



**To:** The Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)  
**From:** Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) Administration  
**Date:** December 16, 2019 (Tabled from January 7, 2020)  
**Re:** **Memo: Summary of Reduce and Reuse Options to Consider for Inclusion in the Solid Waste Management Plan.**

**Attachments:**

- (1) Letter from Morrison Hershfield dated December 11, 2019 (2 pages)
- (2) Memo Re: Summary of Reduce and Reuse Options to Consider for Inclusion in the Solid Waste Management Plan from Morrison Hershfield dated December 11, 2019 (12 pages)

**Recommendation:**

**The Public and Technical Advisory Committee identify and recommend the Preferred Reduce and Reuse Options for inclusion in the draft Solid Waste Management Plan from the following:**

1A. Lobby for the implementation of a provincial EPR program for single-use items and packaging-like products via suitable organizations (e.g. the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, the North Central Local Government Association, the Provincial Recycling Roundtable that govern recyclable materials and products in association with EPR programs).

1B. Lobby the Federal government to enact regulations and regarding the distribution of single-use items.

2A. Support member municipalities with developing and implementing reduction strategies and bylaw(s) to eliminate the distribution of single-use items, provided it is supported at a provincial level.

3A. Encourage businesses to voluntary commit to a reduction of the use of single-use items by developing and implementing outreach campaigns.

3B. Support member municipalities to encourage events free of single-use items.

3C. Collaborate with Northern Health to develop a guidance document how to set up a BYOC program.

4A. Adopt a preferential purchasing policy for green procurement that supports the 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycling) and encourage member municipalities to follow its example.

5A. Promote waste reduction ideas using some of the readily available campaigns. The campaigns can be promoted within the RDKS with support from member municipalities, and/or by non-profit groups.



- 6A. Assess the feasibility to operate a share shed, including the liability and resource requirement.
- 6B. Consider allowing space at the waste management facilities for private collection of reusable goods to be sold at separate location.
- 6C. Partner with or support private industry in the operation of a reuse store, such as Skeena Supported Employment Society.
- 6D. Support and promote existing reuse organizations, by, for example, including those in Dease Lake and Kitimat not currently included in the RDKS directory of reuse options.
- 6E. If deemed necessary to support reuse initiatives, and considering public safety, amend the RDKS Solid Waste Regulation Bylaw to facilitate the reuse of waste materials at the current waste management facilities.
- 7A. Organize, sponsor, or promote reuse through local flea markets or trunk sales.
- 7B. Apply for provincial or federal funding to run a pilot for a regional reuse event to assess community uptake and feasibility for a wider implementation Plan. The pilot can identify if items are most suited to be collected at the curb or at set locations such as waste management facilities.
- 7C. Promote local repair cafés and similar events through sponsorship or marketing.
- 8A. Update the current information brochure to include reduce and reuse options for renovation, construction and demolition contractors and homeowners.
- 9A. Facilitate reuse through deconstruction by promoting markets for reusable building materials.
- 9B. Encourage local reuse of demolition materials by updating the Construction Site Waste Management information brochure.
- 9C. Assess the feasibility of having member municipalities require building deconstruction through a cost benefit analysis and support implementation if deemed feasible.

**Background:**

The Regional District has obtained the consulting services of Morrison Hershfield Ltd. (MH) to assist in the completion of developing the new Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

In the attached Memo (Attachment 2), MH has consolidated the information presented to PTAC to-date. Options for incorporation in the Solid Waste Management Plan have been included based on feedback provided by PTAC and public input received via the Public Survey conducted in March 2019.

The options moved forward by PTAC will form the basis of the draft SWMP.