



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: March 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Recycle BC Principal and Satellite Depot Offer and Contractual Agreement

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Offer from Recycle BC for two additional depots and Execution of the Contractual Agreement

Attachments: None

Previous Reports:

1. Item No. 6.1, February 2025
2. Item No. 5.1, August 2024
3. Item No. 5.1, April 2024
4. Item No. 6.3, February 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated March 3, 2025 regarding "Recycle BC Principal and Satellite Depot Offer and Contractual Agreement" be received for information.
2. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (Regional District) accept the offer from Recycle BC to operate an additional principal depot at the Vanway Regional Transfer Station and a satellite depot at the McBride Regional Transfer Station.
3. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the contractual agreement with Recycle BC by signing the Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work with Recycle BC to operate four principal depots at the Quinn Street Regional Recycling Depot, the Valemount Regional Transfer Station, the Mackenzie Regional Transfer Station and the Vanway Regional Transfer Station along with one satellite depot at the McBride Regional Transfer Station.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
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ISSUE(S):

On November 14, 2024, Environmental Services administration sent a letter to Recycle BC asking for four additional principal depots at the following locations: the Cummings Road Regional Transfer Station, McBride Regional Transfer Station, Vanway Regional Transfer Station, and the 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 being asked to recommend to the Board that:

- the Regional District accept the offer from Recycle BC to operate an additional principal depot at the Vanway Regional Transfer Station and a satellite depot at the McBride Regional Transfer Station
- the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the contractual agreement with Recycle BC by signing the Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work with Recycle BC to operate four principal depots at the Quinn Street Regional Recycling Depot, the Valemount Regional Transfer Station, the Mackenzie Regional Transfer Station and the Vanway Regional Transfer Station along with one satellite depot at the McBride Regional Transfer Station.

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.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

N/A

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendation.
 - a recommendation will be made to the Board that:
 - the Regional District accept the offer from Recycle BC to operate an additional principal depot at the Vanway Regional Transfer Station and a satellite depot at the McBride Regional Transfer Station
 - the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the contractual agreement with Recycle BC by signing the Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work with Recycle BC to operate four principal depots at the Quinn Street Regional Recycling Depot, the Valemount Regional Transfer Station, the Mackenzie Regional Transfer Station and the Vanway Regional Transfer Station along with one satellite depot at the McBride Regional Transfer Station

Other Option:

- a. do not accept the offer and execute Recycle BC's Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work for four principal depots and one satellite depot in the Regional District's solid waste services network.
 - this would result in no multi-material recycling services within the Regional District's solid waste services network

COMMENTS:

Environmental Services Administration recommends that the Committee recommend to the Board to accept the offer from Recycle BC and to authorize the Chair and Corporate Officer to execute the contractual agreement with Recycle BC by signing the Master Service Agreement and Statement of Work with Recycle BC to operate four principal depots at the Quinn Street Regional Recycling Depot, the Valemount Regional Transfer Station, the Mackenzie Regional Transfer Station and the Vanway Regional Transfer Station along with one satellite depot at the McBride Regional Transfer Station.

Respectfully submitted,

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