



Recycling Council
of Alberta

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Thomas Mueller
President
Canada Green Building Council
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Re: LEED New Construction and Major Renovations, Version 1.0 – Materials and Resources - Credit 2.1 Construction Waste Management: Divert 50% from Landfill

Dear Mr. Mueller:

The Recycling Council of Alberta would like to express its support in raising the minimum percentage requirement of Materials and Resources Credit 2.1, Construction Waste Management: Divert 50% from Landfill, or for requiring that this credit become mandatory for all LEED certified projects. The latter would be similar to the mandatory Storage and Collection of Recyclables required for LEED certified projects.

The Recycling Council of Alberta has reviewed numerous Canadian LEED project score cards (including Canadian projects certified under the USGBC LEED program) ranging from certified to gold. The vast majority of these projects obtained Credit 2.1 and well over half of the projects obtained Credit 2.2, Construction Waste Management: Divert 75% from Landfill.

In Alberta, the recycling infrastructure is strong enough to achieve a minimum of 50% diversion and the Recycling Council of Alberta supports a progressive approach towards waste diversion.

The Recycling Council of Alberta would be pleased to assist with the development of this initiative and is willing to work with projects to achieve related credits under the Materials and Resources category. Feel free to contact us if assistance is required.

Yours truly,

Guy West
President

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