



## **Terrace Area Integrated Solid Waste Management Program Receives 5 Awards**

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The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine is pleased to announce, the Regional District along with their Terrace area residents and businesses, are recipients of four awards recognizing their efforts to make the Terrace Area Integrated Solid Waste Management Program a success.

The **North Central Local Government Association Community Leadership Award** is the result of Terrace area residents and businesses dedication to utilize the organics and diversion programs. This award was accepted by Chair Philip Germuth on behalf of the Regional District Board in May 2017, in the category of Environmental Sustainability. This award is intended to showcase communities that are front runners in specific categories. Leadership Awards are also a means of sharing best practices and successes to other northern BC communities.

The **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), Community Excellence Award** in the category of Leadership & Innovation, Green Initiatives, was accepted by Chair Philip Germuth on behalf of the Regional District Board, at the UBCM conference in September 2017. UBCM leadership awards showcase municipalities and Regional Districts that are leaders, show innovation and creativity, and create successful pathways and incentives for others to follow.

The **Community Energy Association** presented the RDKS with a **Climate and Energy Action Award**, in the category of Corporate Operations. This provincial award was accepted by Chair Philip Germuth on behalf of the Regional District Board, at the UBCM conference in September 2017 by the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy. Community Energy Association awards are presented to municipalities or Regional Districts that have implemented a project which best integrates energy and climate planning into the corporate planning and development processes.

The **Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2018 Sustainable Community award**, in the category of Waste, was accepted by Director Alice Maitland on behalf of the Regional District Board in February 2018. Sustainable Community awards celebrate the most innovative environmental initiatives in Canadian cities and communities, they recognize sustainability leaders and trailblazers across Canada.

Additional details of the award can be found [here](#).

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) announces that the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine has been named the winner of the **SWANA Gold Excellence Award** in the Integrated Solid Waste Management category. The award will be presented at SWANA's annual conference, WASTECON®, on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee. SWANA's Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound solid waste management through their commitment to utilizing effective technologies and processes in system design and operations, advancing worker and community health and safety, and implementing successful public education and outreach programs.

In addition to this praise by industry and our Municipal affiliations, the Provincial government has also recognized the Regional District by confirming, “The solid waste management planning process, careful landfill siting, genuine and meaningful First Nations and public consultation, and design and construction of the of the facilities clearly demonstrate that the Regional District has gone above and beyond. Forceman Ridge is the most environmentally protective landfill in its class, in Canada, possibly North America at this time”.

*“The closure of the Thornhill Landfill, and construction of the transfer station, and Forceman Ridge – all expertly designed and constructed – confirm what we have long recognized: The commitment by Regional District of Kitimat- Stikine to do the right thing”*

*British Columbia Ministry  
of Environment & Climate*

The Regional District recognizes this praise would not have come without the support of the Terrace area residents and business through involvement in the development stage and to subsequently participate in the diversion of recyclables and organics.

The Forceman Ridge Waste Management Facility supported by the new solid waste programs will provide the community an effective, environmentally responsible service for many generations.

Let’s continue to work together to make positive changes for our communities and the environment.

*The Regional District Board of Directors appreciates your ongoing support.*

