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Municipalities:

McBride
Mackenzie
Prince George
Valemount

Electoral Areas:

Chilako River-Nechako
Crooked River-Parsnip
Robson Valley-Canoe
Salmon River-Lakes
Tabor Lake-Stone Creek
Willow River-Upper Fraser
Woodpecker-Hixon

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RECY 1.29

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**Re: Consideration of Principal Depot Locations
in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George in 2025**

In spring of 2024, the Board for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) voted in favour of signing an offer letter from Recycle BC to partner with the agency to provide expanded services within the region for residential packaging and paper product recycling. The offer from Recycle BC was to provide three principal depots at the Valemount Regional Transfer Station, the Mackenzie Regional Transfer Station and the Quinn Street Regional Recycling Depot located in Prince George. The service became operational on September 16, 2024, with residents reporting a high degree of satisfaction with the expanded recycling services offered.

The RDFFG is located in the central interior of British Columbia, with seven electoral areas and four member municipalities (Prince George, Valemount, McBride and Mackenzie). The land area is over 50,000 square kilometres, with the RDFFG operating an extensive transfer station network to service this large area.

With the three principal depots now operational, residents in Mackenzie and Valemount saw a return of recycling services. However, there remains areas that are not serviced by a local depot, including the Village of McBride, as well as rural areas adjacent to the Prince George hub.

The RDFFG is asking for four additional principal depots and to operate them at already established transfer stations within the RDFFG solid waste network.

The four locations are all staffed, gated, fenced and have hours of operations. Each location serves as a hub for the rural populations that utilize these sites for solid waste and recycling services.

The RDFFG has provided the 2021 Canada Census numbers for residents that would be serviced by depots at these locations:

1. Cummings Road Regional Transfer Station
 - A principal depot in this location would serve residents located in Electoral Area D (Tabor Lake – Stone Creek), residents in Electoral Area F (Willow River – Upper Fraser) and residents in Electoral Area E (Hixon – Woodpecker).
 - Electoral Area D population: 4,375
 - Electoral Area F population: 1,249
 - Electoral Area E population: 533
 - i. Total population served: 6,157
2. McBride Regional Transfer Station
 - A principal depot in this location would serve the residents of the village of McBride, but also residents located in Electoral Area H (Robson Valley – Canoe) not including those located in Tete Jaune and Valemount
 - McBride Population: 588
 - Electoral Area H (does not include Valemount): 1,589
 - i. Total population served: 2,177
3. Vanway Regional Transfer Station (located on the west end of Prince George)
 - A principal depot in this location would serve the residents of Prince George who do not qualify for curbside collection and residents in Electoral Area C (Chilako River – Nechako).
 - Electoral Area C population: 3,603

- i. Total rural population served: 3,603*
4. Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill (located on the north end of Prince George)
- A principal depot in this location would service residents of Prince George who do not qualify for curbside collection and residents in Electoral Area A (Salmon River – Lakes) and Electoral Area G (Crooked River – Parsnip).
 - Electoral Area A population: 3,471
 - Electoral Area G population: 365
- i. Total rural population served: 3,836*

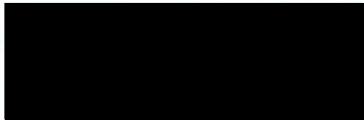
These four locations are some of the busiest sites within the RDFFG transfer station network. With the Recycle BC program now available at three locations, many residents have been asking when the program will be coming to other sites.

The RDFFG is committed to working on reducing the amount of waste going to landfills, including providing access to stewardship programs to as many residents as possible under the Extended Producer Responsibility model in British Columbia.

A key objective in the approved 2015 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan was the on-going improvement of waste diversion. One of the issues that the Plan identified was that the residential recycling services currently provided in the RDFFG transfer station network does not receive funding through designated EPR organizations like Recycle BC (formally Multi-Material BC) and consequently consumers pay for recycling twice through the purchase of products and again through their taxes (used by the RDFFG to fund their multi-material recycling program). Adding four more principal depots to the RDFFG transfer station network would significantly increase the access, residents in this region have, to residential packaging and printed paper recycling.

If these four locations were approved as principal depots, along with the three principal depots already in operation, all member municipalities and all electoral areas within the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George would be serviced by Recycle BC.

Yours truly,



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