

Did you know?

There is a list called "Where do I take it?" containing over 500 items and where to recycle or responsibly dispose of them in the Stettler area. Check out www.stettler.net under "Quick Links" to "Where do I take it?" or go directly to: <http://www.stettler.net/admin/contentx/default.cfm?PageId=16284>

Did you know?

The largest filler of our landfill is cardboard, something which is totally recyclable.



Did you Know?



One ton of recycled paper can save:

- 17 trees
- 380 gallons of oil
- three cubic yards of landfill space
- 4,000 kilowatts of energy
- 7,000 gallons of water!



**Please
Recycle
Here** →

Did you know?



About 30 million inkjet and toner cartridges are tossed each year in Canada; that's 25,000 per business hour! For every 100,000 used cartridges recycled, we can save:

9599 kilograms of aluminum
40 tons of plastic
1,000,000 liters of oil

Did you know?

70% of office waste is recyclable?



Did you know?

A computer circuit board contains copper, gold, silver, platinum and palladium, as well as lead. These materials don't belong in a landfill!



Did you know?

One tonne of municipal garbage takes up 1.5-2.5 cubic metres of space in a landfill. Recycling is a much better alternative to filling a landfill.



WE ARE A RECYCLING COMMUNITY!

It is easy for your business to increase your recycling! Contact a private recycler.

You could cut garbage costs and help the planet.

Help Us Collect More

March 9, 2011

Recycle for the benefit of others:

- Use local thrift stores to recycle clothing, furniture, and kitchen items.
- Sporting equipment can be recycled at Sport Central in Edmonton. Visit www.sportcentral.org and it goes to a good cause!
- Eye glasses can be recycled at the library as well as the optometrist and the Stettler Funeral Home.

In Stettler Alone:

- 16-20 tons per collection comes out of the waste stream from Stettler curbside pickup
- 17000 tons of concrete and asphalt was saved from the landfill in 2010
- 6-7 tons of compost are saved from the landfill per week during the summer

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Where does the recycling go?



Can Pak Environmental collects recyclables daily from various places throughout Central Alberta, including Stettler, and hauls the material to a sorting facility in Edmonton.

Two Stettler Councilors and Administration toured this state of the art facility on February 17. The facility operates day and night, sorting materials into bails and then ships it to the highest bidders in Canada, the United States and even China.

Mark Peterson from Can Pak reported that approximately 16-20 tons per collec-

tion comes out of the waste stream from Stettler curb side pickup and Town facility collection bins.

Check out our tour on www.stettler.net

Concrete Recycling

Concrete and asphalt waste is collected at the transfer site, crushed, and used as a base product in many town projects like pathways and parking lot aggregate requirements. The crushing that was done in 2010 accounted for 17000 tons of material saved from land filling as well as from the non renewable local gravel quarries.



Compost

Collected from 7 bin sites throughout Stettler, and at the transfer station, this program provides useful product for park rehabilitation in Stettler. Can Pak Environmental

picks up the compost bins in town locations



twice per week and reports that 6-7 tons of product are brought to the transfer station for composting per week during the summer months.

Please recycle this newsletter.



Did you know?

Green Boxes are available at the Town Office for \$10.00. Put one in your office today!

How does Recycling help?

- **Reduces Landfills**

Paper, including newspaper are a major filler of modern landfills.

- **Reduces Contamination**

Old computer monitors contain as much as 8lbs of lead.

- **Saves Precious Resources**

Recycling newspapers, cardboards and junk mail can save trees from being cut down

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Businesses & Apartments

March 9, 2011

How can you help?

Owners and managers are being encouraged to contact local waste companies to set up recycling bins for their residents.



Adding a recycling program to your business or apartment can cut the cost of waste disposal and help save our environment.

Fact: each ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees.

Fact: 40% of petroleum consumption can be reduced through recycling plastics

Fact: 95% of energy required for making aluminum products from raw material can be saved by recycling used aluminum.

Any Apartment that sets up a recycling collection will receive 1 free green box per unit. Contact Lee Penner @403-742-4411.

Private Recycling Companies

Can Pak Environmental

Mark Pederson
403-373-1364
canpak@xplornet.com

LL Waste Removal

Louis Mailer
403-742-5655

Waste Management

Chelsea Chambers
403-723-3588
cchambe1@wm.com

3R Management


403-742-3007

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“Where do I take? A-Z List”

The HBC Environmental Action sub-committee created a **comprehensive reference list of where to recycle or responsibly dispose of items**. This list is posted as a searchable directory on the Town of Stettler website. The current list contains over **600 items** and is maintained and updated as needed.

[Link to “Where Do I Take It? A-Z List”](#)



ONGOING since
2014

School Environment-related Programs

The **recycling program in the school** teaches children the importance of our ecological footprint. The milk cartons, juice boxes, and paper products are all recycled, and students have started instilling habits into their own homes as well, including composting. Students in the Grade 5 classes save the money earned from collected recyclable containers and purchase trees that they then plant in local parks. The public school division is working to improve their overall school / commercial recycling program, to reduce their waste. In 2015, the Grade 4 classes were collectively recognized/awarded with a Recycling Excellence Award for the **DECADES** of work in this area. Other area schools have also been recognized for their efforts in recycling.

You said it – We DID it (already)

“When weather permits, consider implementing a “walking schoolbus” which would have a few parents walk to school with groups of children.”

Stettler Elementary School (SES) runs a similar walking school bus program in the late spring or early fall. We’ll encourage this to be expanded, if possible.

The Stettler Elementary School has **Litterless Lunch Days**, where students are asked to bring their lunches in reusable, washable containers, and eat nutrient rich products.

A large portion of **Grade 5 science fair projects** are ecologically minded, with experiments like plant germination, water quality, solar power, and wind energy.

The school also has a **walking school bus**, where parents escort large groups of children to school safely. Grade 5 students participate in a provincial **“Environment Minister for the Day”** initiative, where students write essays outlining how they would affect the environment.

Winners become Environment Minister for the day.

“Do-it-yourself” home compost bins have been set up in a number of individual classrooms to allow students to become more familiar with composting and vermiculture.

The Stettler Middle School participated in a “Walk ‘n’ Roll” competition in October 2015. The class who had the most students who walked or biked to school in a week were awarded a pizza lunch. All schools and school groups are encouraged to log their walks and rolls for Walk n’ Roll each spring and summer.

On **Arbor Day**, the schools send home a tree with all grade one students, and the stones at Memorial Tree Park are engraved in memory of loved ones.

Local businesses, as well as the schools, take part in **Lights Out Canada**; they go the day with minimum artificial light. Many larger businesses in Stettler reduce their artificial lighting during summer months.

Stettler Waste Management Authority

This group is made up of representatives from both town and county and other municipalities within the area. They are concerned with the running of the local waste transfer stations and undertake initiatives related to waste management in the area. The **Stettler Waste Management Authority** (SWMA) has implemented a number of recycling projects in recent years, which has led to a significant decrease in landfilled waste and improved recycling and waste handling. SWMA added a Recycling Representative to their Board in 2013. In their 2015 Strategic Plan, SWMA identified as a top priority to increase diversion from our landfills by fostering and encouraging "Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle". The Recycling representative (Grace Fix) was a finalist in the **Earth Day "Hometown Heroes" Program**.

SWMA started a **battery recycling program** in October 2012 for all types of batteries. There are 11 convenient collection sites located in the Town and County, including one box each at No Frills, Sobeys and Home Hardware stores, as well as one box at each of the three public school complex sites (Public schools – Wm E Hay Stettler Secondary Campus; Christ King Catholic school; Stettler Outreach school; Byemoor School), the Public library and all 7 transfer sites. In the first 2 years of the program, **over 5000 pounds** of batteries were collected and recycled, averaging **over 200 pounds/month**. Other sites around town (e.g. government offices, etc.) also have battery collection systems in place. **We are currently collecting approximately 5000 batteries/month, with almost 250,000 recycled since 2012.**

The **Stettler Transfer Station** added a new building to deal with specific problem waste materials. The "**Stettler Eco Centre**" building was completed in September 2013. The facility allows recycling or collection for responsible disposal of:

1. Fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFBs) are recycled using a fluorescent "**Bulb-Eater**", which was purchased with a TD Friends of the Environment Fund grant (\$6442.52). The machine allows the safe collection and disposal of the hazardous materials in the CFBs. **We are collecting about 10,000 bulbs/year**
2. Inkjet and laser toner cartridges (recycle) – **collecting 500lbs/year**
3. Cell phones (recycle)
4. Household Hazardous Waste – any item that displays these warning symbols:

You said it – We DIDN'T do it!

"Consider, if returning used batteries, to put e.g. 10 batteries together with your name in a bag, and raffle a prize once in a while..."

Our battery recycling volumes continue to increase through the existing promotions in utility bills, on websites and social media. In 2012 (first year) average battery recycling collections were 83 pounds/month. In 2015, we averaged 158 pounds/month. We are recycling about 5,000 per month



Battery recycling signage at Transfer Station



"Bulb-Eater" machine for handling all fluorescent tubes and bulbs (including CFBs)

It is reactive

It is corrosive

It is flammable

It is toxic



This will allow year-round drop off of these items as opposed to the previous Toxic Roundups held twice a year. Items are transported to Swan Hills for safe disposal.

5. All paint and paint containers (recycle latex, safe disposal of oil-based)

Recycling containers are present at all Transfer Stations.

Additionally, magnetic signage has been placed on the current recycling bins to encourage people to recycle and to sort their recycling appropriately, to facilitate handling of it.

In 2015, SWMA sourced funds through significant cash and labour donations from local businesses to build a **Take It Or Leave It building**, to allow area residents to leave reusable items like furniture for others to take. It was built in Fall 2015, at the Stettler Transfer Station, with official opening April 2016. It was rebuilt in 2018, after a windstorm.

You said it – We’ve ~~ALMOST~~ DONE it!

“...Consider a “take it, use it” facility for furniture ...”
Stettler Waste Management Authority approved this facility, with construction finishing Fall 2015. Building was funded with a donation of labour by METALEX Metal Buildings, and by generous cash donations from Superfluity Store, TransCanada Corp and ATCO Electric. It officially opened in April 2016. It was rebuilt after a windstorm destroyed it in 2017 and is open again in 2018.

Stettler Waste Management Authority approved a **mattress-recycling program** to begin in the fall of 2017. It started in January 2018, with 300 mattresses recycled in



Magnetic recycling signage at Transfer Station

NEW in
2014/2015/2016



NEW in
2017/2018



Take it Or Leave It Centre –
Official Opening April 23, 2016

the first 6 months. Six community groups and businesses contributed funds to purchase a Seacan for dry storage of mattresses. Mattresses are sent to **Re-Matt** in Calgary where they are taken apart and recycle the parts (metal, wood, fabric, foam). (www.re-matt.com). The program is temporarily on hold until December 2019, due to bed bug issues.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

STETTTLER INDEPENDENT 5

Stettler's Take It or Leave It centre provides community with a new space for unwanted big items

MOUSH SARA JOHN
INDEPENDENT REPORTER

Although Saturday morning's weather was not the best to venture out with rain and chill, patrons, donors, sponsors and supporters came out to the grand opening of Stettler's new program Take It or Leave It at the transfer site on April 23.

"This facility is where residents can drop off unwanted but usable large items and where other residents can take them for free," said Grace Fix, volunteer recycling representative at Stettler Waste Management Authority (SWMA). "The SWMA, which spearheaded the facility, saw a need to help residents keep items in use as long as possible rather than seeing these items go to waste in our landfill."

According to Fix, the completion of the Take It or



Moush Sara John/Independent Reporter

Patrons and donors in front of the new Take It or Leave It facility at its grand opening on Saturday morning, April 23. Seen here from left to right – Joe Gendre, County Councillor and Chair of Stettler Waste Management Authority; Malcolm Fischer, Town Councillor and Vice-Chair of SWMA; Lois Miller, Mayor of Big Valley; Darcy Bachman, Town Councillor; Dick Richards, Mayor of Stettler; Grace Fix, Volunteer Recycling Representative SWMA; Sean Nolls, Town Councillor; Paul McKay, Deputy Mayor of Donalda; Jenny Holubetz, President of Superfluity; Rose Wesner, Superfluity; Gord Latham, representing ATCO.

Leave It Centre was a community effort.

The Stettler Waste Management Authority

is comprised of the Town of Stettler, the County of Stettler, the villages of Big Valley, Botha, Donalda, and Gadsby, and the summer villages of Rochon Sands and White Sands.

"Local businesses and non-profit groups helped to fund the building, while METALEX Metal Buildings supplied the labour, with generous cash donations being made by Superfluity, TransCanada Corporation, and ATCO," added Fix. "This centre is basically for anything large that works and we cannot accept broken items, used carpet, mattresses, baby furniture, or small items."

The Take It or Leave It Centre is for large items only, such as furniture, large appliances, large electronics that work, large sports equipment (bicycles, exercise equipment), household sinks, vanities, doors, significant quantities of flooring, to name a few.

The Take It or Leave It centre, which is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. has been unofficially operating for several months.

"Most items that have arrived so far have been flying out in about half a day," said Fix.

County Councillor Joe Gendre said, "Here we are again at the grand opening of the Take It or Leave It centre, which exists because Grace went door knocking and found great community support, and now thanks to this centre, good, usable, large items are deposited and then claimed and re-

used instead of taking up room in our landfill."

"Thus Grace has introduced one more pillar in environment protection at the Stettler Transfer Station, Re-Use," added Gendre.

Following the Take It or Leave It centre's grand opening ceremony those in attendance were invited to a tour of the eco-centre where paint and household hazardous waste are recycled or disposed of responsibly.

The tour also included a demonstration of the Bulb-Eater, which allows safe recycling of fluorescent lighting.



Water Conservation / Water Management

Water Conservation is a priority to Stettler's Public. A **Rain Barrel Program** was initiated in 2010. People were able to purchase a rain barrel for \$60, and most of the proceeds went local not-for-profit groups. The

You said it – We DIDN'T do it (YET)

"...the Town should continue to encourage further use of the [rain barrel] program. The evidence of rain barrels at municipal buildings would also help..."

We haven't looked at bringing back the program (as it was turned over to local businesses), but we are looking at creative ways to collect water from town buildings. We have a plan for collecting condensate water from the ice making unit (at the rink), as well as collecting runoff from some of the Rec Centre downspouts.

program was very successful, with well over 200 sold in six years. Local businesses sell rain barrels, so the program is no longer being run by the Town.

Parks staff are looking for ways to **collect and use waste/captured water** from equipment (e.g. ice plant compressor) or facilities (e.g. Rec Centre roof) to be used in the community. As part of a **Water Smart Program**,



Rain barrels

homeowners are encouraged to water early morning or late in the evening. Water conservation Green Tips are published regularly.

[Link to Water Conservation Information](#)

Stettler's Water Treatment Plant is a regional plant that supplies water to the town and surrounding communities (essentially to the Saskatchewan border). 40% of the water produced serves regional customers. In 2012, the plant completed a \$21 million upgrade to improve treatment process from a traditional sand filter system to a membrane filter system. This included a switch from chlorine to chloramines. Chloramines provide a safe, stable disinfection of the water when distributing water long distances. This switch was completed in May 2011. Also included in the plant upgrades was the construction of the raw water reservoir. The raw water reservoir provides an emergency supply of water and a more consistent quality of water. As the river water undergoes seasonal quality changes, the raw water ponds enable the plant to stop drawing from the river and treat water directly from the outdoor reservoir, helping to reduce chemical used during the treatment process.

NEW in
2014/2015

In 2015, the **water reservoir was sealed with a custom fit hdpe liner** at a cost of \$175,000. The liner was chosen in lieu of complete replacement as the reservoir was structurally sound, however had leakage from the floor. At the same time a **mixer** was added inside the reservoir to help keep the water circulating, thereby **reducing stagnation and increasing water turnover** in the reservoir. Using this innovative technology has extended the life of the existing reservoir by 25+ years. In 2018, the exterior was insulated and clad to improve its appearance, but more importantly, the insulation helps keep the water temperature steady, which is important in summer months to maintain chlorine levels.

Water Treatment Plant



Filtration / Treatment systems in upgraded Water Treatment Plant

NEW in
2014/2015

Stettler's waste water treatment ponds consist of a traditional lagoon system and also include **160 acres of wetlands**. These man-made riparian areas are home to many different waterfowl. During 2011, volunteers planted 300 trees to help reforest this area. The Town of Stettler received a grant to construct an additional storage cell at the Sewage Lagoons. This was anticipated to increase storage to a population of 12,000. A second phase of construction included installing **aeration piping** into the first treatment cells.

The purpose of aeration is to get better treatment as well as reduce the odors produced from the lagoons. As the lagoons are located NW of the town, and prevailing winds are from the NW, this will provide a better quality of life for residents. The estimated cost of the new storage

lagoon and the aeration system is \$1.4 million. After several years delay due to weather (flooding, etc.), the **sewage lagoons were remediated** in 2015 and were commissioned September 2015.

Storm water management/ canal program system – the Red Willow creek runs to the Battle River collecting all of Stettler’s storm water. Numerous storm retention ponds throughout Stettler provide extra flood control in the case of major rainfall and runoff. The creek is occasionally dredged and the water level is kept at 18 inches to keep bull rushes from slowing water flow.

Because of flat land throughout the Town, all of the new subdivisions include **storm retention ponds** that contain water elements, water plants, etc.

[Link to the Water Management Information](#)



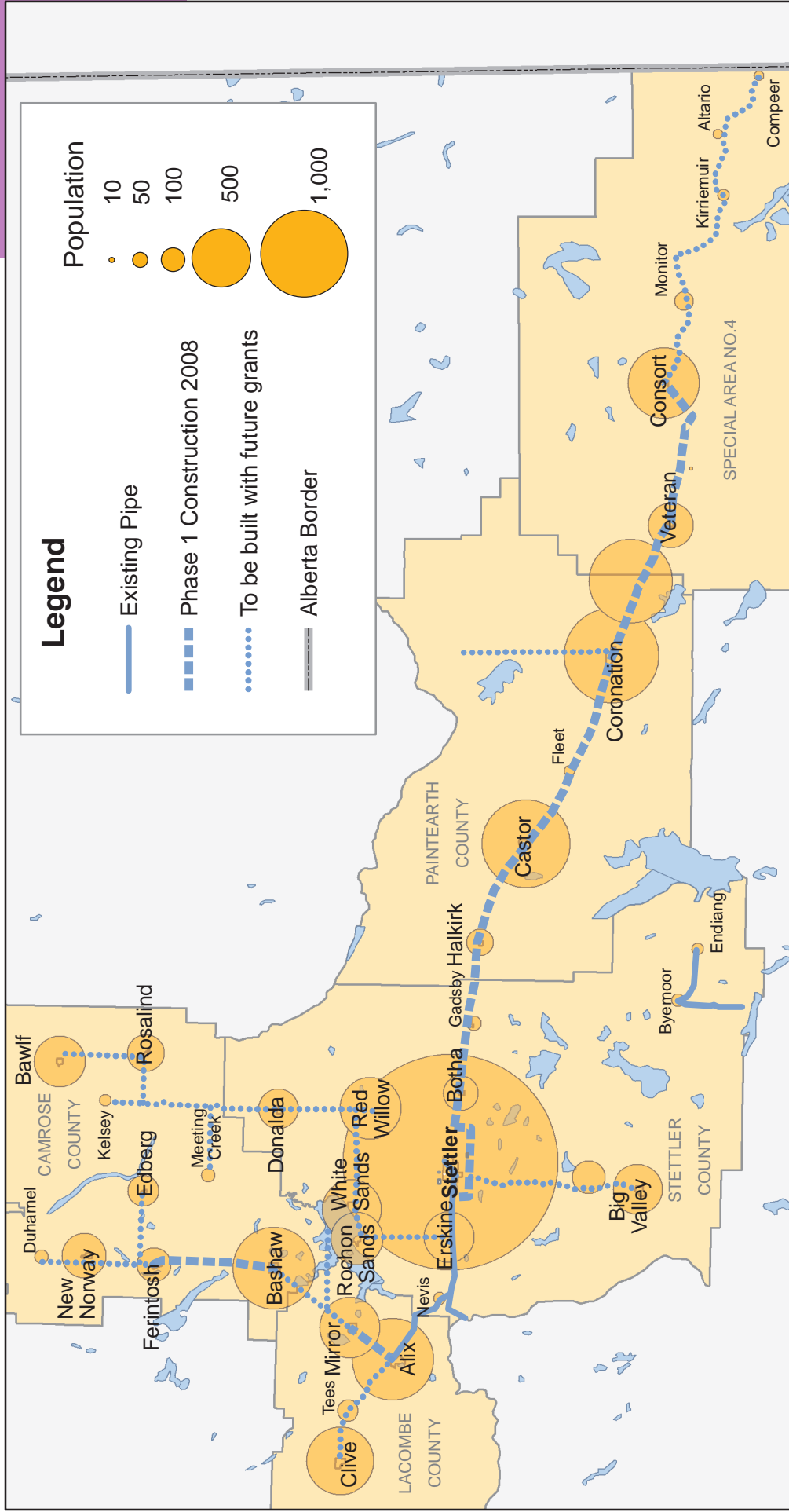
Aerial view of waste water treatment wetlands



Raw Water Reservoirs

The Town of Stettler offers a **toilet rebate program**, so that homeowners can replace toilets in homes that were built before January 1st 2007. The list of approved low-flush toilets can be found at the Town office. A 13-20L toilet can be replaced with a 3L or a 3L/6L dual flush and receive a \$50 or \$100 rebate. Well over 200 have been replaced in the program to date.

[Link to Toilet Replacement Program](#)



Sharing Water

in the
Stettler Regional Service Area



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Town's Sanitary System – Sump Pumps

Residents are reminded that Bylaw #1102 PROHIBITS the discharge of surface and ground water into the sanitary system via weeping tile, roof drains or sump pumps. Water must be discharged on the ground outside the building and within the property. To help prevent flooding in others or your home, residents should contact a plumber to ensure that they are in compliance.

Waste Reduction Initiatives

A number of waste reduction campaigns have been initiated by the Environmental Action sub-committee.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG (BYO Bag) campaign – Awesome on-going initiative

The mayor proclaimed a week in March of 2012 to be "**Bring Your Own Bag Week**" to launch this initiative. This was promoted in the Stettler Independent newspaper with a photo of the Mayor, Heartland Beautification Committee members, and representatives from all 4 Stettler schools.

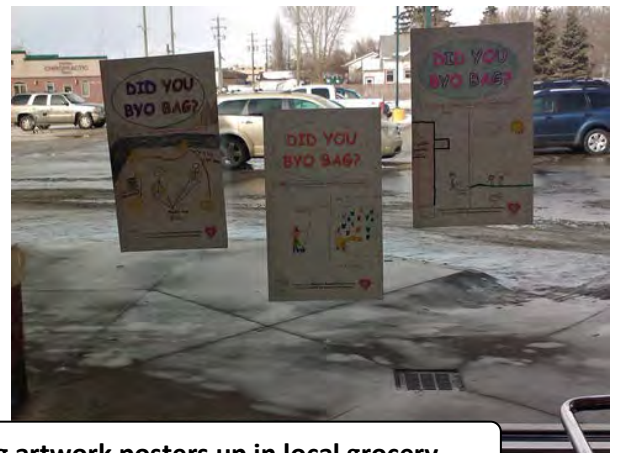
At the time, Stettler Elementary students did the artwork on 200 "Did you BYO BAG?" posters that 111 stores/businesses agreed to display inside and/or outside their buildings prior to and following the campaign. Since the initial campaign push, the posters and signs have been updated regularly and remain in place in most stores in town.

Initially, promotion was on the exterior signs and through the radio, as well as town, county and Board of Trade websites.

BYO Bag signage in local grocery stores



"Bring Your Own Bag Week" declaration in 2012



BYO Bag artwork posters up in local grocery





The main stores reported a significant reduction in plastic bag usage over the 3 week period (1 week prior to and after BYO Bag week) - 2012

Sobeys usage – 3 weeks Feb. (45,000 bags) vs. 3 weeks March (36,000) – **20% decrease**

No Frills usage– 3 weeks Feb. (8476 bags) vs. 3 weeks March (7226) – **15% decrease**

Walmart – 3 weeks Feb. (27,000 bags) vs. 3 weeks March (25,000) – **7.5% decrease**

NEW in
2015/2016

ONGOING



Since 2012, **most stores have kept the reminder signs in place and signs have been replaced/refreshed annually.** A number of stores have done campaigns to reduce bag use on their own, using the BYO Bag signage. In 2016, the EA subcommittee designed and had printed several permanent signs that were put up outside the entrances of Sobeys and Sean's No Frills, reminding customers to bring in their reusable shopping bags.



Sean's No Frills, Sobeys, ID Apparel, Walmart and TD Bank have donated hundreds (500+ annually) of **reusable shopping bags** that are given out at the Town of Stettler booth at the annual Trade Show each year. BYO Bag sticky pads are distributed at the trade show and various events throughout the year. **"Got Yours" BYO Bag signage** is put



at participating businesses over the course of the year. Many different businesses have participated.

You said it – We DIDN'T do it! (YET)

"...Building on the success of your Bring Your Own Bag campaign, consider banning single use plastic bags in your town. If retailers have sufficient notice, it should be feasible"

Originally, we were opposed to a ban, falling back on our encouragement programs, the fact that most larger businesses were charging for bags, and a general opposition to "bans". However...

Starting in 2019, we started a consultation process and the development of a draft single-use grocery bag bylaw. This is being done by volunteers, working with businesses, residents and the municipality. Stay tuned! (see below)



Regular daily **BYO Bag promotions and events** are planned and take place throughout the year.

All 4 schools developed their own 'no plastic bags' version of "Did you BYO BAG?" campaigns in their schools, from posters to Litterless Lunches.

The Environmental Action sub-committee continues to work with the Stettler Regional Board of Trade to **continue bag reduction campaigns**.

Bag Share Program ("Take a Bag, Leave a Bag" bins)

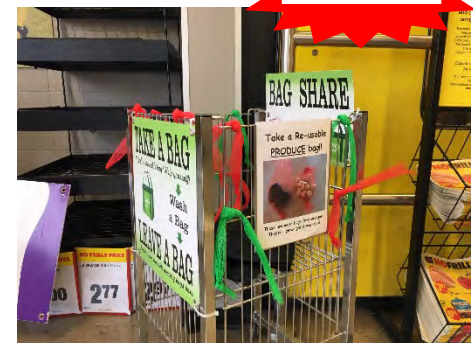
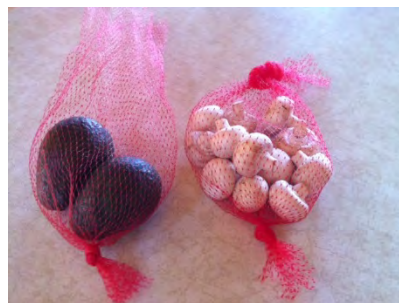
To help overcome the problem of people leaving their bags in their homes or cars, HBC implemented a "Take a Bag, Leave a Bag" program, installing bins in the 2 main grocery stores, where donated, washed, good quality re-usable bags could be placed for people to take and use if they did not have their own bags. The bins get a lot of use, and we're working on getting more bags into them.



NEW in 2019

Re-usable Produce Bags

To reduce the reliance on plastic produce bags, volunteers have been encouraging residents to use a variety of other, re-usable options, such as orange bags, cloths bags, etc. Bags are placed in the Take A Bag bins. At the same time, a group of volunteers is using sheer fabric from Superfluity, as well as fabric purchased with a local donation, to sew re-usable fabric produce bags. These will be given away at the local Trade show or at other places.



Single-use Checkout Bag Bylaw

In 2019, building on years of BYO Bag efforts, in order to encourage a more permanent habit change, relating to single-use checkout bag use, the Environmental Action subcommittee and the HBC started testing the waters for a single-use bag bylaw. Other communities in Alberta and Western Canada were examined, with a focus on



others that have recently introduced or were planning on introducing bylaws restricting the use of single-use checkout bags. A detailed examination looked at the specifics of their bylaws, the preparations made to ease in the bylaws, and response from community members and businesses. HBC/EA volunteer members drafted a **Residents Survey**, as well as a **Business Survey** to gauge their interest in and potential acceptance of a single-use bag bylaw. Over 200 residents completed the survey during the annual Trade Show. The business owners' survey was initially delivered electronically, with 14 respondents. To ensure that the majority of relevant businesses were contacted and their information gathered, an additional 67 businesses were visited in person.

NEW in
2019

Overall, the majority of residents and businesses were in support of a single-use bag bylaw, which would ban the use of single-use checkout bags less than 2mil. **87% of residential respondents agreed or somewhat agreed with the concept of a ban. 75% of surveyed businesses agreed or somewhat agreed with the concept of a ban.** Some of the identified concerns have spurred new ideas for encouraging acceptance of the bylaw and its potential implementation. It is interesting to note that 79% of residential survey respondents had seen BYO Bag promotions and signage at some point, which demonstrates our initiative's success.

The results of both surveys were compiled and discussed, in order to identify potential concerns by both sides. Potential solutions to identified concerns were developed, in order to get ahead of any implementation barriers. A draft bylaw was created. This draft bylaw will be shown to a selection of local businesses, as well as presented to Committee of the Whole, prior to proceeding. The timelines for implementation are unclear, but it is expected that it would take 1-2 years from the time of a bylaw being implemented for it to be fully in place.

Communities that have implemented similar bylaws/bans will be visited and/or contacted, in order to assess acceptance and learn from their experiences.

NEW in
2018

Zero Waste Initiatives

The Environmental Action sub-committee, has undertaken a number of **Zero Waste initiatives** to reduce the amount of plastic waste that is used in the community. This includes a **"No Straws, Please" or "Straws Optional" campaign** with area restaurants (see *Tidiness* section), which was launched in 2018. It includes table tent cards with information about plastic straw use, as well as signs posted in the entrances of the participating restaurants. Additionally, HBC is setting the example by having **Zero Waste events** (meetings, lunches, dinners, etc.), using reusable plates, cutlery, napkins, etc. rather than disposable products.



Other Environmental Initiatives

Over the past several years, a number of different designs have been looked at to provide cigarette disposal options in public spaces. Initially, 2 **cigarette receptacles** were installed in public parking lots on a trial basis in 2015. This project includes recycling of the butts. Additional receptacles were purchased and installed in additional locations around the town,

including park entrances, etc. **10 receptacles are now in place, with about 30,000 butts recycled per year. 20,000 have been recycled in 2019, and 70,000 since 2016.**

Some of Stettler's parks have been turned back to natural, and information signage surrounding West Stettler Park was updated in 2009.

Bike Racks / Increased Biking & Walking and Idling Reduction Initiatives

In 2011, the Environmental Action sub-committee identified a lack of **bicycle racks** in the downtown core, which was restricting bicycle use in the community. In 2012, they applied for and received a significant grant (\$3400) to purchase **13 bicycle racks** to be installed all along Main Street at the new and existing crosswalk areas (plus one to be installed at the post office). They were **installed over the summer/fall of 2012 and spring 2013.**



Bike rack design

*See Following Page for
Proposed Bike Rack
Locations Map*

You said it – We DID & DIDN'T do it!

"We suggest that you continue to work on energy savings with transportation. Perhaps the time is right to install an Anti-idling by-law."

In accordance to Stettler's preference for awareness over bylaws, the EA sub-committee investigated anti-idling awareness initiatives (as opposed to bylaws). A significant amount of work has been done on **awareness signage and campaigns, as well as on walk/bike signage and campaigns.** (see below)

You said it – We DID it

"The Town could promote additional active transportation with the incorporation of bike racks at destination areas and additional benches along the trails..."

The town regularly adds benches along pathways, over time. **The EA subcommittee came up with a plan for signage at specific destinations, thanking people for walking or biking to that location. These are added to "bike parking" locations.**



Walking/Biking Thank you signage

You said it – We'll look into it!

"As the trail system expands and residents move to using bike transportation to a greater extent, consider the need for more bike racks. Think of the theme of your community and how it might be possible to have bike racks supporting that theme."

This is a great idea. We'll take a look at it, going forward.