



Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

Recycling Report

JANUARY, 2014

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REMINDER: There will be NO Blue Box Pickup & the Recycling Depot will be CLOSED on Monday, February 10 for the Family Day Statutory Holiday.



RE-THINKing The Way We Recycle

Preparations are underway at Ridge Meadows Recycling as we draw closer to May 19, the date Multi Materials BC (MMBC) is set to “take over” how recycling is funded in British Columbia.

From their website (www.multimaterialbc.ca):

“Starting in May 2014, responsibility for collecting and recycling packaging and printed paper will transition from governments and their taxpayers to businesses that supply these materials. MMBC is a not-for-profit agency, formed under the British Columbia Society Act to represent the companies and organizations that are brand owners, first importers or franchisors of packaging and printed paper supplied to households in BC. MMBC will manage the residential packaging and printed paper collection and recycling system on behalf of these companies.

The MMBC program will enable some BC residents to recycle new categories of packaging that are not commonly included in current curbside, multi-family buildings or depot recycling programs. These materials include:

- Gabletop containers (e.g., milk cartons)
- Aerosol containers
- Plant pots
- Aluminum foil containers
- Aseptic containers (e.g., soy milk, soup containers)
- Plastic clamshell containers (commonly supplied by bakeries and delis)
- Paper packaging coated with wax or plastic (e.g., milk cartons, ice cream cartons)
- Hot and cold drink cups”



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While we already accept most of these items at the Recycling Depot, there will definitely be changes when this program moves into place.

Stay tuned!



Packaging and printed paper recycling is changing in British Columbia



Ridge Meadows Recycling Society Annual General Meeting

Hello! It's time to renew your membership with the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society so you can vote at our Annual General Meeting and learn more about Multi Materials BC's plans for boosting the recycling rate for printed paper and packaging!

Ridge Meadows Recycling Society's 2014 Annual General Meeting

6:30pm on Tuesday, April 1, 2014
at The Well, located inside Chances Gaming Centre,
22710 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge, BC

A short business meeting will be followed by a special presentation by Sarah Stephen, Communications Manager for Multi Materials BC (www.multimaterialbc.ca), the group in charge of implementing a province-wide recycling stewardship plan for printed paper and packaging. Goals of the program include increasing the recycling rate of these items and encouraging companies to create or choose packaging that is easier to recycle.



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After the presentation, enjoy light refreshments as you mingle with other members of the society and Ridge Meadows Recycling board members.



Attending the AGM:

Members, please RSVP by mail, by email to leanne@rmrecycling.org or by phone to Heather at **604-463-5545** by March 28 to confirm attendance at the AGM.

Nominations for the RMRS Board of Directors:

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for people interested in becoming part of the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please submit your name and information in writing by MARCH 4TH, 2014 to the 'Nominating Committee' c/o Ridge Meadows Recycling Society, Box 283, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 7G2. You can mail, drop it off at the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot (10092 – 236th Street), or email your nomination to kim@rmrecycling.org

Membership Renewal:

Membership is FREE! Our goal is to encourage as many people as possible to become members since all residents of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows contribute to the success of recycling. Voting members must be residents of Maple Ridge or Pitt Meadows. Please renew your membership online on our website - www.rmrecycling.org, by email to leanne@rmrecycling.org or by phoning Heather at **604-463-5545**. Membership must be received no later than noon on March 28, 2014 for voting eligibility at the April 1, 2014 Annual General Meeting.

Thank you for your continued support!

Celebrate Earth Day 2014!

We are excited to once again be partnering with many local environmental & community groups and local businesses to bring you Celebrate Earth Day!

This year's theme, "Food for Thought" celebrates the Haney Farmers Market's 10th Anniversary and honours all aspects of our food - from field to fridge, from plate to compost!

Highlights include regular Earth Day activities Family Freecycle, Crafts, Earth Day Poetry Contest, and Cycle Recycle Free Bike Draw as well as many new ones - don't miss the Stone Soup making, the Youth Photography contest, and the Iron Chefs Challenge!

"Like" our Facebook page or keep reading RMRS newsletters & local papers to keep updated on all the exciting events!

See you at Memorial Peace Park on Saturday, April 26!

Also on:

- Apr. 24-Citizen of the Year Awards
- Apr.25-Pitt Meadows' 100th!
- Apr.27-Goodbye Chums & Cheers to the Planet

Come celebrate with us!

Earth Day

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday April 26, 2014

Food for Thought

for more info visit our facebook page
email: mapleridgeearthday@gmail.com

Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge at the ACT Arts Centre and Theatre and Memorial Peace Park.



THE NEWS



Goodbye 2013!



Thank you for a fabulous year! Highlights of 2013 include:

- Earth Day Partners with the ARTS!** Included the Art-Eco Speed Connect & Social Media for Artists workshop
- 40th Anniversary AGM** With special guests Jen & Grant from "Clean Bin Project" giving a preview of "Just Eat It"
- Home Show** Partnered with Foam Only to promote that we now take Styrofoam at the MR Recycling Depot
- The Sort-O-Matic** Our fabulous new game board made an appearance at different events all summer long
- Apartment Visits** We checked in with over 180 apartments to make sure their recycling set-up is all up-to-date
- Minister Don McRae** BC Minister of Social Development & Social Innovation dropped by the Depot for a tour
- Litterless Lunch Challenge** MR Mayor & Council signed up to spend two weeks producing no garbage at lunch
- Santa Claus Parade** We were thrilled to win "Best Non-Profit Float" Can't wait to see what 2014 brings!



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= Statutory Holiday - NO BLUE BOX PICKUP

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Mission Statement

"Ridge Meadows Recycling Society is a community-based, non-profit organization, advocating zero waste, operating responsible waste reduction services and providing environmental education. We employ people with developmental disabilities assisting their integration into the community."

Vision

"A waste free, socially responsible community."



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