the costs of waste management across larger populations
- Resulting in closure of unsustainable landfills that pose significant financial, environmental and human health risks and liabilities

# Northern Regionalization

Why is Regionalization Needed in the North?

- Barriers due to geography and available resources
- Enhances the cost effectiveness of waste management infrastructure
- Reduces financial, environmental, and human health liabilities

# Northern Regionalization

## What is Northern Regionalization

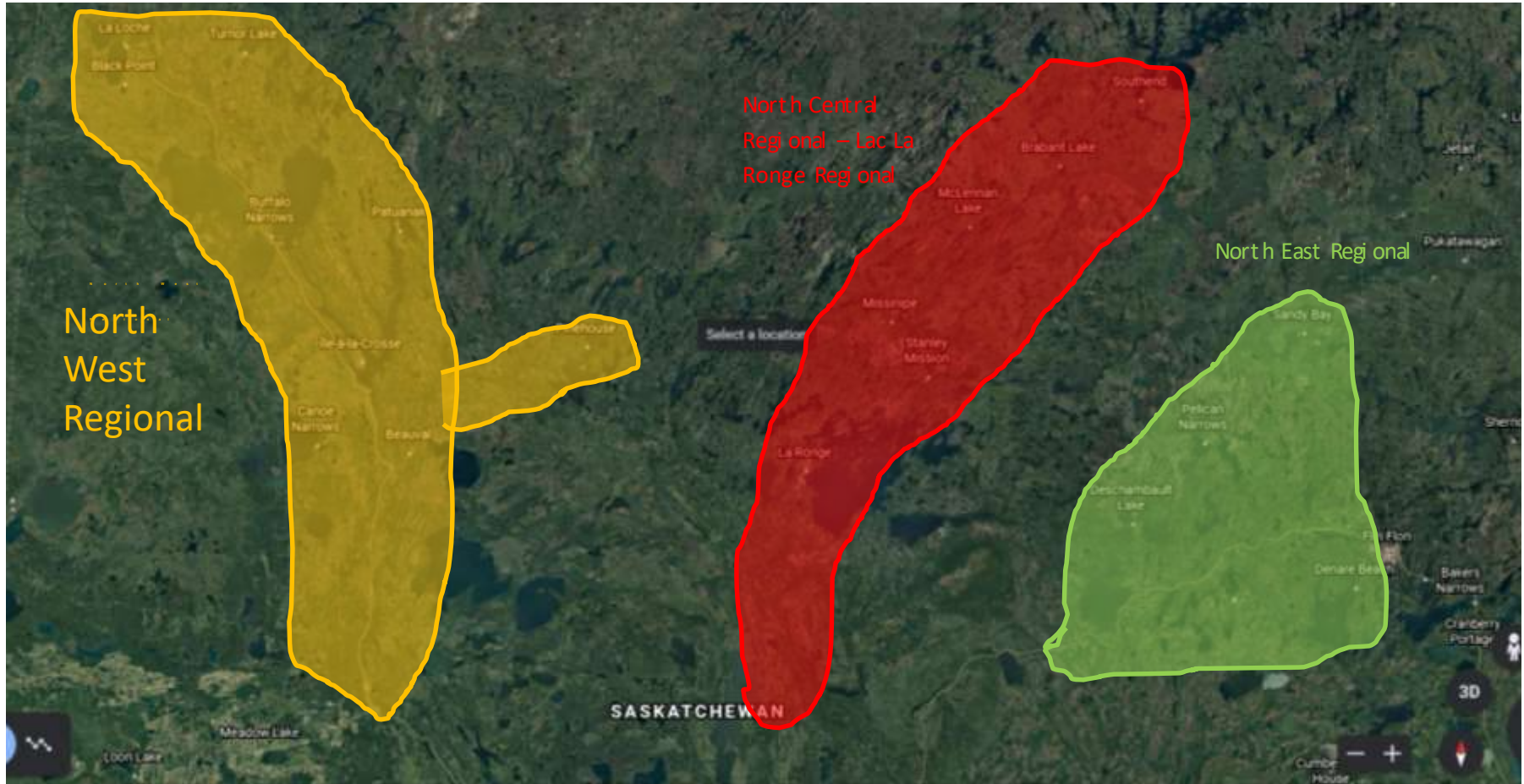
- Regional landfills are strategically placed to service multiple communities. They use sustainable waste practices and the most current technologies to protect the environment
- Based on the location of the regional landfill, communities participating in the regional landfill will close existing landfills, transition to transfer stations, and will transport waste and recyclable items to a regional landfill
- Closure of non-engineered northern landfills help with solid waste management and to reduce environmental impacts in the north

# Northern Regionalization

## Community Benefits

- Smaller non-engineered landfills that pose an environmental and health risk can be safely decommissioned
- Reduce risk of further environmental contamination
- Increase solid waste management options including diversion programs
- Financial and liability burden of landfill operation removed

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## Construction and Operational Timelines

Regional Landfill	Feasibility Studies and Site Selection	Construction	Operational
Lac La Ronge Regional	Complete	Underway	June 2021
NorthWest Regional	Complete	Anticipated to begin in 2024	TBD
NorthEast Regional	Ongoing	TBD	TBD

# Northern Regionalization

## Northwest Regional Landfill Project

- The project partners include eighteen (18) municipal and five (5) First Nation communities.
- The project was initiated, and the steering committee formed in April 2019 to guide the project through its initial stages.
- The steering committee includes representatives from Municipalities, First Nations, Meadow Lake Tribal Council, Indigenous Services Canada, Ministry of Government Relations, and the Ministry of Environment.

# Solid Waste Management Website



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# Solid Waste Management Website

## Landfills

A landfill is a facility that permanently disposes of refuse and other non-hazardous materials.

## Composting Facilities

You can find information on the regulatory requirements for establishing and operating a composting facility in Saskatchewan.

## Hazardous Materials Storage

Apply to construct, upgrade, operate or decommission a storage facility for the safety of human and environmental health.

## Municipal Solid Waste Incineration

Information for municipalities considering solid waste incineration.

## Solid Waste Management Guidance Documents

Access fact sheets and guidance documents to help manage solid waste.

## Transfer Stations

A transfer station is a facility used to temporarily store solid waste before it is transported to a treatment, recycling, recovery or disposal facility. You can find information about their design, operation and closure requirements.

## Industrial Waste Works Facilities

If you intend to operate an industrial waste works facility in Saskatchewan, you must apply for a permit and develop and maintain an operations plan.

## Solid Waste Management Strategy

The strategy recognizes that we all need to reduce the amount of solid waste we send to landfills.

## Waste Recycling

Information on agricultural plastics, beverage containers, batteries, electronics, scrap tires, packaging, used oil and more.

## Engagement

Information on solid waste management facilities, activities, surveys and related news.

# Solid Waste Management Website

The screenshot displays the Solid Waste Management website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "Couldn't find what you were looking for?" and "Search the Publications Centre". Below the search bar is a "Documents" section with a list of categories: A (1), C (4), G (1), H (2), I (2), L (5), M (2), P (2), S (7), T (5), and W (2). A green circle highlights a dropdown arrow next to the "C (4)" category. To the right of the document list is a "Contact Us" section with contact information for the Environment department, including an email address, a URL, and a mailing address. An inset window on the right shows the expanded dropdown menu for the "C (4)" category, listing "Air - Open Burning and Disposal of Clean Wood Guidance" with a brief description: "This guideline outlines the requirements for burning of wood products derived from the demolition of wood buildings and structures." Below this, the categories G (1) and H (2) are also visible in the dropdown.

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## Environment Business Services

Submit notifications, permit applications and reports through Environment Business Services.

> [Environment Business Services](#)

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## Contact Us

### Inquiry Centre Toll Free

**Phone** 800-567-4224

**Email** [centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca](mailto:centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca)

∨ [More](#)

### Spill Control Centre - 24 Hours

**Phone** 800-667-7525

∨ [More](#)  
[View all contacts in the directory](#)

# Resources

- Client Support Services (1-800-567-4224 or [centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca](mailto:centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca))
- Solid Waste Management Facilities Guidance Documents <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/solid-waste-management-facilities>

# Questions?



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