



Recycling Council
of Alberta

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Hon. Guy Boutilier
Minister of Alberta Environment
423 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Boutilier:

The Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA) has been inspired by your enthusiasm around waste reduction. In particular, a goal of no landfills in Alberta is a very positive one that speaks to a number of issues supported by zero-waste enthusiasts and people of conscience across the province. The RCA is very supportive of this vision as evidenced by the title of our recent conference in Lake Louise - "Starve a Landfill, Feed the Future".

A bold vision such as "no landfills" requires progressive and innovative supporting strategies. The Recycling Council of Alberta is very interested in partnering with your office and the Ministry of Environment in ensuring that "Alberta's environment sustains a high quality of life". We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss some of these approaches and partnership opportunities with you.

It is very important that Alberta pursue innovative approaches that look to redefine waste, rather than adopt approaches such as waste-to-energy that only redistribute waste to alternate residual disposal options. The RCA is aware that there are parties with vested interests who actively promote waste-to-energy as a preferred management option. While waste-to-energy may have a valid role as a temporary residual disposal option, it is our belief that the environmentally-preferred option maximizes the 3 Rs hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) in broad-based waste management application before capitulating to residual technologies.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss opportunities for progressive and effective waste stewardship with you in the near future.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Seidel".

Christina Seidel
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