

MARR is *your* not-for-profit, membership-based and volunteer-governed association.

MARR plays a unique and valuable role in helping Manitoba communities and their many partners implement effective and efficient waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs.

MARR members include individuals who are the "implementers" of recycling and waste reduction at the community level.

MARR provides a central place for information sharing and dialogue between communities and their peers.

MARR also provides an efficient and effective forum for government policy makers and PROs (industry stewardship program administrators) to interact and communicate with those who implement recycling and waste reduction activities at the community level.

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2018 MARR Annual Forum Proceedings now available at www.marrmb.com

Thank you to everyone who attended MARR's 2018 Manitoba Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum. This year's Forum was another sellout with participants coming from all across Manitoba! Even better, feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive.

Copies of slides presented by this year's roster of speakers and other information about the event are now available for viewing and download at www.marrmb.com/fall2018/index.html



"very well organized, lots of choices and great topics!"



"this was my first time at this forum and I found it very informative and inspirational. I would come back next year for sure. Thanks!"

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In Case You Missed It – A Small Sampling of Important Items we Overheard at the Forum...



This past summer, the Province of Manitoba created a special Waste Diversion and Recycling Unit within Manitoba Conservation. The Province also announced a new single window application process for accessing grants for recycling and diversion projects.



China's ban on importing recycled plastics and certain paper fibres continues to cause challenges in the global recycling market. The effects are being felt right here at home as Manitoba's recycling are facing more stringent sorting/processing requirements and a significant reduction in market revenues. Policy makers around the world are also starting to wake up to the fact that more needs to be done to curb plastic waste. Three things recyclers can do:

1. Reduce contamination at the source - Educate community members on what plastics can and cannot be recycled.
2. Encourage community members and our own staff and volunteers to use less plastic and disposable products (Use reusable items and AVOID disposable straws, cutlery, single-use shopping bags, bottled water and disposable coffee cups).
3. Reminder: **DO NOT** burn plastic waste!!! Plastics contain a wide variety of toxic and harmful chemicals. Burning plastic releases these into the air, not good for the environment or for the health of those nearby.



Regen Composites Inc. is an innovative new Winnipeg-based company that is manufacturing commercial and industrial products from wood, fibre and plastic wastes, (including many plastics and fibres that are challenging to recycle). The company is growing quickly and is seeking plastics and fibres.



Phase 2 of the Manitoba New Home Construction Waste Diversion Study (undertaken by StrategyMakers Consulting on behalf of the MEIA) is now complete. The project found that up to 79% of new home construction waste could be recycled or diverted in Manitoba. This demonstrates a significant waste reduction opportunity for the province considering that each square foot of new home constructed in Manitoba generates approximately 2 Kilograms of waste.



Building on its success in operating Manitoba's pilot programs for recycling agricultural plastic waste (grain bags, bale/silage wrap and twine), CleanFARMS Inc. has been asked by the Province of Manitoba to undertake consultations and planning towards an EPR program for these materials. Consultations have already begun.

Find more details and other important insights from this year's Forum in the slides now available for viewing and download at

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Help us make MARR stronger...

Do you know someone who needs to stay connected to Manitoba's recycling and waste reduction sector? Someone whose team would benefit from sharing ideas and information with their recycling and waste reduction peers across Manitoba? Someone whose team needs to keep up to date on Manitoba's solid waste and recycling regulations, policies and funding programs?

Tell them about MARR and encourage them to join today.

Details and Membership Application Forms are now available online. Just click on the appropriate link below:

- [Municipal, First Nations and Local Governments](#)
- [Recycling collectors, processors and service providers](#)
- [Industry/Corporate entities, Producer Responsibility Organizations, Government and public sector agencies, ENGOs and other interested groups or individuals](#)

Members received priority registration and special discounted rates for all MARR events, including the Annual MARR Forum and exclusive tours. Members also receive newsletters and special notices throughout the year.

Thank you 2018 Forum Sponsors & Supporters...



MARR Members in the Spotlight

Look up. Look wa-a-y up! [Thompson Recycling Center \(TRC\)](#) is Manitoba's most northern regional recycling processor.

TRC has been an integral part of recycling and waste diversion efforts in the City of Thompson since 1997 when it was first established.

Thompson Recycling Centre has also become an important "hub", providing recycling and waste diversion services for many communities and businesses in the north central Manitoba.

TRC is best known as collector and processor of packaging and printed papers (MMSM and CBCRA stewarded products), household batteries (Call2Recycle stewarded products) and a few other specialty products. And they are certainly good at those jobs. Recently, the organization hit a milestone and now processes well over 1 million kilograms of material each year!

Behind the scenes, however, the organization also provides community-based leadership and hands-on support to the City of Thompson in a much wider variety of recycling and waste diversion activities. It's been a fruitful partnership. The latest win is the recent launch of the City of Thompson's 4Rs recycling depot. Opened in October 2018, this new site provides recycling opportunities for Used Oil, Filters and Containers (MARRC products), Waste Electronics (EPRA products), Household Hazardous Waste (Product Care products), Lead Acid Batteries (CBA products), scrap tires (TSM products) and "white metal goods" like refrigerators, stoves and other appliances.



Have a story to tell about your organization or news to share? Send an email to office@marrmb.com with "Member Spotlight News" in the subject line.



City of Thompson's new 4Rs depot

Like many MARR members, the challenges the organization faces are many. As Billie Jo Thompson, TRC's General Manager explains (and yes, her last name is Thompson!), "We used to think that our challenges are unique to us because we are so far up north, but through our involvement in MARR and networking with others we're learning that many of the challenges we face on a daily basis are common to communities and recyclers across the province. That's why sharing ideas and learning from each other is so important."

With this kind of leadership, an energetic staff of 8 individuals, a committed and engaged volunteer board of directors, and its strong partnership with the City of Thompson and surrounding communities, TRC is well-positioned to continue its success in helping to drive positive environmental changes in Manitoba's north.

Congratulations on your success Thompson Recycling Center and City of Thompson and we look forward to many more years of sharing ideas and learning from each other!



*To All of our Valued Members, Partners, Supporters, and Associates,
MARR wishes you peace through the Christmas and Holiday season
and all the best for the new year!*

