# **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

RECYCLE BC CONSULTATION NOVEMBER 15 - 16, 2017



#### PURPOSE

- To present an overview of the new brand, its rationale and early results.
- To discuss challenges/opportunities with the new brand.
- To identify marketing and communications goals.
- To discuss how Recycle BC can support collector goals.
- To identify other materials that may be helpful or useful to support collector goals.



#### AGENDA

- 1. A Story in Rebranding
- 2. Activity: Opportunities and Challenges with the Recycle BC Brand

- 3. Research: 2017 Recycling Attitudes and Awareness
- 4. Marketing and Communications Plan
- 5. Community Examples
- 6. Activity: Education Responsibility Spectrum
- 7. Activity: Supporting Your Goals
- 8. Discussion



# **A STORY IN REBRANDING**



## AWARENESS







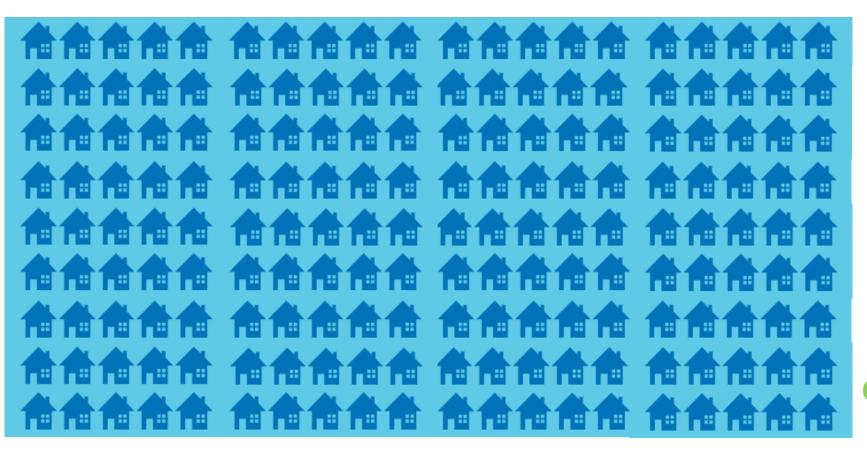
#### AWARENESS







#### REACH



Curbside and Multi-family: 400,000 directly 1.3M with collectors



## PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Research						
January 2016	June	July	August	September-March 2017	March 28	April - Present



#### RESEARCH

Focus Groups

- Didn't notice the logo
- Didn't associate the name or logo with recycling
- No connection to them
- Confusion about organization set-up and oversight

*"All I get here is multiple types of materials – it doesn't lead me in a certain direction"* 





### **REBRAND OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Create a brand that is intuitive, relevant and engaging
- 2. Build an understanding of our program by creating a name and identity that can start to tell our story
- 3. Drive resident education and recycling promotion
- 4. Support the goals of our key stakeholder groups



### **PROCESS AND TIMELINE**





#### **VISION AND MISSION**

#### Vision

To be a recycling leader, inspiring and accelerating innovation in recycling technology, waste reduction, and packaging design.

#### Mission

To be a trusted environmental advocate and community partner offering equitable, effective and efficient residential recycling services.



#### VALUES

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#### Innovation • Trust • Knowledge • Service • Respect



### **PROCESS AND TIMELINE**





### WHO WE ARE



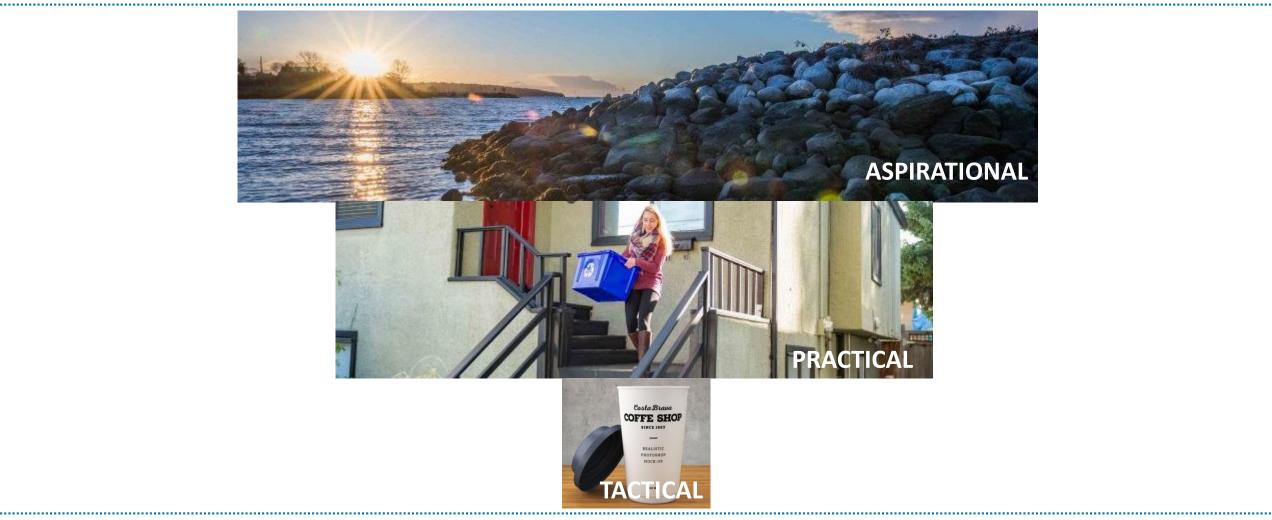
Recycle BC is a non-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and printed paper recycling throughout British Columbia.

Recycle BC ensures household materials are collected, sorted and responsibly recycled.

Our program is funded by over 1,200 businesses that include retailers, manufacturers and restaurants that supply packaging and printed paper to BC residents, shifting costs away from homeowners.

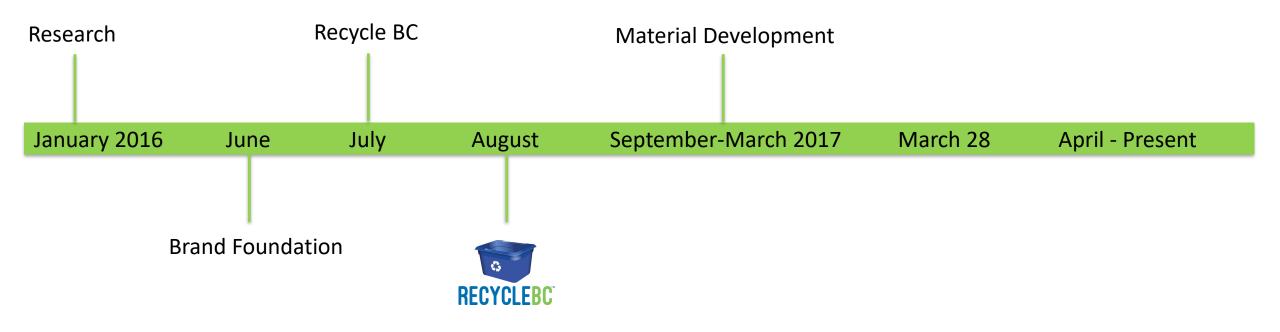


#### **LEVELS OF MESSAGING**





### **PROCESS AND TIMELINE**





#### **MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT**

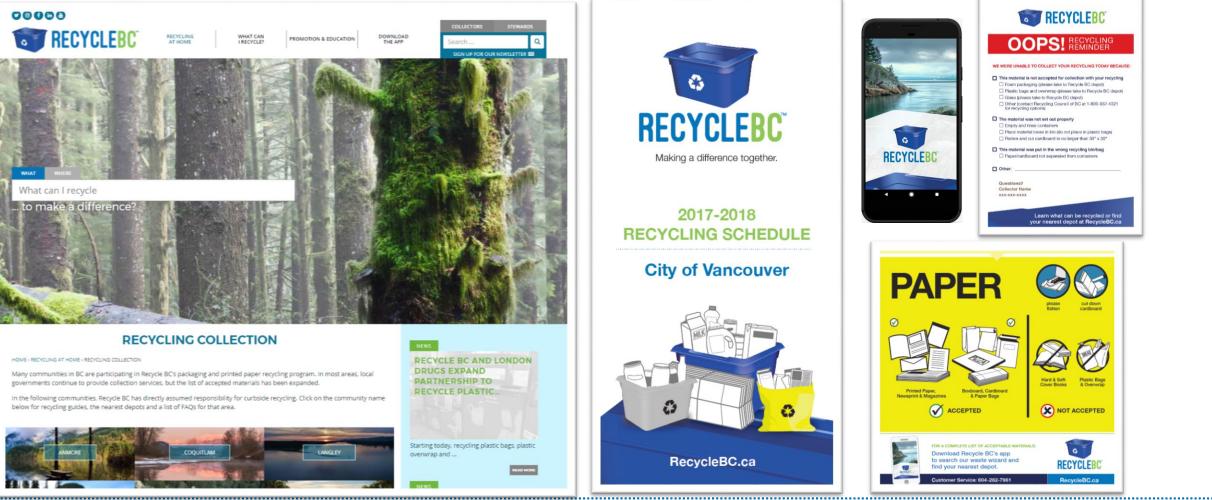


**RECYCLE PLASTIC...** 

overwrap and ...

Starting today, recycling plastic bags, plastic









In the following communities, Recycle BC has directly assumed responsibility for curbside recycling, Click on the community name below for recycling guides, the nearest depots and a list of FAQs for that area.



### **PROCESS AND TIMELINE**





#### **BRAND LAUNCH**





### **PROCESS AND TIMELINE**







## **ACTIVITY: Challenges and Opportunities**





2017 Recycling Attitudes and Awareness



### **RECYCLING ATTITUDES**

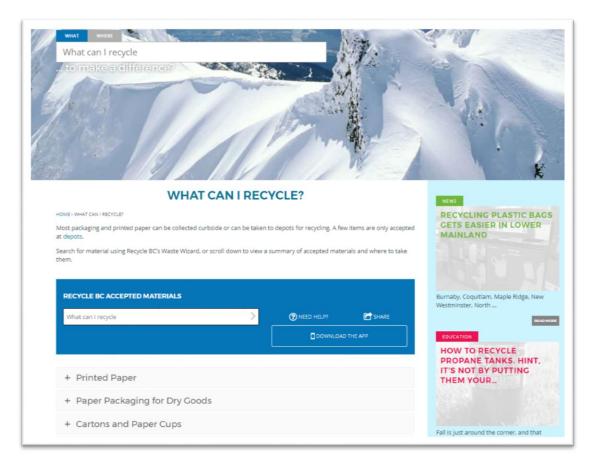
- Attitudes towards recycling and recycling behaviors first observed in 2014 have not changed significantly
  - $\circ$  99% claim to recycle, steady from 2016
  - Household usage of recycling containers remained steady overall from 2016
  - As in previous years, a majority of recyclable items are disposed of properly
- People recycle because they want to be part of the solution (31%), it's easy to do (27%) and for future generations (25%)
- Over-recycling has significantly increased for younger cohorts





### **RECYCLE BC AWARENESS**

- Awareness of Recycle BC has risen to 38%
- Recycle BC is comparable to municipal governments as the go-to contact for recycling information
  - RecycleBC.ca is now the second most often mentioned source for recycling information (26%, up 7 points)





## **RECYCLE BC AWARENESS**





## **RECYCLE BC AWARENESS**

- 55% reported having seen the Recycle BC logo before viewing the ad
  - Collection calendar (53%)
  - Recycling depot (46%)







### **UNDERSTANDING AND ATTITUDES**

- Which of the following most closely described what Recycle BC represents to you?
  - $\circ~$  Recycle BC is program that coordinates recycling across BC: 40%
  - Recycle BC is a campaign to encourage recycling: 29%
  - $_{\odot}~$  Recycle BC is an organization that is responsible for recycling: 21%
- What is the greatest value Recycle BC can provide?
  - To promote recycling and increase diversion from landfills: 56%
  - To make recycling easier and more accessible: 47%
  - $_{\odot}$  To expand recycling in BC: 42%
  - $\circ~$  Recycle BC has no value to me: 3%



### **RESEARCH SUMMARY**

- In all measured areas improvements significantly outweigh any minimal perceived declines in service delivery
- Ongoing consumer education about Recycle BC using regular, clear, simple and engaging communication is essential to build brand associations and increase compliance
- Expectation from residents for Recycle BC to inform and promote recycling
- Most significant gains relate to the brand, rather than functional service aspects;
  Responsiveness and transparency are notable increases
- Continue active brand roll-out, phasing Multi-Material BC completely out of communication to all audiences





# **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION**

**Recycle BC Plan** 



#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Make residents and other target audiences aware of the program features and benefits through communication activities
- 2. Engage and encourage residents to make informed and proper decisions concerning the preparation and management of packaging and printed paper for collection and recycling



#### **PROMOTION AND EDUCATION ELEMENTS**

- 1. Advertising
- 2. Strategic partnerships
- 3. Brand management
- 4. Community outreach
- 5. Media relations
- 6. Research
- 7. Collector resources and support





# **COMMUNITY EXAMPLES**



## CITY OF PENTICTON

#### **RECYCLING TIPS**

You can help ensure that more materials are recycled by following these steps:

#### Empty and rinse containers.

2 Contain shredded paper inside a clear plastic bag before adding to your recycling.

3 Flatten cardboard, remove plastic wrap from cardboard flats. Staples and tape okay. Cut to size if too large to fit in bin.



For more tips, visit www.RecycleBC.ca.

#### Want to recycle something not included here?





#### DOWNLOAD THE RECYCLE BC APP ON YOUR SMARTPHONE.

search items that can be recycled on the waste wizard and find your nearest depot. Download our app at RecycleBC.ca/app.



#### **RECYCLING COLLECTION** QUESTIONS?

Contact: City of Penticton Phone: 250-490-2500 Email: publicworks@penticton.ca Web: www.penticton.ca

For more information regarding garbage or recycle collection services, please contact the City of Penticton.

Find your nearest depot location at RecycleBC.ca/depots.

#### ABOUT RECYCLE BC

Originally launched as Multi-Material BC in 2014, Recycle BC is a non-profit organization responsible for residential packaging and printed paper recycling throughout BC, servicing over 1.8 million households. Recycle BC ensures your household materials are picked up, sorted, and responsibly recycled. Our program is funded by over 1,200 businesses that include retailers, manufacturers and restaurants that supply packaging and printed paper to the BC residents, shifting costs away from homeowners.

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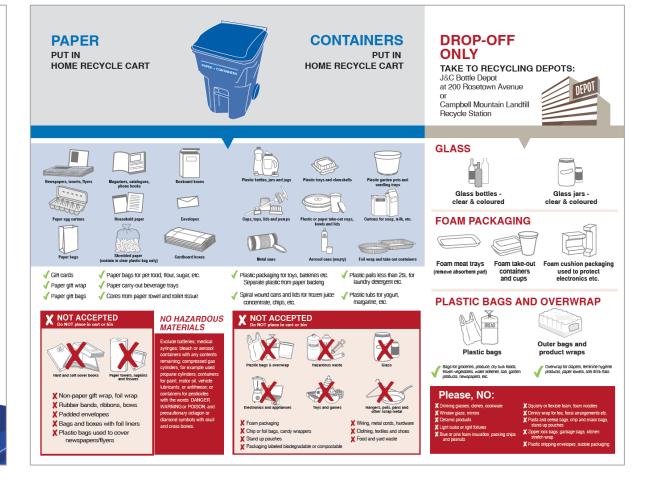


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#### **RECYCLING GUIDE**

Residents with Curbside Garbage Collection







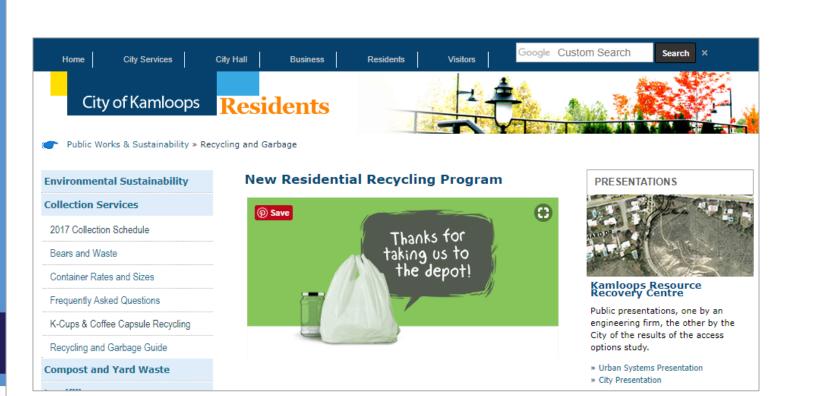
#### **CITY OF KAMLOOPS**



Plastic bags and glass no longer belong in residential recycling.

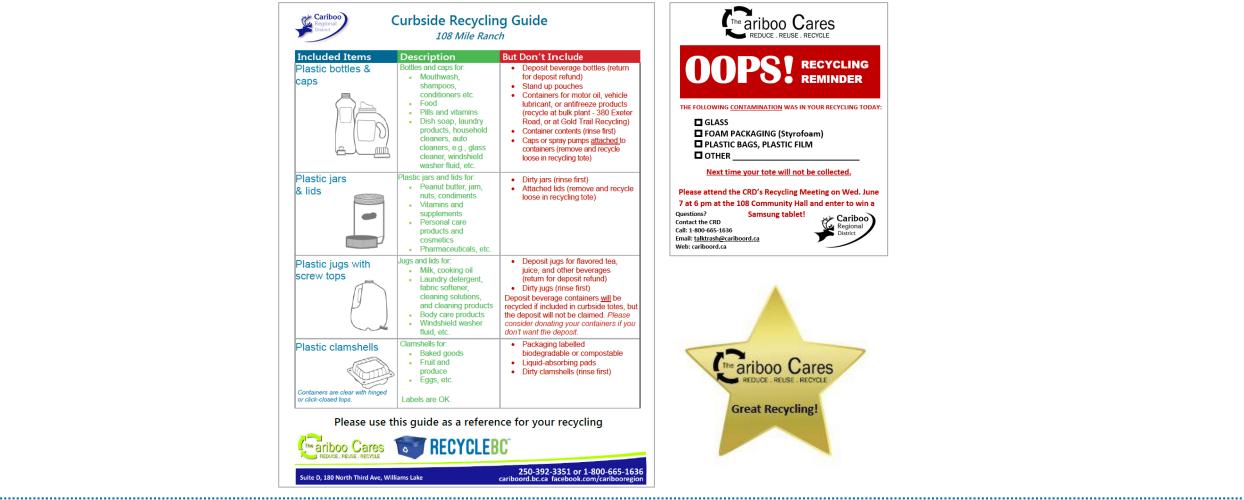


Find the nearest designated depot at kamloops.ca/recycle





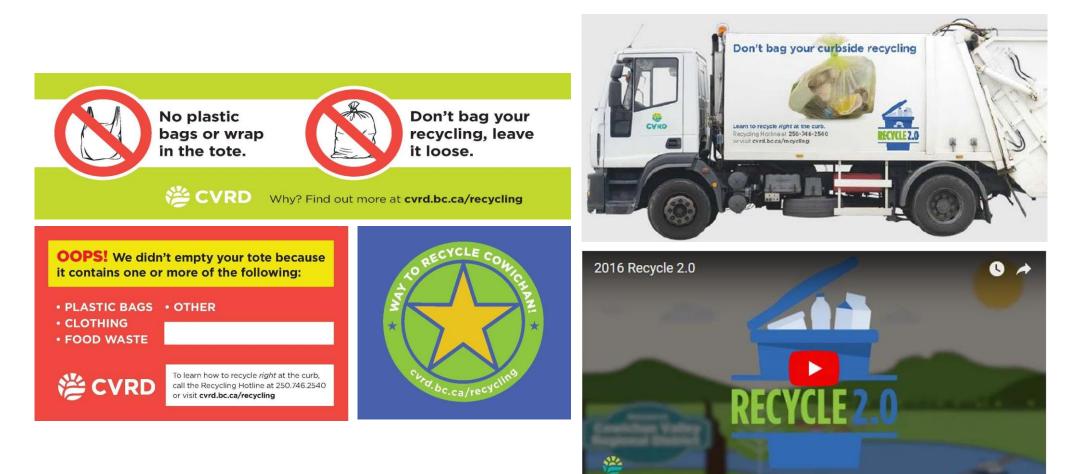
#### **CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT**







#### **COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT**





## VALUE IN PARTNERSHIP









End-market validation



Province-wide program

Consistent material list

#### **ACTIVITY: EDUCATION RESPONSIBILITY SPECTRUM**

Collector

**Recycle BC** 





#### **ACTIVITY** Supporting your goals



### **EXERCISE: SUPPORTING YOUR GOALS**

#### 5 statements:

- 1. My number one goal is\_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. The one most important thing I need to tell residents is
- 3. If I had \_\_\_\_\_\_ my job would be so much easier.
- 4. The thing that is mandatory for resources provided by Recycle BC is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. I could benefit from \_\_\_\_\_\_.



### **EXERCISE: SUPPORTING YOUR GOALS**

5 most used/must have resources:







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