

**Pilot Project for the Removal of Stewardship Material from Five Northern
Manitoba Remote First Nation Communities**

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Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) Group:

- **Canadian Battery Association**
- **Call2Recycle**
- **Electronic Products Recycling Association**
- **Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada**
- **Health Products Stewardship Association**
- **Manitoba Association for Resource Recovery Corp.**
- **Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba Inc.**
- **Product Care Association of Canada**
- **Recycle My Cell**
- **Tire Stewardship Manitoba**

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KEY MESSAGES:

- PRO's have demonstrated a successful Program Delivery Model for removing Stewardship Material from remote communities
- The project illustrates that the Model requires a full system approach with multiple components linked and working in concert
- Remote First Nation Communities require key supports to fulfill critical steps of collecting, packing, storing and loading material

OVERVIEW

From July 2019 to March 2020 a Pilot Project (the project) for the Removal of Stewardship Material (material) from Five Northern Manitoba Remote First Nation Communities (communities) was developed and carried out. The material had been diverted from landfill disposal or collected during community clean up projects including projects to address accumulations of derelict vehicles.

The communities that participated in the Project are: Bunibonibee Cree Nation, God's Lake First Nation, Garden Hill First Nation, St. Theresa Point First Nation and Wasagamack First Nation.

In Manitoba, Producer Responsibility Organizations (PRO's) have been established to operate programs that manage designated material that is diverted from landfill disposal. Ten PRO's took part in the project: Canadian Battery Association, Call2Recycle, Electronic Products Recycling Association, Health Products Stewardship Association, Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada, Manitoba Association for Resource Recovery Corp., Multi-Materials Stewardship Manitoba Inc., Recycle My Cell, Product Care Recycling and Tire Stewardship Manitoba.

The project came after an earlier initiative by the PRO's to develop and distribute Landfill/Transfer Station Design Requirements for Stewardship Materials.

PROJECT GOALS

The over arching goal of the project was to develop a model to efficiently remove stewardship material from remote communities during the winter road season. Five communities were chosen from a list provided by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). The communities nominated were deemed most ready to participate in the project due to efforts to divert recyclable material from landfill disposal or work on reducing End of Life Vehicle (ELV) stockpiles.

The project was a learning process for all stakeholders and sought to create a collaborative approach to safely collect, package, store, stage and remove material from the communities and transport it to processing facilities in Winnipeg.

The steps taken throughout the project included: gathering preliminary information on the communities, an on-site visit to observe conditions and learn about community priorities, supporting communities to collect, pack, stage and load material, contracting with a transport company to pick up material and deliver supplies and arrange for receipt of the material at Winnipeg processors.

CONCLUSIONS

Overall, the project can be considered a success: five truckloads of stewardship material were removed from the communities, representing material from 6 PRO programs. These are illustrated below.

	Oil (drums)	Oil Containers (4 & 20 litre and filters)	Electronics (pallets)	Lead Acid Batteries (pallets)	Tires	Fluorescent Lights (boxes)	Residential Recycling (bags)
St. Theresa Point #1	0	0	0	0	1,430	0	0
St. Theresa Point #2	4 drums	0	11	6	142	0	0
Garden Hill	12 drums	0	0	4	948	0	0
Wasagamack	1 drum	3 super bags 5 pallets	1	1	931	0	0
God's Lake	8 drums	37 GFL bags	1	3	43	0	5
Oxford House	0	5 GFL bags	3	1	145	2	0
Totals	25 drums	47	16	15	3,639	2	5

Information was left with community contacts including a comprehensive resource binder. Community contacts had access to PRO's throughout the project to answer questions and provide necessary direction. Efforts to build on project successes will increase the capacity for communities to include all programs in the future. The project was unable to accommodate removal of material from all PRO programs. Health Products Stewardship Association has a separate system in place to manage material designated under this program.