

Accomplishments 2016

Site and Operation Improvements

- We rented a Doppstadt Shredder to shred our wood pile ourselves this year. This created a very large pile of wood chips to be used for cover and wet weather accesses.
- We capped and closed one phase of our inert waste cell.
- Working with Omni McCann we have designed a Class III Compost Pad. A Class III pad will allow us to take up to 500 tonnes per year of compostable material. Engineering and surveying are complete and a request for an amendment to our approval has been sent to AESRD.
- The TOPR Spring Cleanup ran from May 11th to the 21st and the fall cleanup ran from September 28th to October 7th.
- The NSC Spring Cleanup ran from May 24th to June 11th and the Fall Cleanup ran from October 11th to October 22nd.
- The Eco Centre took on the added responsibility of processing Blue Bags from TOPR, Falher, McLennan and Donnelly this year. The bags are baled before being shipped south to be sorted.
- Extremely wet conditions this summer created many challenges for landfill operations. We have two wet weather access areas in the industrial phase 1. Wet weather access has been created for our metal cell, wood waste cell, dry waste cell and our MSW cells. This was achieved by utilizing the wood chips that we have been stock piling.
- We have removed all the burn pit berms that are in the transfer stations at Marie Reine, Reno, Harmon Valley and Nampa and are replaced with open top bins. Wood is now hauled back to the landfill to be recycled.

Public Education

- Our Eco Centre Manager and an Alberta Environment and Parks representative collaborated their efforts this year to promote several recycling programs and trade shows and schools. The backyard composting program was particularly successful.
- A Backyard Composting display has been constructed behind the Eco Centre. In order to do this we felt it best to re-landscape the area.
- The Eco Centre Offices were all repainted this summer using ECCO Coat Paint. This is a recycled paint from the paint recycling company we deal with.
- Several local schools have toured both the landfill and the ECO Centre.
- We purchased and worked a booth for the Peace River Chamber of Commerce Trade show on April 10 – 11th.
- We participated in Alberta Recycling's 2016 Municipal E-Waste and Paint Roundup Program. An open house, bar-b-que, and tours took place.
- An open house was held at the ECO Centre on October 21st to promote Waste Reduction Week. Tours, snacks, and recycling education was provided to several school tours.

Employee Development and Safety

- Yearly Safety Audits have been done on the Transfer Stations, ECO Centre, and Landfill.
- We have implemented a safety rewards program for our staff.
- We have purchased and implemented a new digital safety program that ties our safety and maintenance procedures and forms.
- Our Eco Centre Manager has completed a Train the Trainer Course so that we are able to train our staff in house to safely operate the Skidsteer loaders. This will save us some money and also make it much more convenient.

- We participated in the Government of Alberta's STEP Program by hiring 3 Summer Students through the program. They did an amazing job keeping up with internal and external litter picking and grass cutting this year.
- Staff and Directors participated in the following courses and conferences:
 - The General Manager and two Directors attended the Alberta Care Spring Conference in Lethbridge on February 24 – 26th.
 - The Landfill Supervisor and the General Manager attended the Spring and Fall Solid Waste Manager Meetings held in Grimshaw.
 - The General Manager attended a course called "Enrollment in Leadership – Giving Employees what they need to succeed," on May 5th and 6th. This was offered by Northern Lakes College in Grande Prairie.
 - The Eco Centre Manager, Landfill Supervisor, a PRWMC Director and General Manager attended the SWANA Northern Lights Spring Conference in Calgary on May 11 – 13, 2016.
 - The General Manager attended the SWANA AGM on May 12th and was elected as director for Northern Alberta.
 - The General Manager attended the Alberta Care AGM and Directors meeting on July 22nd in Leduc. He has been re-elected for a two year term as director for Alberta Care.
 - The General Manager, Landfill Supervisor and 3 directors attended the Alberta Care Fall Conference in Athabasca on September 7 through September 9th.
 - Two directors attended the Recycle Council of Alberta's Conference in Jasper on September 28th to 30th.
 - The General Manager has joined a Technical Service advisory Group that meets to advance Solid Waste Education and Training in our industry.
 - Our Landfill Supervisor passed his Maintenance Planning Professional course that was offered by NAIT.

- OH & S Coordinator and the Office Manager attended a one day Worker's Compensation Board seminar in Grande Prairie.

- Monthly Safety Meetings took place as scheduled on the third Thursday of each month.
- The Eco Centre Manager and General Manager attended many Chamber of Commerce functions this year.

Administration and Contracts

- We negotiated and obtained new contracts for Metal Recycling and Transfer Station Operations.
- An annual contract for Payroll and Administration was signed.
- Our 2015 financial audit has been completed.
- The LAPP pension has been transferred over to PRWMC so that staff can continue with their same plans.
- A contractor has been given the approval to proceed with steps necessary to locate a new landfill site within the Greenzone of Northern Sunrise County.
- We hired a new contractor for the Cadotte Lake and Little Buffalo Transfer Stations and the contract commenced August 1st.