



# **Heartland Beautification Committee Agenda Nov 7, 2013 at 11:45am Stettler Rec Centre Meeting Room**

- 1. Agenda/Agenda Approval**
- 2. Confirmation of the Oct3, 2013 HBC Minutes**
- 3. Business Arising from the Oct 3, 2013 HBC Minutes**
- 4. Statement of Revenue & Expenses as of Oct 30, 2013**
- 5. 2013 Projects**
  - A. Communities in Bloom**
  - b. Environmental Action Sub-Committee**
  - c. Heritage Conservation Sub-Committee**
  - d. Downtown Park Sub Committee**
  - e. Community Gardens**
  - f. New Business**
    - a) 2014 Budget**
    - b) Elections**
- 6. Correspondence**
- 7. Next Meeting – Dec 5, 2013**
- 8. Adjournment**

"Keeping Stettler Clean and Green"

November 4, 2013

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"Blow your nose, without blowing away more trees"



Canadians use about 800 lbs or 364 kg of paper per capita per year. Using recycled paper products helps protect ancient forests, clean water, and wildlife habitat. Choose paper products made from 100% recycled material and those which are not bleached with toxic chlorine compounds. **It's easier on the Earth to make tissues from recycled paper than from trees.** When you shop, make an informed decision as a consumer and as an environmental steward.

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November 11, 2013

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"Keep food waste out of our landfill"



Many people think of food waste as a benign substance. It rots down in the landfill anyway, so no problem, right? Wrong! For food to compost properly, it needs light and air. In the landfill, it has neither. Instead, food devoid of light and air produces methane gas, which contributes to global warming.

Don't throw food away. Use your leftovers in tomorrow's meal.

Serve small amounts of food, and then offer seconds.

Some food waste is unavoidable, so why not set up a compost bin?

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November 18, 2013

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK  
"Stettler Great at BYO Bag!"



Stettler is becoming a Bring Your Own Bag kind of place. Many of us refuse a plastic bag when we shop. Plastic bags, used for maybe 3 minutes, never really decompose; they just become ever smaller pieces that still contain toxins. Re-usable bags are convenient, can be easily washed, and last for years. Thank you, Stettler, for bringing your own bags, every store, every time.

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November 25, 2013  
GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK  
"Recycle your fluorescents!"



Fluorescent tubes and bulbs contain mercury that is released when they are broken. Mercury is toxic to breathe or handle. Never break your fluorescent tubes or bulbs. Never put them in the garbage. Take them carefully to the Stettler Eco Centre, located at the Stettler Transfer Site, where the mercury is captured and the glass is recycled.

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## CIGARETTE BUTT RECEPTACLES

### 1) Ecolad Cigarette Waste Container (sku: ECO1601)

Price: \$165.00 CAD



(mounted in Strathcona)

[www.ecolad.ca](http://www.ecolad.ca)

**Ecolad Corporation Canada**  
2539 Dougall Avenue  
Windsor, ON Canada N8X1T5

**Phone:** 519 250 0366  
**Secondary:** 800 665 6263

- The Ecolad (round) Cigarette Waste Container is an attractive way to keep any public right away, entranceway or smoking area ash free!
- It is constructed of 100% rust resistant and fire safe aluminum. Easy to clean and maintain
- Durable clean appearance and space saving design with a anti-theft aluminum mounting bracket.
- The cigarette butt disposal opening is 2 1/8" wide x 5/8" high and features a rain gutter design that reduces rain into the unit.
- Built in lock with key; weather tight compartment extinguishes butts completely. Cigarette waste remains out of sight and dry, making disposal hassle-free.
- The unit is easily emptied thru the air tight fire resistant seal ring flap door at bottom of unit...No handling of waste, butts fall into waste container.

**Dimensions:** 3 1/8" Diameter x 19" High    **Weight:** 3 lbs.    **Capacity:** . 530 gallons / Approx. 600 butts

### 2) Residential C8100 Executive Smoking Urn – 350 Butt

Price: \$198.90 CAD

Interior liner restricts oxygen and prevents fire.  
Mounting hardware included. 18 gauge stainless steel.  
Vent tempering.  
Keyed cam locking mechanism. Quick and easy to empty .  
**Measures 3" deep x 5" x 9" high**  
CS Environmental 1-888-863-2888  
[www.buttbegone.com](http://www.buttbegone.com)    email: [csenviro@buttbegone.com](mailto:csenviro@buttbegone.com)



## Curbside Compost Survey **DRAFT 2**

Stettler is considering a curbside pick-up program similar to the current recycling program.  
It would pick-up your grass clippings, small yard waste, and your kitchen waste.  
We would like your input on a 2 question survey.

### *Did you know?*

- ✚ At least 1/3 of your garbage is compostable?
- ✚ Stettler's landfill is nearing capacity. It costs several million dollars to build a new landfill cell.
- ✚ Food that decomposes in a landfill produces methane gas, a greenhouse gas that is 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide in terms of global warming effects . Source: Environment Canada website  
<http://www.ec.gc.ca/gddmw/default.asp?lang=En&n=6F92E701-1>
- ✚ We need to give back to our soil. Adding compost restores our soil's vitality, providing the structure and nutrients needed for healthy plant growth. We eat from it...we have to stop taking our soil for granted.



Curbside compost pick-up will cost residents but it will reduce Stettler's residential landfill garbage by 1/3. If we choose not to divert our compostable materials, we will need more space at our landfill. A new landfill cell will cost several million dollars, funded by taxes.

### **What are your thoughts? We need your input on 2 questions!**

1. Would you support a curbside composting program? \_\_\_\_\_ **yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **no** \_\_\_\_\_  
If **yes**, please indicate why, in order of importance, #1 being the most important.

\_\_\_\_\_ To save space in our landfill  
\_\_\_\_\_ For the convenience of having grass clippings and kitchen waste picked up at my curb.  
\_\_\_\_\_ To help our soils  
\_\_\_\_\_ To reduce the global warming potential from methane gas emissions caused by food decomposing in our landfill.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If **no**, please indicate why you would not support a curbside composting program.

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2. How much would you consider to be a reasonable amount to pay for a curbside compost pick-up program for your yard and kitchen waste?
- \_\_\_\_\_ not willing to pay for this  
\_\_\_\_\_ up to \$3.00 per month (\$36 per year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ up to \$5.00 per month (\$60 per year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ up to \$7.00 per month (\$84 per year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ up to \$10.00 per month (\$120 per year)



## Environmental Action Sub-Committee Report November 7, 2013

The EA Committee met on Nov. 4.

- 1. Curbside Composting** (see attached draft survey for Stettler residents)
  - propose info in Town newsletter with link to survey
  - advertise survey on TOS website and Facebook
  
- 2. Cigarette Butt Receptacles** (see attached options)
  - propose installing on Main Street, on lamp poles
  - propose purchasing 8 (4 Main St. blocks: 2 per block with 1 on each side of street)  
Cost: 8 x \$165 = \$1320
  - need permission from ATCO to install on poles???
  
- 3. Anti-Idling Promotion**
  - plan to meet with Clearview admin. and with Parent Councils to work together.
  
- 4. Business Recycling**
  - working on a one-page e-mail-out to all businesses via the Board of Trade to remind them of recycling possibilities in Stettler.
  - (Last one was sent out in March 2011 by Lee Penner.)
  
- 5. BYO Bag follow-up**
  - will distribute fresh signs to businesses, with a Christmas look to them.
  
- 6. Trash to Treasure Day** – Spring 2013, just before the Spring Clean-up
  - a specific "declared" day for setting out unwanted items on front lawns to be taken by whoever wishes them.
  - if item is not taken, it can be picked up in the Spring Clean-up event.
  
- 7. Green Tips** – for November (see attached)

### **8. Environmental Action Budget**

Budget	\$4000.00
Expenses	
Alberta Traffic Supply – idling sign design	\$ 180.00
Compost bins for Trade Show	\$ 107.00
Photocopy "Backyard Composting: Getting Started"	\$ 50.00
Stepping it up to School (webinar)	\$ 53.63
Photocopy	\$ 7.50
Bottle/Can recycling baskets (20)	\$1643.50
Recycling Excellence Awards – banquet tickets \$50 x 7	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
Total expenses to date	\$2391.63
Balance remaining in budget	\$1608.37



