

Best Practice

Landfill and Recycling Partnership Program

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THE PRACTICE

The Town of Mossbank, RM of Lake Johnston and RM of Sutton joined forces to extend the life of the landfill by implementing a recycling program.

THE PROCESS

Joint meetings between each of the municipalities were held and agreements as to how the expenses would be shared were agreed upon. The costs for recycling are shared equally amongst all three municipalities. Recycling bins are provided by Loraas Disposal and are set up on Main Street in Mossbank. The ratepayers of all three municipalities were encouraged to recycle all the paper and cardboard into recycling bins to help extend the life of the landfill.

THE RESULTS

The regional leadership and partnership that was formed as a result of this project has benefited residents and helped encourage environmental sustainability within the community. Each municipality has experienced a cost savings by sharing in the regional landfill and recycling program. The operating permit of the regional landfill has been extended from 2008 to 2011 as a result of the recycling program.

LESSONS LEARNED

The three municipalities learned that working together towards achieving a common goal has more benefits than you may realize. The municipalities came together to share in delivering one common service for ratepayers, but soon realized many other benefits. Each municipality contributes a fraction of the cost for the landfill compared to what they would for their own landfill and the recycling program has resulting in the life of the landfill being extended to 2011.