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Recycled fibre volumes increasing

The volume of cardboard and paper diverted from landfills in the Prince Albert area is steadily increasing.

“This is a real success story for our member municipalities,” says Duane Mohn of North Central Saskatchewan Waste Management Corporation (NCSWMC). NCSWMC is a non-profit corporation owned by 11 municipalities. Cardboard and paper are recycled through its Material Recovery Facility (MRF) on 40th Street East in Prince Albert.

“The cost of developing and operating a landfill is a real burden on municipalities and their taxpayers. Cardboard and paper generally make up 35 per cent of the waste stream, so every tonne diverted increases the life expectancy of the landfill. This is a real, tangible benefit for our members,” says Mohn.

This year, NCSWMC had moved 2892 tonnes by September 30. That is 250 tonnes ahead of the same time last year, which was the best since the Facility opened in 2003.

Volumes have increased from 1542 tonnes in 2003 to a record 3280 tonnes in 2008. NCSWMC is expecting to go even higher in 2009.

“There have been some major price challenges in the recycling industry this year,” says Mohn, “that made it even more important to share the good news, and to commend the citizens who are making the effort to recycle responsibly. It is the right thing to do, both environmentally and economically.”

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Village of Paddockwood	Village of Meath Park
Village of Albertville	Village of Weirdale
RM of Garden River	RM of Lakeland
RM of Prince Albert	RM of Buckland
Town of Birch Hills	Prince Albert National Park
City of Prince Albert	

Tonnes shipped, by year of shipment

2003	1542T
2004	2383T
2005	2203T
2006	2763T
2007	3076T
2008	3280T