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Yorkton



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Introduction & Topics of Discussion

- **History of Residential and Commercial Paper Recycling in Yorkton**
- **Residential Curbside Recycling Program**
- **Industrial Composting Program**
- **Solid Waste Management Program and Billing Process**
- **Challenges**
- **Successes**



The History of Yorkton's Recycling Programs

March 1994

- Paper and cardboard recycling services by Saskatchewan Abilities Council commences with funding allocated by the City of Yorkton for a six month trial period. The program was then extended to March, 1995.

September 1995

- City invests in capital costs towards the Kinsmen Recycling facility.

Recycling Programs - History

November 1995

- Additional funding is provided to the Sask Abilities Council when an operating agreement is signed for the provision of recycling services.

May 1996

- Five year agreement is established with Sask Abilities for the provision of recycling services and a residential recycling fee is introduced at \$1/month.

March 1999

- Residential recycling service fee increases to \$2/household. Program expands to accept tin, glass and plastic items.



Recycling Programs - History

October 2005



- Residential curbside recycling pilot program provided by Prairie Harvest Employment is initiated for 6 month trial, with 400 participating residents. Blue box containers are supplied to participating residents.

April 2006



VISION 2026
ZERO WASTE

- Residential recycling service fee increases from \$2/month to \$4/month. \$3 allocated to Sask Abilities and \$1 allocated to Prairie Harvest. City forms Solid Waste Management Committee. Mandate set for zero waste to landfill by 2026.

May 2008

- Environmental Services assumes role of city's solid waste management services.

Commercial Recycling

Teamwork to encourage participation by commercial properties in recycling programs in our community:

- Sask Abilities Council
- Ottenbreit Sanitation
- Chamber of Commerce
- Yorkton Business Improvement District
- City of Yorkton



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>> **RECYCLING FACTS & PROGRAMS**



**BUSINESSES AND
COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

Recycling Programs - History

June 2008



- Large scale compost pilot project initiated with Sask Waste Reduction Council (SWRC). Master composter training provided by SWRC in an effort to encourage residential backyard composting.

March 2009

- Scale installed at landfill and bylaw rates based on tonnage.
- Rate for industrial compost acceptance initiated for process and handling costs.

June 2009

- Initiate fees for commercial recycling product at Sask Abilities.

November 2009

- Solid Waste Committee members work with commercial properties to recycle fibre products with Sask Abilities

Recycling Programs - History

January 2010

- Residential recycling service fee increases from \$4/month to \$5/month with \$3 allocated to Sask Abilities and \$2 allocated to Prairie Harvest.

March 2010

- New City Landfill Rate Bylaw includes surcharge for loads containing excess fibre content.

October 2010



- Placement of new Residential Recycling Drop Off Bins.
- Residential curbside program converts blue box to clear bag collection.
- Multi family dwellings provided with curbside recycling service.

February 2011

- Solid Waste Management Committee is reformed as the Environmental Committee to encompass Water & Waste Water Treatment.

Recycling Programs - History

Mar – Oct 2012



- Front street residential refuse roll out carts distributed. Removal of all back alley refuse containers.
- Multi family refuse collection containers relocated to private property from alleys.

April 2013

- Concrete and asphalt debris relocated to landfill from Public Works yard.

June 2014

- Environmental Committee promotes residential grass mulching with a lawnmower contest giveaway.

June 2015

- 2nd year Mulch It – Compost It contest.

Residential Curbside Recycling Prairie Harvest Employment Program

- Created in 2004, Prairie Harvest Employment Program is a non-profit organization, that assists at-risk individuals by providing them social and skill development that assist them in gaining future employment.
- Utilize a modified school bus for weekly collection of materials. Sorting of goods is performed on the bus and materials are taken to the recycling depot for processing.

Ongoing and Future Recycling Service Challenges Operation Funding

- Reliant on levies collected from residents and commercial entities. Approximately 30% materials collected from residential with 70% balance from commercial sector.
- Curbside collection service subsidized by government grants.
- Market value for products collected is unpredictable and revenues fluctuate.
- Multi Material Recycling Program has been delayed and bridge funding revoked.
- Interim funding program with SUMA is still pending and amount to be paid is still unknown.

Recyclability Enterprises

Metric Tonnes – Recycled

1997	709
2000	783
2005	1,256
2010	1,980
2014	2,720

Recyclability Enterprises

Recycling Bins

- 157 – Commercial recycling bins (3-7 yards)
- 4 – Residential drop off bins (30 yards) – for cardboard, paper and plastic/tin
- 2 – Residential drop off bins (6 yards) for paper or cardboard
- SARCAN Bins – cardboard, paper cages and glass bins

Thanks to Our Partners

- Saskatchewan Abilities Council – Recyclability Enterprises
- Prairie Harvest Employment Program
- Ottenbreit Sanitation Services Ltd.
- Hartmier Contracting Ltd.
- City of Yorkton Environmental Committee
- Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council