

Report of the Executive Director

October 27, 2017

Local Planning and Building Inspections:

Building Permits

In September 2017, twenty-eight building permits were issued within the area served by RSC8 at a total construction/installation value of \$2,894,300. This compares to thirty permits issued by the end of September 2016 with a value of construction/installation of \$3,551,290.

Separate building permits are issued for electrical upgrades and electrical changeovers for existing structures in cases where no structural building activity is taking place. These Building Permits for Electrical Only are forwarded to Public Safety before a wiring permit is issued to the electrician. A total of nine electrical building permits were issued in September 2017.

Planning

Planning Review and Adjustment Committee

The Planning Review and Adjustment Committee (PRAC) of a Regional Service Commission performs both a decision-making (quasi-judicial) and an advisory role on behalf of communities. The decisions and recommendations made by the PRAC are guided by land use plans, the provisions of the *Community Planning Act* and regulations thereunder. Decisions of the PRAC must take into account the impact of development on a community. There were two applications before PRAC for the month of September. PRAC approved two private accesses related to a subdivision, one in the LSD of Wickham and one in the LSD of Kars.

Subdivision

There were nine applications for subdivision in September 2017.

Zoning Confirmation and Document Approval

There were four zoning confirmation letters and one document approval issued in September 2017.

Solid Waste

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		September-17	September-16	Difference		2017 YTD	2016 YTD	Difference
Residential		401.19	459.20	-58.01		3994.92	4051.59	-56.67
ICI		<u>430.24</u>	<u>510.29</u>	<u>-80.05</u>		<u>3879.75</u>	<u>4193.64</u>	<u>-313.89</u>
		831.43	969.49	-138.06		7874.67	8245.23	-370.56

The total year to date (YTD) waste is 7874.67. We are currently at 75% of our yearly goal.

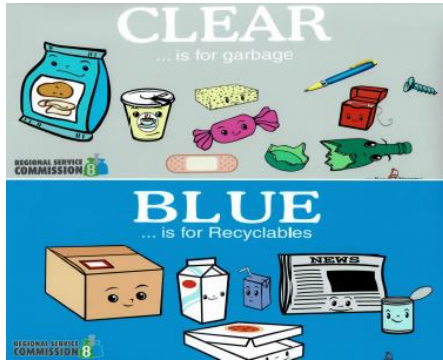
Recollect Waste Wizard and mobile app- In September 2017, we've had 1096 addresses searched, 951 Mobile App downloads, and 643 reminder were set-up. The two top searched items were Plastic Packaging and Milk Cartons.

In September 2017 we accomplished the following:

- Conducted the final two 3-Stream Information Sessions in the following areas:
 - WI Hall - Upham – September 5
 - Belleisle Community Centre- September 7
- All open houses are complete and I am very happy to report that the turn out and support at all information session was mostly positive. We were able to engage with a lot of our residents! It was great to see so many people interested and wanting to learn about the new system. We received a lot of feedback and great ideas from our residents.
- Met with Haulers to review the 3 stream system prior to launch date of September 18, 2017.
- Updated the Solid Waste portion of the website, to ensure all content reflects the new 3 stream sorting system.
- Received the “wrong bag....wrong week “stickers on Sept 11, 2017. Distributed to the haulers.



- Recollect App was successful converted from the blue/green system to the 3 stream system on September 15, 2017.
- 3 Stream System Launched on September 18, 2017, call volumes were very high during the first weeks of the launch.
- During the first week of the new 3 stream sorting system, we noted a visible difference of the residential waste stream. Blue containing recyclables, Clear containing garbage, and Green containing organics. So far the biggest improvement is visible in the green bag. Not to say it was perfect, but sorting is absolutely improving. Hats off to our residents!
- During the launch period we did have a couple issues within the RSC 8 app. Mainly around addresses, these issues have been fixed and feedback/new issues are being monitored and resolved in a timely manner.
- New garbage can stickers (for the garbage cans that are in public spaces) have been distributed, reflecting the new sorting system.



- A reminder ad was placed in the Kings County Record on September 12, 2017 and the Weekender September 16, 2017. A reminder to Region 8 residents that the 3 stream sorting system begins on September 18, 2017.



- Board of Directors passed a motion on September 26, 2017, for Summer/Winter hours at the Transfer Station. Winter hours will begin on Nov 4, 2017. Winter hours consist of Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday – Closed. Summers hours consist of Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday 8:30-12:30. Public notices are being developed and will be aired during the month of October.
- Free day will be held at the Transfer Station on Oct 21, 2017.
- Household Hazardous Waste day will be held at the Transfer Station on Oct 28, 2017.
- Radio Ads (590 CJCW) to be aired in October for four weeks. These radio ads are reminders about the launch of the 3 stream sorting system.

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