

FOOTHILLS SALVAGE & RECYCLING SOCIETY

TREASURE THE HUNT



FSRS IN THE BEGINNING

- One woman had a vision to approach resource recovery through regional and municipal governing bodies by introducing an ongoing salvage/recycling program.
- By increasing community awareness of environmental concerns and promoting responsible environmental behaviour, the salvage/recycling program was accepted.
- In 1996 a grant was approved and an army tent was acquired. From there on, it provided and carried out the needs of the society.
- Funds made from the new society were used to supplement operation and other entities that are deemed good for the society.
- Because of the concept being new, there was no research to pull from.
- The structure of the organization itself till now was the start an 18 year process.
- 18 Year Process of Trial and error, getting it to the point it is today.
- How to run like a business, yet have no “business like” practices implemented.



ENVIORNMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Foothills Salvage and Recycle Society (FSRS) is a registered society within the rules and regulations of the Alberta Societies Act and is governed by a board of directors, elected by the registered members of the Society.

-Our mandate is to prevent a copious amount of substance from entering the landfill by offering an alternative site for all usable and recyclable items, to purchase at an affordable price or free through programs in the foothills area

-We aim to grow an environmentally sustainable practice by providing quality reusable item's accessible through our facility.

-The FSRS is working hard to maintain practices that will contribute to the long term quality of the environment.

-This includes reducing, reusing, recycling, regeneration, restoration, conservation and up-cycling.

& Additional proceeds made through out the year are donated to various charitable organizations in the MD of Foothills.



LEADERSHIP

The FSRS is proud to take the lead and help shape the future by setting a standard for other communities. There has been increased interest within the province as well as requests for mentorship from Southern Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. The Board and Management are thrilled at the opportunity to be leaders in reducing waste and mentors to communities across Canada. We Expect in the future we will be able to:

- Future Idea of “Salvage Centre” s being incorporated into every landfill across Canada.
- Live up to our mandate by being integrated into applying conference's, making our vision known about how we have become environmentally and financially sustainable in our community.
- Having successful guidelines of NPO- Policies & Procedures, implemented volunteer and employee Manuals and Volunteer Applications
- Making All records available to any MD, or interested parties, sharing learned lessons and mistakes.



BUILDING GROWTH

1996-1999
\$3,000 Grant
Army Tent

1999-2012
\$60,000 Grant
2,400 sq ft building

Dec 2012-Present
\$500,000 Lease Back
11,000 (80X140) sq ft facility



Original Building AUG 2012



Floor- View from storage area



Old Building



Old Sorting Room



NEW BUILDING OCT 2013



The new building was leased for \$500, 000

A total of 11, 000 sqft



RECYCLING PARTNERSHIPS

- Geep- This Partnership has been established for 2 years. Recently we have set up the pay schedule All Electronics, Aluminum , Metal, Cords, Electronics, VCRs, TVS, Sm Kitchen Appliances, Speakers, Stereos, BBQs, Water Coolers. We get paid .8 cents per pound for TVs, cords, some electronics. They pick up and we separate.
- Diabetes- Just this year we have established a Pay schedule \$2.00 per bag with Diabetes. They pick up and take stuffies and mainly clothing, we also send in suitcases and bags.
- Books- We have stayed with a local Book Recycler that picks up books on a regular basis that we can not sell, unfortunately there is no way for us to weigh this, however the weight can be estimated
- Plastics- This year we have been given the opportunity to have a partnership with the Okotoks Recycling Depot. We will be recycling plastic for now, and later we will move into Glass, and anything else they will be willing to take.
- Cardboard, Wood, Metal and tires are all recycled at the landfill itself.

TOTAL RECYCLED WEIGHT THAT HAS BEEN RECORDED
is 419.72 Tonnes.



SAVED FROM GOING INTO LANDFILL 2013

- Diabetes (Clothing) 56,456 lbs = 28.19 Tonnes
- Recycled Tires = .19 Tonnes
- Recycled Wood 150,000 lbs = 75.63 Tonnes
- Recycled Cardboard = .21 Tonnes
- Recycled Metal 300,000 lbs = 150.01 Tonnes
- Recycled Dead Electronics 88,547 lbs = 44.50 Tonnes
- Recycled Plastic 2,255 lbs = 1.0 Tonnes
- Recycled Books (Estimated) 200,000 lbs. = 120,000 tonnes



VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKED - 2013

9334 Hours were donated by Volunteers

- \$35,500 was donated to the volunteers to distribute to the charities of their choice
- Flood and probation hours donated 2743 Hours (due to the high over turn of volunteers during flood, most hours weren't recorded)

In 2013 we had a total of 49 volunteers, Way to go Volunteers!



2013 SOUTHERN ALBERTA FLOOD

- A recorded total amount of \$15,096 worth of donations given to those affected by the flood!
- First 3 weeks of the flood were unrecorded, an estimated guess of about 1/2 of the donated amount was given in the first 3 weeks (about \$7500)
- \$1000 donated to the Flood Book

The volunteer/employee efforts during the flood were
Outstanding!!!

This was a difficult time to “Wade” through. With my weekly NGO Meetings in High River, Our Facility became The official “Drop off” Spot for the Southern Alberta 2013 Flood. While loading/Unloading hundreds of Trailers, and taking them all over Southern AB, we Still managed to stay open with the Literal thousands of volunteer's coming out from the EOC (Emergency Operations Center)



CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS 2013

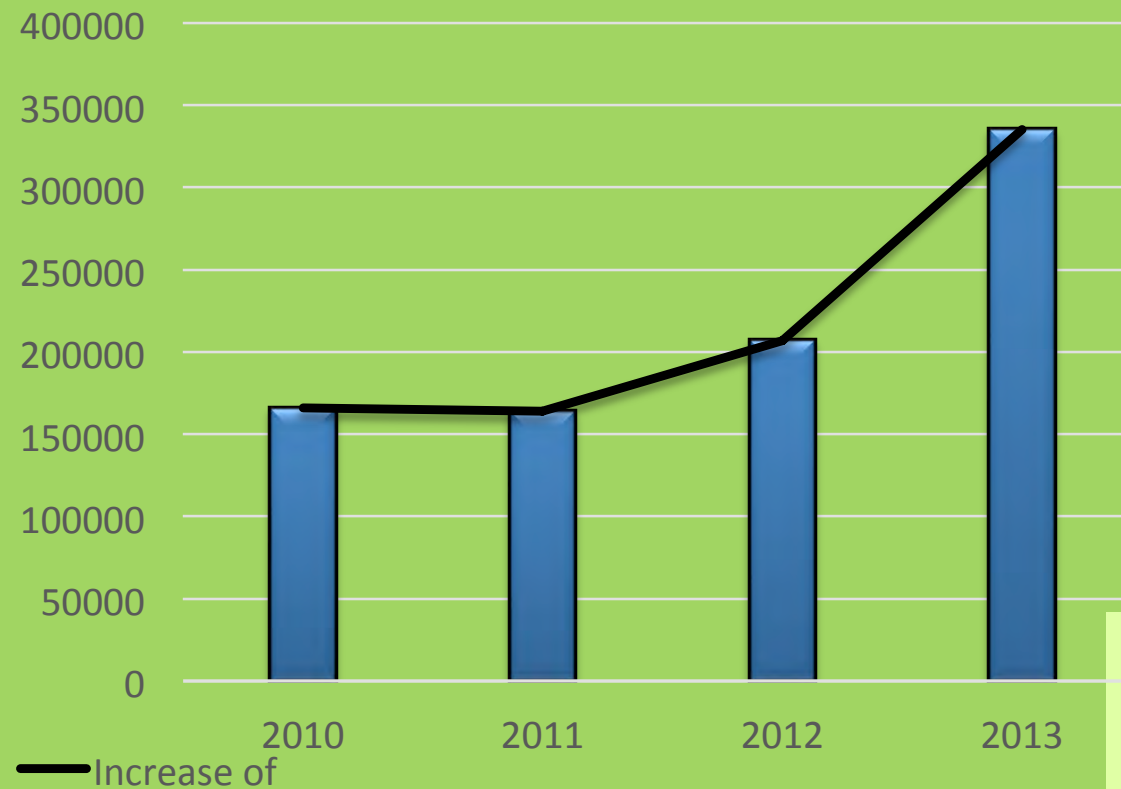
Nine charities applied for funding and \$35, 500 was divided between them. A total of \$15, 096.25 worth of product was given out to flood victims, recorded through flood vouchers that were created almost 3 weeks after the flood. During those 3 weeks An approximate value of \$6 000 (1/3 of total value donated) was estimated. The FSRS has a sense of responsibility within our local community and strives to increase our local Programs Donated to Include: contributions

- Turner Valley Boys n Girls Club
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Calgary Fire Fighters Burn Unit
- Foothills Hospice Society
- Foothills Snaps
- Gods Littlest Angels
- Heaven Can Wait
- High Country Sports Association
- High Wood Museum
- Literacy for Life Foundation
- Pound rescue Okotoks
- Rowan house
- Sheep River Health Trust
- ALS Society
- Turner Valley Lions Spray Park
- Healthy Moms Healthy Babies
- Westmount School Okotoks
- Salvation Army
- High River Hospital
- High River Food Bank
- Okotoks Healthy Family Resource Center
- Okotoks Food Bank
- High River Meals on Wheels
- Okotoks Food Bank



INCOME GROWTH

2010 Income \$165,811.31
2011 Income \$163,955.16
2012 Income \$206,931.30
2013 Income \$335,046.92



2013 SILENT AUCTION

- Silent Auction was created to make more valuable or desirable items fair game to own.
- Thanks to “Themed” auctions, recently set up, It creates a sense of excitement in the store, and gives the FSRS a Unique advertising method as it enables us to Reach out to a larger population using Multi Media!
- It also assists in boosting store sales, Helping us reach our mandate to recover Costs of operation, and Donating to local Charities

TOTAL EARNED IN 2013 ON AUCTION WAS

\$22,838



ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2013

- Total Over haul of movement of all items into new building and Cleaning of out side yard, all around the Old Building
- Building Completion and move in with Opening of Dec 3, 2013, Buying of Shelving from Zellers, taking down shelving, Transporting and Re-put up and total design of building seen through.
- Temporary ground gravel and maintenance completed and prepared for Winter
- New Signage was purchased and put up
- Policy and Procedure Committee set up and accomplished setting up policies based in the betterment of the Society.
- Volunteer Manual Created based on the Policies and Procedures Complete with Full application process including, Police record Check, Publication Permission form, Volunteer confidentiality agreement, code of conduct, Volunteer Designated Donation Program form and Membership Form
- Employment of 6 Employees, 7 total. 3 Full time, 4 Part Time
- Paid Recycling for us consists of Geep, (Electronics recycling) and Diabetes. Both these contracts were set up this year
- Non Paying Recycling set up this year are plastics with the town of Okotoks Recycling, Book Recycler, Eye Glasses that go to the Lions Club for Third world countries.
- The Return of a VERY VALUABLE (nearly \$100,000) Suitcase Of Gold to a family. Thanks Gord!
- Debit machines set up for the Cashiers
- Multimedia such as the web site and Facebook Consistently being used.
- Vouchers for our partnerships, Like the local woman's shelters and Resource Centers



FUTURE PLANS 2013

- All Volunteer/Employee's personal information will be gathered into a online secure cloud.
- Glass Recycling will be set up in the Fall, Once we slow down from the onset of Spring/Summer.
- First Building is going to get a new Facelift for Building Supplies. Volunteers taking this project over.
- A Different Beater Truck will be Purchased very shortly.
- All Employees to have their First Aid Training.
- Creating an awareness Campaign Locally, Provincially and Globally- Providing Education to the public on our Facility.
- Attending Recycling awareness Seminars- FSRS has been asked to speak as a key note speaker at an upcoming RCA(Recycling Council of Alberta) Conference in the Fall in Lake Louise.
- Recruitment of Volunteers, Members, Possible Candidates for Board Members.
- Research Further Recycling Partnerships.

