



# WELCOME

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# Land Acknowledgement

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- *I am a grateful guest living, visiting, working and moving freely on the \*unceded, ancestral, and traditional territories of the Coast Salish (Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh) peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.*

*We express our sincere gratitude to be welcomed on these lands.*

*\*Unceded means this land was never surrendered, relinquished, or handed over in any way.*

# SPECIAL PROJECTS

## Recycle BC – First Nations



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# Tim Ames - Western Canada Manager Special Projects

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- Overall responsibility for First Nations Programs
- Overall lead for the FNRI “First Nations Recycling Initiative”\*
- Together with the “ First Nations Field Service Specialist” engage with all First Nations communities either on our own or in partnership with **IZWTAG** and ISC
- Our goal is to make Recycling and Stewardship engagement as easy for First Nations communities as possible

\* Learn more about FNRI in the next session and come see us at our exhibit booth for more information

# TODAYS - AGENDA

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- Introductions
- Who We Are – Recycle B.C.
- General overview – Recycle B.C.
- Program overview – Recycle B.C.
- How we implement programs
- Questions & Discussion
- Resources – How to find us

A family of three is seen from behind, sitting on a rocky ledge. They are looking out over a scenic landscape featuring a lake, rolling hills, and trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and inspiring.

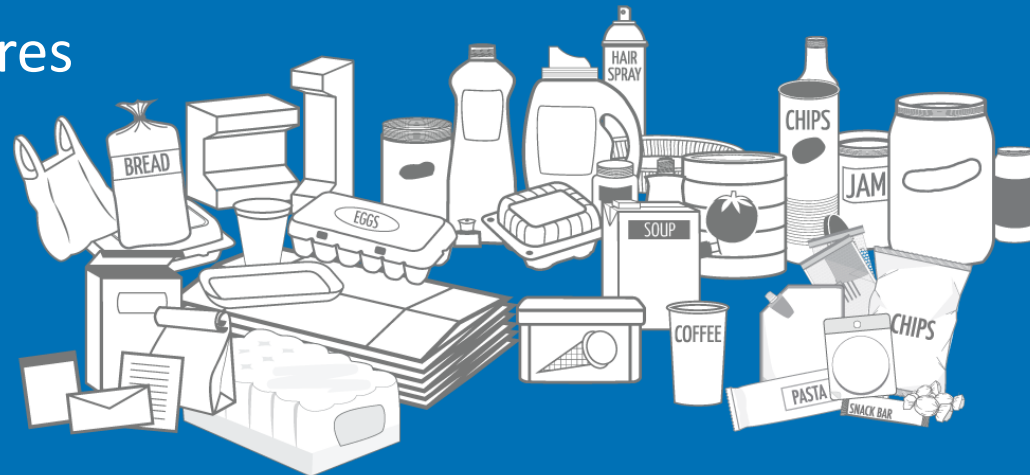
**TOGETHER,  
WE CAN MAKE**

**A DIFFERENCE**

# RECYCLE BC MEMBERS

## 1,199 Members representing:

- Food and consumer goods brand owners and manufacturers
- First importers
- Retailers (grocery, general merchandise, convenience, drug)
- Financial institutions (banks, credit unions, insurance companies)
- Restaurants
- Magazine publishers
- Nurseries & garden centres



Contributed  
**\$500 Million**  
since inception

**\$121 Million**  
in program  
financing for  
2020

# ABOUT RECYCLE BC

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- Recycle BC is a not-for-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and paper recycling throughout British Columbia, servicing over 1.8 million households or over 99% of British Columbia residents living in urban, rural, remote and First Nations communities across the province
- Recycle BC ensures packaging, and paper is collected from households and recycling depots, sorted and responsibly managed and recycled. Recycle BC provides recycling services either directly to communities or by working in partnership with local governments, First Nations, private companies, and other not-for-profit organizations.
- Recycle BC provides financial incentives to local governments, First Nations, private companies and not-for-profits to collect residential waste packaging and paper under contract with Recycle BC
- The Recycle BC program **is not** responsible for industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) waste packaging and paper and does not collect or manage ICI material.



# Recycle B.C. – COLLECTION TYPES

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- Providing service to households from remote northern and rural communities to densely populated urban centers requires a variety of collection methods. Recycle BC works with over 193 collection partners to provide the following methods of collection:
  - Curbside collection to single family homes that set out materials for pick up;
  - Multi-family collection from a central location in buildings with five or more residential units;
  - Depot collection where residents drop off their packaging and paper for recycling.

# FIRST NATIONS PARTICIPATION IN RECYCLE BC PROGRAM

- In 2022, fifty-seven First Nations participated formally in the Recycle BC program,
  - 12 First Nations collectors with signed agreements
  - 18 First Nations receiving curbside and multi-family recycling through direct service or local government contracts
  - 26 First Nations participating in the depot consolidation pilot, a partnership between participating RD and Recycle BC welcoming participating First Nations to drop off their recyclable paper and packaging in bulk to an RD depot for Recycle BC management
  - One First Nation acting as a satellite depot to a RD depot



**INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY RECYCLING SUPPORT**

**First Nations Recycling Initiative**

The First Nations Recycling Initiative (FNRI) is a collective of BC stewardship organizations that works with Indigenous communities in the province to support their recycling programs. FNRI annual summary reports and resources are available at [RecycleBC.ca/First-Nations-Recycling-Initiative](https://RecycleBC.ca/First-Nations-Recycling-Initiative)

Recycle BC has a dedicated specialist who works exclusively with FNRI to raise awareness of the initiative, offering resources to support recycling and organizing community collection events. While travel to First Nations was limited in 2020 due to COVID-19, 20 visits were made to 16 different communities on Vancouver Island and the southern part of BC. For those communities to which travel was not possible, support and engagement was provided through correspondence, video meetings, emails and phone calls.

For the FNRI, an online survey was sent to Indigenous communities in 2020 to seek feedback on a variety of topics, including:

- identifying where there may be a quantity of material for collection or interest in becoming a stewardship program collector;
- level of awareness of the FNRI; and
- ways in which FNRI can support the efforts of communities' waste management representatives.

Survey results from 39 participating communities indicate that:

- 31% had prior awareness of FNRI
- 55% would like material collected

92% were interested in a phone or video meeting to explore more options for engagement

41.5% are interested in an in-person visit from a FNRI representative.

The FNRI continues its collaboration with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) through quarterly meetings and engages with the Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG) to exchange information.

**First Nations Participation in Recycle BC Program**

Forty-four First Nations participated formally in the Recycle BC program in 2020, of which 10 are First Nations collection partners with service agreements. In addition, 18 First Nations receive curbside and multi-family recycling either through direct service or local government contracts with Recycle BC.

The 2019 pilot project partnership with the Thompson Nicola Regional District and Cariboo Regional District for 15 First Nations to drop off packaging and paper material in bulk at participating local government depots free of charge as part of the Recycle BC program was successful and renewed for 2020 service. Additionally, Recycle BC added Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band's satellite depot with Columbia-Shuswap Regional District into the program.

Recycle BC continues to provide outreach and liaison for First Nations communities and to report First Nations access to collection services annually.

# FIRST NATIONS PARTICIPATION IN RECYCLE BC PROGRAM - Cont

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- In 2022,
  - Lower Nicola Indian Band joined as a registered curbside collector in August
  - After adding RDKS-operated Kitwanga Depot in 2021 ; We started the Consolidation Depot pilot at this location providing a free drop off location for community recycling programs in Iskut, Gitsegukla, Gitwangak, Gitanyow, and Gintanmaxx, with material managed by Recycle BC – in early 2023 we recently added the Glen Vowell First Nation and soon we will see the Kispiox First Nation join.
  - Cowichan Valley RD further partnered with Recycle BC on the Consolidation pilot to provide a pathway for the Klahoose First Nation to drop off community recycling at no cost, with material managed by Recycle B.C.
  - Mount Waddington RD partnered with Recycle BC on the Consolidation pilot to provide a pathway for the Kitasoo First Nation to drop off community recycling at no cost, with material managed by Recycle B.C.

# ON-BOARDING PROCESS – Key Things

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- **Communication** – Identifying the key contacts who will run your program and ensuring that they are able to take our calls / e-mails and requests in a timely manner.
- **Commitment** – Being engaged, passionate and organized as well as staying current With Recycle BC – **IZWTAG** – ISC training and requirements ( EG Household Counts – Rate Increase forms – Site Visits )
- **Contamination** – Ensuring that the total contamination rates stay below 3%
- **Education** – Having a “Community Recycling Champion” to help increase diversion rates and community household participation percentage %
- **Sustainability** – Being prepared for ongoing Innovation and mentoring, support and learning to make sure that the community recycling program is set up for the long term to benefit the community.
- **Communication** – Ensuring that we stay in contact at least quarterly and that any service interruptions are communicated to us as well as regular collection of materials is arranged with GFL ( Recycle B.C.’s contracted collection partner
- **Audits** – From time to time we will audit materials and share the results, we then work together as needed to fine tune the program for and with your community

# Questions – Clarifications

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- Each community is unique so most of our answers will be general BUT for questions and answers related to your specific community, come see us at our table here.. or reach out

# CONTACT US

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- We look forward to exploring the opportunity of Recycle BC partnering with your community.
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  - Stop by our exhibit table during the breaks with any further questions or interest.