

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to request your support for the endeavour of starting a recycling depot in Mackenzie. It has been a desire of mine to establish a depot for Recycle BC and other stewardship programs since 2018. Due to the requirements of space needed, and Recycle BC being ready to establish depots in smaller communities it has taken some time for this to be a viable option in Mackenzie.

In the last couple years, our local Elks looked into and came very close to establishing a local depot but were unable to commit. I think it is imperative that we have a depot accessible to our community. In light of recent updates from the Regional District Fraser Fort George (RRFD), our local residential self drop off bins will be leaving the community at the end of may. I personally am in support of this outcome as those bins are not staffed, and often have awful contamination issues making the entire bin refuse instead of recycling. And To the info of the Mayor, counsel and any residents taking the time to read this, the option of Recycling BC is exponentially more dependable that the items collected will indeed be recycled opposed to being refuse as is commonly highlighted in things like social media. An unfortunate truth is that the program that has been available by the community gardens did fall into the refuse more than recycling category unfortunately due to contaminates.

A depot in the local Mackenzie area would enable all residents to access free drop off recycling of commonly disposed of items due to lack of local options, these include Styrofoam, glass and flexible plastics like overwrap from toilet paper and plastic bags. The depot would also include common recycling options like newsprint, paper, cardboard and common container plastics. I believe it is in our communities best interest for the depot to be as accessible as possible. For this reason, I am asking the support of Mayor and Council to stand by Green Phoenix Recycling as we make ourselves an option to Recycle BC so that the depot can be located in town within walking distance to most of the residents of Mackenzie.

The opposing option would be for the RRFD to have these same options located at the transfer station site. I am happy to hear that the RRFD is looking into a more complete program however, the option of it being at the transfer station will inhibit the use of the program as many people do not want to make the drive, or are unable to for lack of vehicle.

Our community is fortunate to have an option of a more complete recycling program. I humbly ask that the council support my effort to have the location be more accessible to our community.

Thankyou for your consideration and time,

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