

BC First Nations Recycling Initiative

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2018 IN REVIEW



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Prior to the launch of the BC First Nations Recycling Initiative, many First Nation communities expressed they felt overwhelmed by the number of recycling program and related stewardship organizations.

In addition, they found it challenging navigating the information related to the various recycling programs. In 2017, nine product stewardship agencies joined to form an initiative to provide a resource specifically for First Nations who want to recycle.

In 2018, Joy William took the position of First Nations Field Services Specialist. She travelled around BC and met with many First Nations across the province to discuss recycling options for participating stewardship agency materials. She raised awareness of the initiative and offered resources to support recycling. Joy also offered assistance with organizing community collection events.



A new logo has been created for the initiative. The logo was created by Sinàmkin - Jodi Broomfield, Coast Salish Artist from Squamish Nation.

The design relates to our connection to the land.

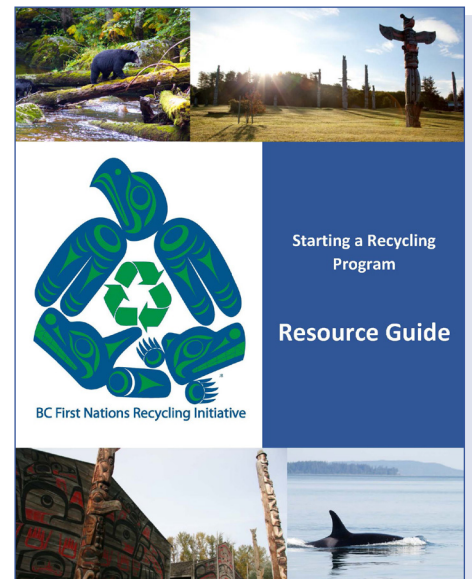
The three spirit Animals: Eagle of the air, Bear from the land and the Whale of the water and streams.

This design reminds us of our connection to the traditional territories and we need to do our part for Mother Earth and recycle what we use.

~ Sinàmkin

For the initiative, a resource guide has been created and is geared toward First Nations communities who are developing a recycling program or amending an existing program. The resource guide includes information like:

- How to get started
- What you need to consider first
- What materials can be included in your recycling program
- What is involved with collecting, storing and transporting each type of recyclable material
- The stewardship organizations that deal with each type of material and how they can help you
- What resources and funding are available





45

Communities visited

12

Regional Districts

12,442

Kilometres travelled

11

Hours by air travel

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Visits

- Visited a total of 45 communities and met with Public Works Managers, Band Administrators or Chief and Council across the province
 - Visited communities in 12 different Regional Districts
 - 30 communities have an existing recycling program
 - 26 communities hold annual community clean-up events
- Attended 2 community events/gatherings
 - Met with 20 community representatives and provided them with a resource guide
- Connected with five Regional Districts to see what initiatives they are currently working on with First Nations communities or what they have done in the past
 - Bulkley Nechako, Kitimat-Stikine, Fraser Valley, Capital, and Metro Vancouver

Events

- Held one collection event at the Nak'azdli Depot in Fort St. James — November 9–10, 2018
 - Collected 98kg of CESA material, 1056kg of EPRA material, and 100kg of MARR material

- Attended events throughout the province to educate and inform First Nations and Regional Districts about the First Nations Recycling Initiative. Attended the following events in 2018:
 - First Nations Summit Meeting – June 6 – 8, 2018
 - National Indigenous Day at Trout Lake – June 21, 2018
 - Assembly of First Nations – Annual General Assembly Tradeshow – July 24 – 26, 2018
 - 2018 SIWMA Conference – August 20, 2018
 - SWANA Eco Depot 1 Training Course – October 15 – 16, 2018

Partnerships

- Met with the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Solid Waste team quarterly to review respective initiatives and explore opportunities for collaboration.
- Confirmed Encorp Pacific as an additional partner, joining the First Nations Recycling Initiative in 2019

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Assembly of
First Nations

Annual Assembly Trade
Show



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SIWMA Conference

OCTOBER

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SWANA Eco Depot 1
Training Course

NOVEMBER

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Nak'azdli Collection
Event

Thanks to our partners

