



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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## REPORT FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Members, Environment and Parks Standing Committee File No.: RECY 1.23  
FROM: Laura Zapotichny, General Manager of Environmental Services  
DATE: February 12, 2025  
SUBJECT: Recycle BC Offer Update  
SUMMARY: Purpose: For Information

Attachments:

1. Letter dated February 12, 2025 - Recycle BC Depot Onboarding Letter
2. Letter dated November 14, 2024 to Recycle BC regarding Consideration of Principal Depot Locations in 2025

Previous Reports:

1. Item No. 5.1, August 2024
2. Item No. 5.1, April 2024
3. Item No. 6.3, February 2024

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report dated February 12, 2025 regarding "Recycle BC Offer Update" be received for information.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority

### ISSUE(S):

On November 14, 2024, Environmental Services administration sent a letter to Recycle BC asking for four additional principal depots: Cummings Road Regional Transfer Station, McBride Regional Transfer Station, Vanway Regional Transfer Station, and Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill. On February 12, 2025, Recycle BC responded to the letter and offered to onboard the Vanway Regional Transfer Station as a principal depot and the McBride Regional Transfer Station as a satellite depot.

Residents in the west end of Prince George and Electoral Area C and the residents of electoral area H outside of Valemount as well as residents in McBride, will benefit from enhanced recycling services including a convenient option for printed paper and packaging recycling, and including glass, Styrofoam, soft plastics and cartons and containers.

The Committee is not being asked to make any decisions at this time. Environmental Services Administration will be in attendance to answer questions.

### RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. *Environmental Management Act*
  - establishes the requirement for regional districts to undertake solid waste management planning; and
  - provides authority for the Minister to regulate extended producer responsibility (product stewardship) initiatives.
2. *Recycling Regulation 449/2004*
  - establishes implementation of extended producer responsibility (product stewardship) programs in British Columbia.

3. 2015 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan
  - establishes stewardship programs as waste management tool; and
  - maintain multi-material drop depots as residential recycling services.
4. Policy RD-23-22: Extended Producer Responsibility Programs
  - establishes a framework that defines the Regional District’s role in providing waste diversion collection services for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs.
5. Waste Reduction Services Establishment Bylaw No. 2901, 2014
  - establishes the sub-regional service which supports the delivery of the multi-material recycling program.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business            |  |  |

**SERVICE RELEVANCE:**

The Regional District provides solid waste services for the entire Regional District of Fraser-Fort George including waste diversion opportunities and is committed to supporting waste diversion strategies outlined in the *2015 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan* including the opportunity to receive funding through designated EPR organizations.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The printed paper and packaging program is funded from the Solid Waste (3305) and Waste Reduction (3307) budgets.

Expenditures required to facilitate the Recycle BC program as well as to provide fibre only bins at nine rural transfer stations is reflected in the 3305 and 3307 budgets for the 2025 year.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

Residents in Electoral Area D – Tabor Lake and Stone Creek, serviced by the Cummings Road and Buckhorn Regional Transfer Stations would not have enhanced recycling services. However, there are plans to return a fibre collection bin to each of these sites.

Residents in Electoral Area A – Salmon River - Lakes, along with these who live in the north end of Prince George would be required to utilize the already established Recycle BC Depot at the Hart Return It Bottle Depot. The Chief Lake Regional Transfer Station is on the list to receive a fibre bin.

Recycle BC has indicated that the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill could be considered for depot service in 2026.

**DECISION OPTIONS:**

1. Approve recommendation.
  - The report will be received for information.

**COMMENTS:**

The McBride Regional Transfer Station and the Vanway Regional Transfer Station meet all eligibility requirements under both the current Recycle BC program plan as well as the proposed Recycle BC 2022 draft stewardship plan that is still under review by the Province.

Recycle BC has provided new Master Service Agreements and Statements of Work that will be presented to the Board for consideration at the March 2025 meeting and will include the following sites as principal depots: the Valemount Regional Transfer Station, Mackenzie Regional Transfer Station, Quinn Street Regional Recycling Depot and the Vanway Regional Transfer Station. The McBride Regional Transfer Station will be included as a satellite depot.

Respectfully submitted,

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