

Projects & Activities

Summary
2016-2017



Feed 500 Event in Red Deer

September 22, 2016

This event was organized in partnership with the City of Red Deer and Red Deer College to bring attention to the issue of food waste. Based on the international Feeding the 5000 global movement, the idea is simple – feed 5000 people – or 500 in the case of Red Deer – with edible food that would otherwise be thrown away.



RCA Conference “League of Extraordinary Recyclers – Knocking out Waste”

September 28-30, 2016

Held in Jasper, this conference hosted over 300 participants, and covered an extensive range of topics, including municipal success stories, Circular Economy, organics diversion, plastics recycling, and waste diversion updates from other jurisdictions.



AUMA Convention and Trade Show

October 5-6, 2016

RCA attended the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) trade show in Edmonton to discuss municipal waste reduction and recycling issues.



Agricultural Service Board Conference

Jan 25-27, 2017

RCA participated in this conference through a display that featured information on agricultural plastics recycling, as well as other rural waste issues.



Garbage-Free February

January 4, 2017

RCA attended ReThink Red Deer's Garbage-Free February kickoff to help citizens figure out how to navigate a waste-free month in February. The goal of Garbage-Free February is to make choices as a consumer (citizen) that will not produce any contributions to a landfill.


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Waste Auditor Training Workshops

April 19 and 20, 2017

The Recycling Council of Alberta hosted Waste Auditor Training Workshops in Edmonton and Calgary, with instruction provided by Ben Dunbar of AET Group Inc. The workshop included an introduction to the concept of waste auditing, and the reasons audits are done. The various types of waste audits were also reviewed through an overview of different audit approaches and their relative advantages.



The RCA's Recycling Ambassadors

May 1 to August 25th, 2017

Four summer students were hired from May through August. They completed a number of projects, including waste and litter audits, public education and outreach, surveys, and exhibiting at roundup events.



Feeding The 5000 Calgary

June 15, 2017

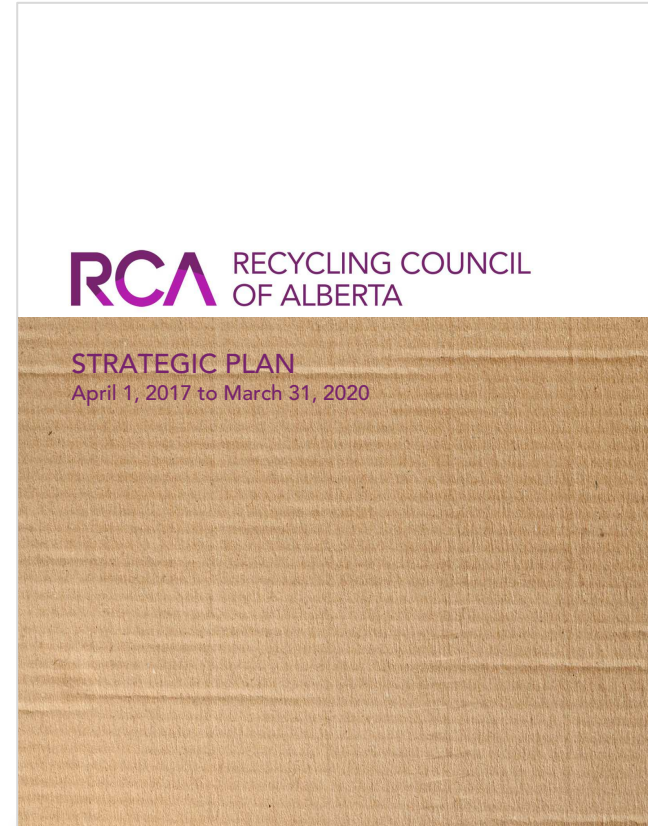
This event was organized in partnership with The City of Calgary, LeftOvers Calgary and the Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP). Feeding the 5000 Calgary's goal was to raise awareness about food waste through feeding 5000 people with food that would have otherwise ended up in a landfill.



RCA Strategic Plan

June 2017

The board approved a new strategic plan for 2017-2020, and restructured the committees to project teams.



Ag Plastics Recycling Discussion Session

August 21, 2017

The Recycling Council of Alberta, Alberta Plastics Recycling Association, CleanFARMS, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, and Agricultural Service Boards presented an Agricultural Plastics Recycling Discussion Session for Agricultural Producer Groups and municipal stakeholders in Lacombe, Alberta. The session presented background on ag plastics recycling, and solicited feedback from stakeholders on agricultural plastics recycling program needs.



Municipal Extended Producer Responsibility Workshop

September 12, 2017

In collaboration with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC), the RCA presented an introductory workshop designed to inform municipalities about current Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs for packaging and printed materials (PPP). The workshop featured peer-to-peer dialogue with BC municipalities who recently experienced the transition to EPR for PPP in BC.



RCA sent letters to MLAs advocating for the Government of Alberta to implement regulatory changes to enable the expansion of provincial recycling programs for electronics, tires, paint and used oil, and to provide the flexibility to set environmental fees to keep pace with the costs of maintaining Albertan's access to these programs.

