



Recycling Council
of Alberta

July 15, 2015

Office of the Mayor
City of Calgary
P.O. Box 2100 Station M
Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

RE: Support for Progress in Organic Waste Diversion

Dear Mayor Nenshi,

The Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA) has a mission to promote and facilitate waste reduction, recycling and resource conservation in the Province of Alberta, and works with its diverse membership consisting of business, non-profits and governments at all levels to advance this mission.

The RCA would like to express how strongly we support the progress the City of Calgary has made with diverting organic waste from landfill. Through the citywide Green Cart program, the Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) Waste Strategy and the implementation of a landfill ban for organics – the City of Calgary is fast becoming a leader in organic waste diversion. By diverting organic waste the City of Calgary is reducing the amount of waste going to landfill which in turn, decreases dependence on landfills. Disposal of organics in the landfill also leads to the generation of methane gas; by diverting organics the City of Calgary is becoming part of the climate change solution.

The RCA is encouraged by the strides the City of Calgary is making to reduce its waste. The steps the City of Calgary has taken toward a more sustainable future will be a model to follow and build on for other Alberta municipalities. We urge you and the City of Calgary to continue to build upon your waste diversion goals and success. To find out more about the RCA, we welcome you to visit our website at: <https://www.recycle.ab.ca>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@recycle.ab.ca or via phone at 403.843.6563.

We look forward to spreading the word about the City's progress as well as assisting other municipalities reach their similar diversion goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Howland", is written over a large, faint, stylized graphic of a person's silhouette.

Sharon Howland
President